

Recovery Center

Opiate Addiction Treatment

Recovery Center provides methadone and counseling services for individuals 18 years and older who are dependent on opiates such as heroin, codeine, hydrocodone, oxycodone, and morphine.

Recovering from opiate dependency and addiction often requires specialized treatment because of the severe withdrawal symptoms associated with this process. Recovery Center can help.

Range of Services

Recovery Center operates under the supervision of a Program Director, who provides administrative and management direction, and a Medical Director, a board certified physician credentialed and experienced in methadone treatment. The Medical Director is responsible for all medical decisions pertaining to a patient's treatment and provides oversight and supervision to the nursing and support staff.

The Recovery Center team of professionals provide methadone maintenance treatment and counseling services to meet each individual's recovery needs. Services can include:

- Outpatient methadone maintenance
- Long-term methadone maintenance
- Outpatient counseling
- Individual appointments to evaluate progress
- Support sessions (group, educational, & peer)
- Family sessions
- Medical evaluations and referrals
- Referrals to appropriate community agencies

To schedule an assessment, contact Recovery Center today at **219.476.4676**.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is methadone?

Methadone is a synthetic opiate that blocks the effects of heroin and other opiates for about 24 hours. Because methadone is a powerful medication, its dispensing is carefully monitored and controlled.

How does methadone work?

Methadone blocks the euphoric effect of heroin and other opiates, reduces drug cravings and prevents withdrawal symptoms that can include restlessness, muscle and bone pain, insomnia, diarrhea and vomiting, cold flashes with goose bumps, kicking movements, tremors, panic, and other symptoms.

Methadone does not have a euphoric effect or interfere with a person's thinking. It does not alter a person's ability to work, go to school or care for their family. Individuals need only one dose every 24 hours. Methadone treatment works best when it is combined with other services, such as counseling, therapy and case management.

How long do people stay on methadone?

Although some health care providers promote short-term methadone detoxification (dependent person is stabilized on methadone and then tapers off over the next one to six months), research has shown that methadone maintenance is the most effective treatment for opiate dependence.

How is methadone different from heroin?

Methadone is stable and long-acting, allowing individuals to function normally. Prescribed legally, it is taken once a day and is slowly absorbed by the body. When administered as part of a comprehensive recovery program, under the direction of a physician, it is as safe as many other prescription medications.

In contrast, the rush from heroin lasts only briefly. Because it leaves the body rapidly, heroin must be used more often to avoid its grueling withdrawal symptoms.