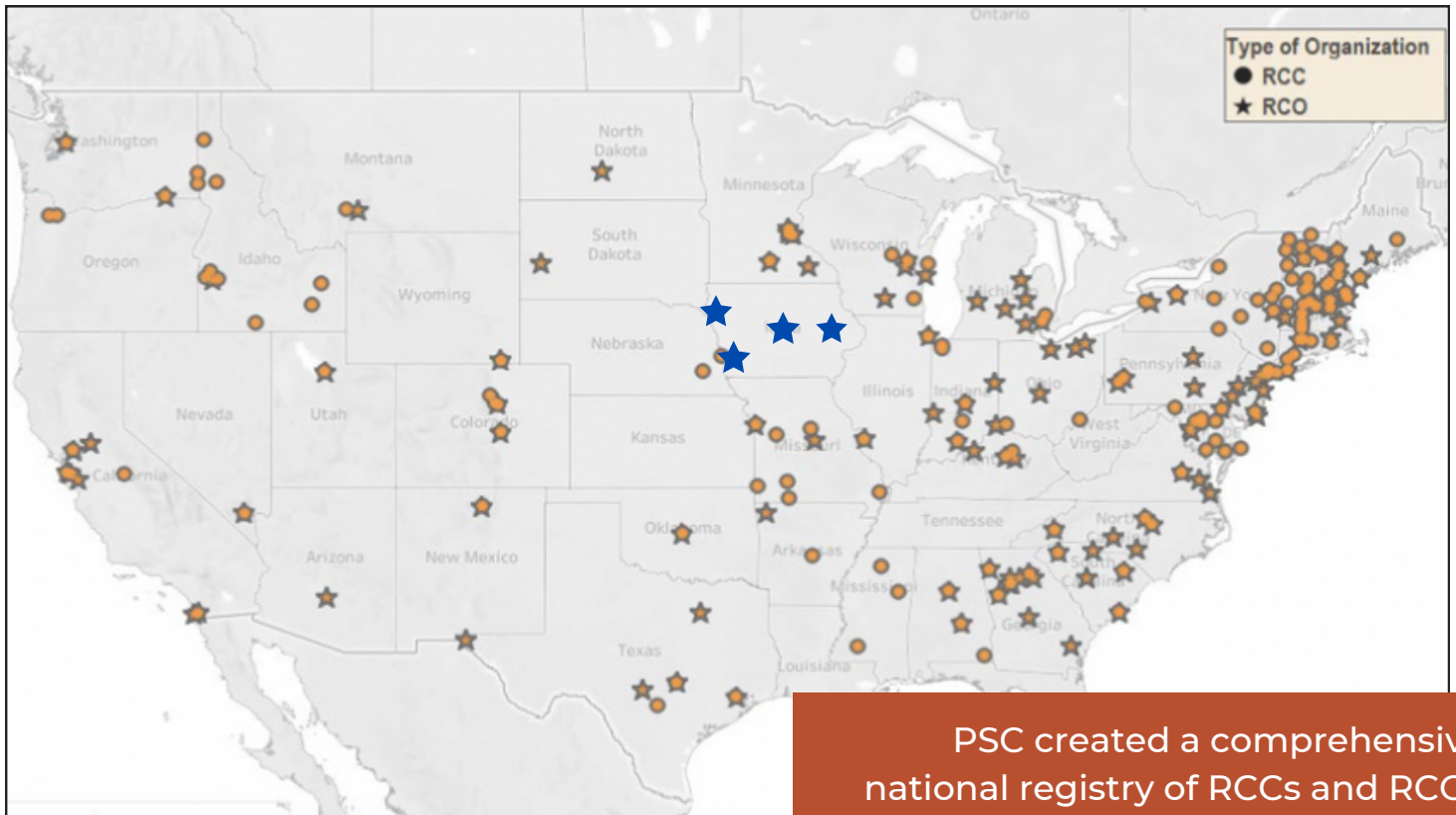


# A NATIONAL RCC AND RCO REGISTRY

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## Building the Registry

The Public Science Collaborative (PSC) created the first registry of Recovery Community Organizations (RCOs) and Recovery Community Centers (RCCs) in the country. To build the registry, PSC collected contact information from the Association of Recovery Community Organizations, completed web searches, and talked with experts in the field to identify 169 RCCs and 152 RCOs across 45 states. The registry helped to advance the recovery movement in Iowa in two ways:



1) The registry helped highlight a resource gap in Iowa, as Iowa did not have an RCC or RCO when the registry was built in 2020. Knowledge of this gap helped launch the state's first RCCs in the summer of 2022 (visualized with blue stars above.)



2) The development of the registry helped clarify the important distinction between RCCs and RCOs. RCOs are information and financial hubs, often not requiring a physical location, responsible for providing RCCs infrastructure, training, and support. RCCs operate in physical spaces, delivering recovery services by people connected with the RCO. Some states have one RCO, others have multiple RCOs, and some have organizations operating as both an RCC and an RCO.

## How Can We Use the Registry?

The national registry of RCOs and RCCs can help connect individuals with established networks of recovery experts. Leveraging this resource helps recovery groups learn about sustainable revenue models, community engagement strategies, building partnerships, new pathways to recovery, and, most importantly, helps to create relationships with recovery allies and support throughout the country.

For example, PSC interviewed recovery leaders from the registry from states regionally and demographically similar to Iowa, who also represented various geographic regions, population sizes, and lengths of time providing recovery services to help guide the development of Iowa's RCCs. While providing technical assistance to Iowa's RCCs, PSC was able to leverage recommendations from national leaders. These recommendations highlight the importance of maintaining positive relationships with the wider community and supporting multiple recovery pathways.

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