



Phoenix Program

Young People in Recovery (YPR) is a national grassroots advocacy organization focused on creating recovery-ready communities throughout the nation for young people in, or seeking, recovery. YPR aims to improve access to treatment, education and employment opportunities, and secure, quality housing on local, state, and national levels. By creating a national network of young people in recovery, we empower young people to get involved in their communities by providing them with the tools and support to take charge of their futures.

Phoenix Program:

The Phoenix Program is multi-purpose support program offered exclusively by Young People in Recovery to criminal justice organizations, diversionary courts, law enforcement agencies, and to individual stakeholders in an effort to promote education, access to resources, and direct service for transitional-aged youth (18-25) involved in, or at-risk for, involvement in the criminal justice system. This program is grounded in the core mission of YPR which is to educate and empower individuals who are in, or seeking, lifelong recovery.

Participants will engage in weekly 1-2 hour-long sessions focusing on 8 learning modules including:

- Education
- Employment (I & II)
- Empowerment
- Financial Literacy
- Housing
- Leadership
- Recovery Messaging

Phoenix Objectives

This program is based on the success of the YPR peer support services model, which allows certified peers with lived experience to mobilize and directly serve at-risk individuals by providing the connective link to resources and assets that existed in their community. Phoenix serves as the conduit to educate, empower, and connect individuals to the resources that they need to be successful in their life and recovery.

Phoenix Implementation

The Phoenix curriculum will be implemented either on site or at nearby facilities accessible for program participants. YPR staff will serve as program implementers, data collectors, and facilitators and will work to build community amongst participants and other young people in recovery through our chapter network. YPR's national grassroots chapter network focuses on peer-to-peer services for young people in, or seeking, recovery. Chapters provide the space for people to engage in prosocial activities, all-recovery meetings, and more. Our chapter network serves to create positive and healthy communities for young people in, or seeking, recovery.

More specifically, YPR will engage in the following process to ensure successful implementation of the Phoenix Program:

- Build, secure, and maintain partnership with implementation sites
- Draft and execute the agreed-upon memorandum of agreement
- Hire implementation team
- Train implementers and peer support specialists in the Phoenix Curriculum over a 1-2 day period
- Implement eight modules over an 8-week period
- Collect data throughout the 8-week implementation cycle and up to 18 months upon program completion
- Maintain consistent communication with community partners to ensure program relevance and effectiveness
- Additionally, local YPR Chapters partner with Phoenix implementation sites to engage participants in prosocial events, additional workshops, all-recovery meetings, and general peer support