Jail Reentry for People with Substance Use Disorder Part 1: Meeting Immediate Needs

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Next Step Recovery Housing



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How it came to be

- In 2021 ARHP contracted with Chelsea McGill who is with Next Step to set up a women's recovery housing in EL Dorado, Ar.
 - Chelsea: timeline from 2016 to present with Next Step
 - 2016 The idea was built upon working for other people's transitional homes and residents were evicted quickly due to not having funds to pay rent within the first 2 weeks.
 - 2018 -- Next Step Women Cabot, AR opened.
 - 2019 Next Step Women Sherwood, AR opened (Cabot officially closed with that move.)
 - 2020 Next Step Women Sherwood, AR closed due to COVID and Next Step Men in Clarksville, AR opened.
 - 2021 (March) Next Step Women's House El Dorado opened. Requirements for residents: negative urinalysis, medication approval, cleared of all major physical and mental health diagnosis that Next Step can not meet the needs of. Residents need to want to be in the house to find a life without drugs and alcohol. They are required to go to meetings and get a sponsor and work in the community. If they can not work due to certain conditions resident's volunteer.
- A local doctor in the area donated a house for the Women's Recovery Housing.
- Local community members donated their time and furniture to the home.
- It opened in March of 2021.

Numbers

- 13 women have resided here since July 1, 2021
- 67 drug tests have been conducted of the women.
- Only 6 have been positive.

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