

# COLLEGIATE RECOVERY PROGRAMS (CRPS): IMPACT & GROWTH



Since their beginnings in the 1970s, CRPs have expanded to nearly 200 programs nationwide, reflecting their proven impact on higher education. These programs not only improve academic success and sustain long-term recovery but also enhance student retention, reduce stigma, and foster inclusive, recovery-friendly campus communities.

## Student Success



**Higher GPA: 3.18 (CRPs) vs. 2.93 (general student body)**

**Higher Graduation Rates: 70% vs. 60%**

**15 Years Saved: CRPs shorten the recovery/relapse cycle**

(Laudet et al., 2013; Ashford et al., 2018)



## Student Well-Being

**92% of CRP students remain in recovery**

**CRPs boost resiliency, engagement, retention, and relapse prevention**

**90% of alumni sustain long-term recovery**

(Supporting Students in Recovery, 2011; Collegiate Recovery Programs, 2016)

## Cost-Effectiveness



**\$11,000 saved per retained student**

**\$536/year saved in healthcare per employee in recovery**

(Recovery on Campus Toolkit, 2023)

## Growth of CRPs



**Rapid expansion since 2010**

**184+ institutions (2025) in ARHE**

(ARHE, 2025)