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### **Treating addiction, liberating lives is our mantra.**

We are committed to empowering our clients and their families to have a complete and healthy life. Our holistic programming supports our clients physically, emotionally, and economically and to achieve life-long recovery.

## **WHO WE HELP**

- We serve women (non-men) 18 years or older with substance abuse disorder
- Most reside in Cuyahoga County
- 85% have been mandated to seek treatment by the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) or a Probation Department
- Majority are single household heads with an average of two children
- Over 90% meet Federal poverty standards
- And over 90% of our clients have experienced trauma

## **OVERVIEW**

Our nonprofit organization was founded as the Westside Women's Center in 1986. Our purpose was to be a welcoming space for women on the near West side of Cleveland to find support and assistance. A group of social service agencies came together to offer services in one space convenient for women. Each agency provided specific programming and held a seat on the Board. We were the first in Cleveland to offer bilingual HIV counseling services.

Since the beginning, we have focused on the specific needs of women and a front runner for gender-specific services in Cleveland. Today, we are dedicated to addressing the needs of women affected by substance use disorder and trauma. Our team provides opportunities for women and their families to take control over their lives – physically, emotionally, and economically.

*Our newly renovated facility is at 6209 Storer Ave, Cleveland, OH 44102*



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## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Women's Recovery Center is to serve women and their families by providing comprehensive substance use disorder treatment, prevention, and education programs that are client-centered, family-based, and recovery-focused.

## VISION STATEMENT

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## CORE VALUES

The Women's Recovery Center believes that the following values are important in accomplishing our mission and fulfilling our vision:

- Listening - to our clients and their family's needs.
- Collaborating - with other organizations to expand the continuum of care.
- Educating – thereby erasing the stigma of mental illness and addiction.
- Stewardship – of resources entrusted to our care.
- Creativity – look for new and better ways to solve problems and ways to serve.
- Respect - assign value to all cultural, educational, and cognitive perspectives.
- Humility - willingness to learn from our mistakes.
- Compassion – remember that we exist to help others in need; and
- Diversity – recognizing uniqueness in everyone that we serve



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## STATISTICS

During 2019:

- 115 women served
- Average treatment time was 36 weeks
- Helped unite 17 families
- 38 babies were born drug-free
- 580 babies since our founding!

## TESTIMONIALS

"I hit Rock Bottom in an extremely hard and tough manner, but by doing so it allowed me to use those pieces of my life. I'm learning how to build those pieces into a solid foundation that will get stronger and stronger and help me to grow into not the person I was before, not the person I am now, but the person I truly want to be."

– **Former Client**

When we come into Recovery, we start off on a new path. Then, as addicts, we decide between two paths. Do we want to stay on the old path that seemed not just easy, but routine and comfortable? Or try to stay on this new path that seems rocky, brand new, and we do not know where it may lead? Through my sober programs, I am determined to stay on my new rocky path, because it is teaching me to deal with myself as new and the world as new. With the strength we build and the tools we learn, we can learn to deal with anything head on and know that we will be okay and safe in the end.

– **Former Client**



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During my using days, my family and children were there for me to the best of their ability. By the grace of God, my family nor my children ever gave up on me, but since I have come into recovery our bonds have become even stronger and my children are getting even closer.

– **Former Client**

The Women's Recovery Center saved my life...

– **Former Client, Sara Szelagowski**

The IOP (intensive outpatient) program is wonderful and I truly enjoy coming and look forward to it every single week. My counselor, Ms. Carol is sweet, caring, and encouraging and I am so incredibly happy that she is guiding me in my recovery. She, as well as everyone at the center, honestly wants to see every single one of us girls recover successfully. I could not say anything better about this program and the employees there.

– **2020 Client, Dempsey**

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***Why I believe In Women's Recovery Center***

Ashley Yassall – Executive Director

We have a team who prides itself on exceptional service to our clients. Our clinical staff is committed to empowering women and families to address, overcome, and take control of addiction.

The Women's Recovery Center is unique - we are a safe space where women and their families are served by a non-male administrative and clinical staff. This does not count our awesome security guard, Al Gandarilla, who keeps our building safe every day.



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With 35 years of success in battling substance abuse, we understand the issues our clients face, help them eliminate barriers, and create the tools necessary for sobriety.

Stacey Reid - Board President

I am a grateful Board of Directors member for the WRC. I am a child of an alcoholic. I'm a daughter, stepdaughter, sister, niece, wife, and friend to recovering addicts and alcoholics.

The great thing about the Women's Recovery Center is that we cater to women and their children. Our trauma-informed treatment is top-notch and we hone in on specific issues to women. We are removing barriers to seeking treatment with child care, accessibility. Addiction seeks havoc and I'm grateful we are able to help so many families in need.

Pamela Bouyer – Clinical Director

Women's Recovery Center provides hope through the depths of trauma. I strongly believe in our gender-specific and trauma-informed treatment for women and their families. Our success stories prove that treatment works when you have the support and the right services in place.

## **RESOURCES**

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- Leadership photos and bios
- All staff photos
- Photos of our people and WRC
- Backgrounders
- Logo, Fact Sheet, and Process



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