

Recovery Ecosystems

Compassion, Connection, and Community:
Bridging Thriving Recovery Ecosystems
Across Appalachia

About the Conference

This conference brings together organizations working across the recovery ecosystem, from crisis response to long-term community support.

Our goal is to highlight collaborative efforts driving recovery and learn from communities that have strengthened their collective response. Over two days, participants will hear inspiring speakers, explore evidence-based research, engage in challenging conversations, and connect with peers across sectors.

Sessions will address critical issues in recovery coordination, trauma response, public health, policy, prevention, treatment, peer services, access to care, addiction research, workforce innovation, and long-term wellness.

Together, we aim to build stronger networks and forge partnerships that advance recovery in the Roanoke Valley, across Virginia, and throughout Appalachia.

Who Should Attend

The conference is designed to bring together recovery ecosystem specialists, emergency medical services, law enforcement, the judicial system, health care professionals, local and state government representatives, researchers, peer recovery specialists, educators, community support organizations, the faith community, and business leaders.

This wide array of participants ensures a variety of perspectives and expertise into the conference conversation.

If you are an individual with a disability and desire an accommodation, please contact Scott Weimer at 540-767-6100 or weimers@vt.edu during regular business hours at least 10 business days prior to the event.

Conference Topics

- Recovery Ecosystem
- Trauma and Crisis Response
- Prevention and Education
- Recovery Courts and Re-Entry Programs
- Treatment and Recovery Support
- Peer Service Integration
- Recovery Workforce
- Research Lessons Learned

When

March 5-6, 2026

Where

The Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center

Register



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