

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

**HENDERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

MEETING DATE: March 18, 2026

SUBJECT: Non-Profit Update – Hope Coalition

PRESENTER: Julie Huneycutt, Executive Director

ATTACHMENTS: Yes
1. Presentation

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

Julie Huneycutt, Executive Director with Hope Coalition, will provide the Board with an update.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

No Board Action requested, this item is for information only.

Suggested Motion(s):

No motion suggested.

HOPE COALITION

Who We Are, Our Core Focus, Mission, & Programs



Prevention • Education • Advocacy • Recovery

ABOUT HOPE COALITION

In 2013, Hope Coalition was created as a way to address prescription opioid misuse and was originally called HopeRX.

Hope Coalition is now a thriving community collaborative that encompasses substance use prevention, education, advocacy, and recovery services.

Hope Coalition leads the way in reducing the negative impact of substance misuse through prevention and education. We work hand in hand with various community sectors to offer programs that support and empower people in their recovery journey.



CORE FOCUS

Prevention and Connection*

Saving lives through **intervention, prevention and connection**. We act early, remove confusion from the pathway to help, and make sure no one has to navigate the journey alone. When we connect individuals to the right support at the right time – and keep those supports coordinated – we interrupt crisis and strengthen the conditions that allow people to thrive.



MISSION

Prevention and Connection*

Dedicated to **preventing substance use** and focusing on **long-term recovery** for anyone impacted by alcohol and drug misuse.

Hope Coalition functions as a successful **countywide connector** across schools, courts, healthcare and community - reducing barriers and coordinating care rather than duplicating it.



ADULT PROGRAMS

Adult meetings and peer support offer a safe space for sharing, no matter the addiction. Through the “lived experience” of our peer support specialists, we will assist, encourage, and empower each other.

Weekly recovery meetings are available and encouraged. Additionally, services are available to those needing individualized recovery support.

The Recovery Community Center has served **more than 1200 visitors** in the last year through recovery groups.

225 South Grove Street
Hendersonville, NC, 28792

 RECOVERY COMMUNITY CENTER
Weekly SCHEDULE

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Closed	8:00-4:00: Drop-In Peer Support	8:00-11:00: Drop-In Peer Support	8:00-4:00: Drop-In Peer Support	8:00-4:00: Drop-In Peer Support	8:00-4:00: Drop-In Peer Support	Closed
		11:00-1:00: Early Recovery Skills Meeting & Meal	1:00-2:00 Narcotics Anonymous	1:00-2:00 Narcotics Anonymous	11:00-1:00 Rotating Meetings*	
	MARA: 5:30-8:30 (beginning 1/5)	NAMI: 6-7:30				

Virtual AA/NA meetings are streamed in our peer living room at the top of each hour.

 Hope Coalition Recovery Community Center
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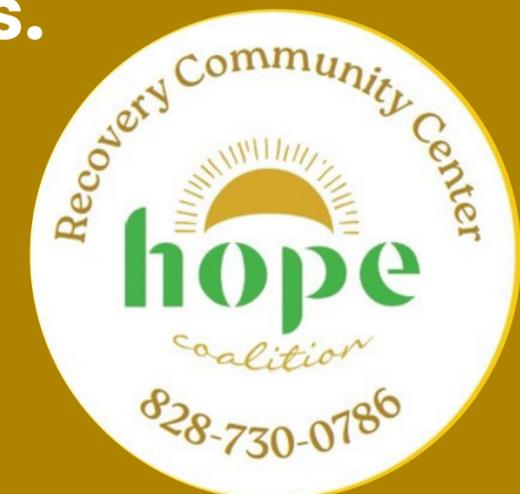
*1st Friday: Life after Loss
*4th Friday: Creative Recovery Group



RECOVERY COMMUNITY CENTER

Peer support services led by trained individuals with lived experience.

Regular meetings designed to support ongoing recovery and address individual needs.



ADULT PROGRAMS

The Bridge Program launched in November 2025 with UNC Health Pardee, providing support to patients who request post-hospital follow-up care.

In partnership with Pardee—the program **links** patients to community resources, works to reduce stigma, and supports evidence-based addiction care with the purpose of **preventing hospital recidivism and overdose deaths**. To date, we have had over 100 intakes.



THE BRIDGE PROGRAM

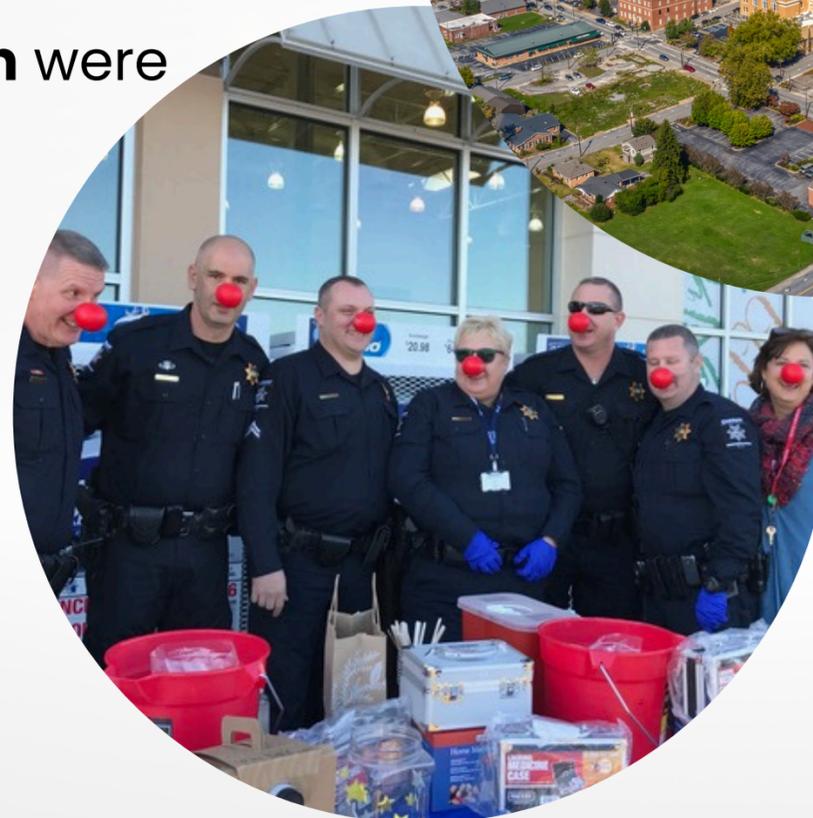
The Bridge Program



COMMUNITY SERVICES

In conjunction with Hendersonville Police Department and Henderson County Sheriff's Department, Hope Coalition participates in multiple **Drug Take Backs** throughout the year and distributes free **Medication Lock Boxes** and **Naloxone** throughout the community.

Over 600 doses of Narcan were distributed in the past 6 months.



MEDICATION TAKE BACK



NALOXONE



YOUTH PROGRAMS

Hope Rising is a 12-week program providing an evidence-based, life-skills curriculum that serves as a positive alternative to court appointments and juvenile justice involvement.

A student may be referred by various sources including parents, schools, medical, DSS, and DJJ.

The Hope Rising Program continues to grow, with **80% participation** among referred youth and an increase in overall engagement from the previous school year. In 2025- 2026, over 40 youth have participated to date.



YOUTH CONNECTION CENTER

Hope Rising



YOUTH PROGRAMS

Alternatives to Suspension provides a safe and productive space for teens who are suspended for vaping nicotine and THC-related infractions. This takes place during the school day and allows the student to receive seated credit hours.

Alternatives to Suspension received **75 referrals in 2025 with 80% participation**. The majority of Henderson County middle and high schools are now utilizing the program. Since the beginning of 2026, the program is averaging 6-10 referrals per week.



YOUTH CONNECTION CENTER

Alternatives to Suspension



YOUTH PROGRAMS

Teen Court is a diversion program designed for youth offenders who have no prior criminal record and are still enrolled in school.

Youth are tried by a jury of their peers who determine an appropriate sentence.

Youth make restitution for the offense through community service, jury duty, and educational assignments.

18 youth were served this past fiscal year 2024-25, with an additional **44 student volunteers** who performed various roles in the courtroom. From July 2025-26 Teen Court plans to serve 22 youth. This past year DJJ has reported 0 recidivism. Teen Court is on track to double the number of youth served in 2026-2027.

YOUTH CONNECTION CENTER

Teen Court



2026

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Hope Coalition organizes multiple events throughout the year to support our community. These events help further Hope Coalition's mission and vision as we work to improve Henderson County.

Annual events:

- Hopeful Conversations
- Hope on The Farm
- We are Hope Week
- Hendersonville Turkey Trot



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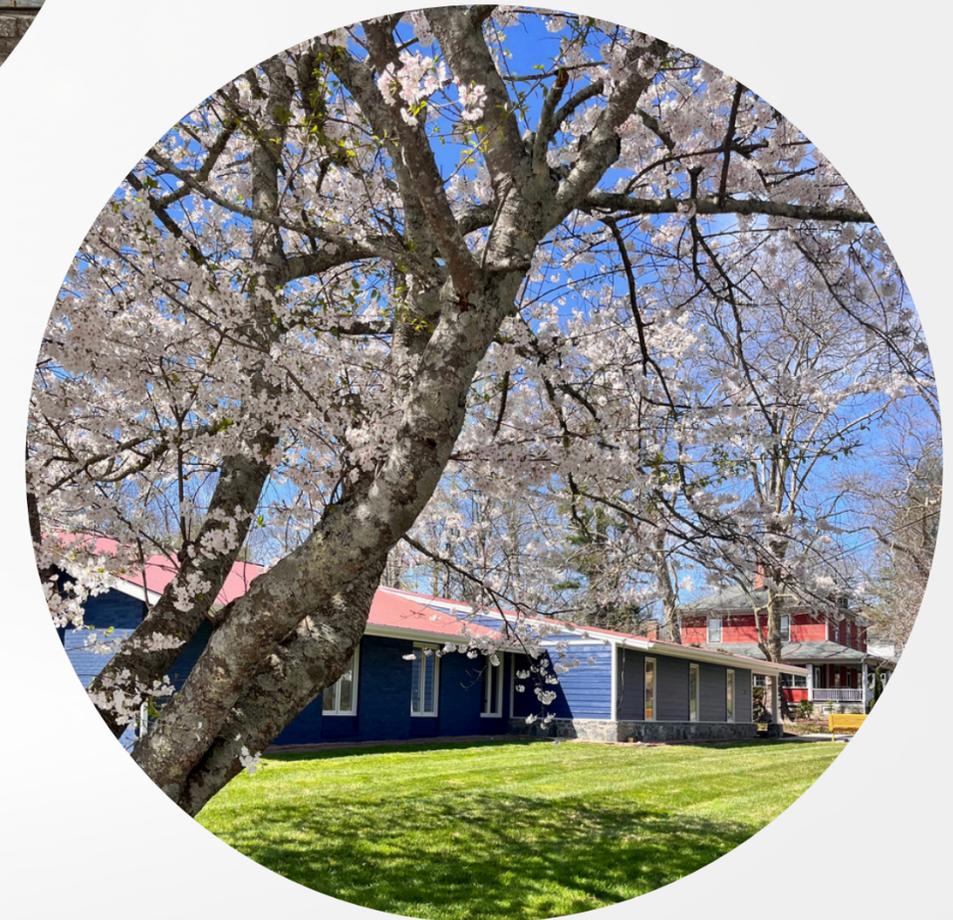


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