



# Solutions Oriented Addictions Response, WV

Our Story So Far  
Aug 6 2019

Great Rivers Regional System for Addiction Care Annual Meeting  
and the Southern WV Rural Opioid Consortium

# Community Meetings

**We continue to host community meetings monthly, on the fourth Wednesday from 6-8, where we have break out groups that include:**

- City Engagement**
- Arts and Humanization**
- Charleston Life Savers**
- Recovery Friendly Businesses**
- Legislative Liaisons**
- Rotating Groups**

# Ice Cream Social



After mayoral candidate, J.B. Akers referred to the closed down KCHD Harm Reduction program as a “Cattle Call” some members of the community came together for an Ice Cream Social.

“We are People Too” was intended to push back on the fear mongering and to put a face on the people who are faced with addiction every single day.



Wearing signs that stated who we are other than “addicts”, many took turns telling the crowd about themselves.

“I’m an artist”

“I’m a mother”

“I’m a student”

“I’m a son”

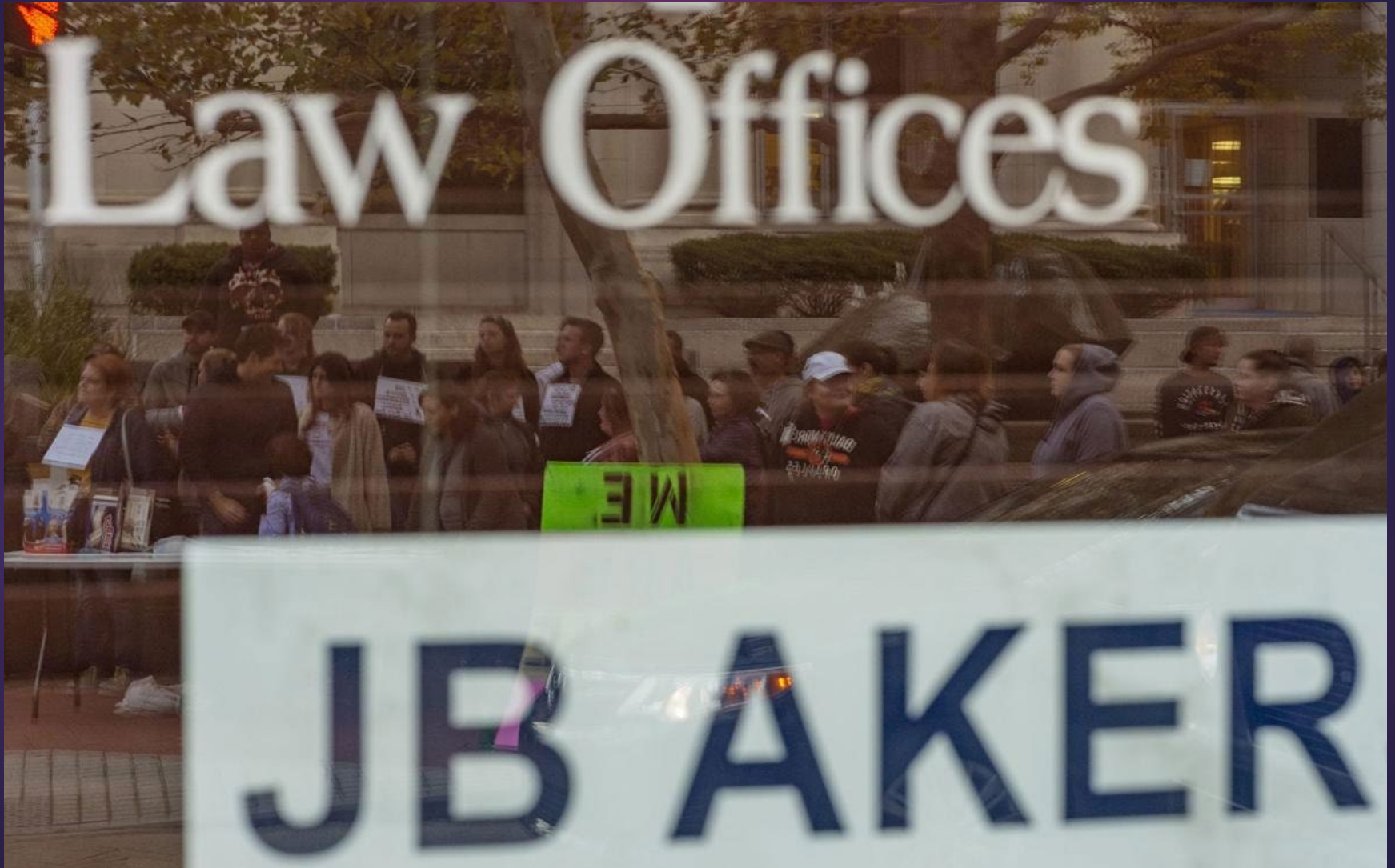
“I’m a social worker”

“I’m a person in recovery”





We did this all outside of the Candidate's law office.





# New Year, Fresh Start!

## HERE TO SERVE

***City of Charleston Community Tour***

**Time: 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**

**Meet Mayor Goodwin and City Representatives**

## CITY TOUR SCHEDULE

**Thursday, February 7: North Charleston**

North Charleston Community Center - 2009 7th Avenue

**Tuesday, February 12: East End**

Roosevelt Neighborhood Center - 502 Ruffner Avenue

**Thursday, February 21: Kanawha City**

Kanawha City Community Center - 3511 Venable Avenue

**Thursday, February 28: West Side**

Mary C. Snow West Side Elementary - 100 Florida Street

**Thursday, March 7: South Hills**

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church - 36 Norwood Road

**We want to hear from you!**

Share your thoughts and ask questions!

Meet city representatives.



### Learn about City Departments and Services

Buildings	Parks and Recreation
Community and	Police
Economic Development	Public Arts
Fire	Streets
Parking	Trash and Recycling

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**Free Refreshments and  
City Service Resource Guides!**





**Proposed Opioid and Addiction Response Platform for City of Charleston**

**Kanawha County is at an emergency point in the opioid and addiction epidemic.**

every 3 days (actually, every 67 hours). Kanawha County loses one of its own  
drug overdose (2017, DHHR).

ers, there is new case of chronic Hepatitis C in Kanawha Co  
According to the CDC, 10-20% of those infected will go  
is over a period of 20-30 years.

new recorded case of Intrauterine Sub  
nty mother to be (2017, DHHR).

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# Goodwin puts CARE office into Charleston budget

By Rebecca Carballo Staff writer Mar 18, 2019

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Charleston City Council approved the budget for 2019-20 fiscal year with an amendment to add Mayor Amy Shuler Goodwin's Coordinated Addiction Response Effort office.

The budget and amendment passed with only one nay heard from Councilwoman Shannon Snodgrass, a Democrat representing Ward 11. Snodgrass said the only reason she did not vote for the budget was because of the amendment.

Goodwin allocated \$100,000 for the next fiscal year and about \$60,000 for the remainder of the current fiscal year for the CARE program.

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## TRENDING NOW

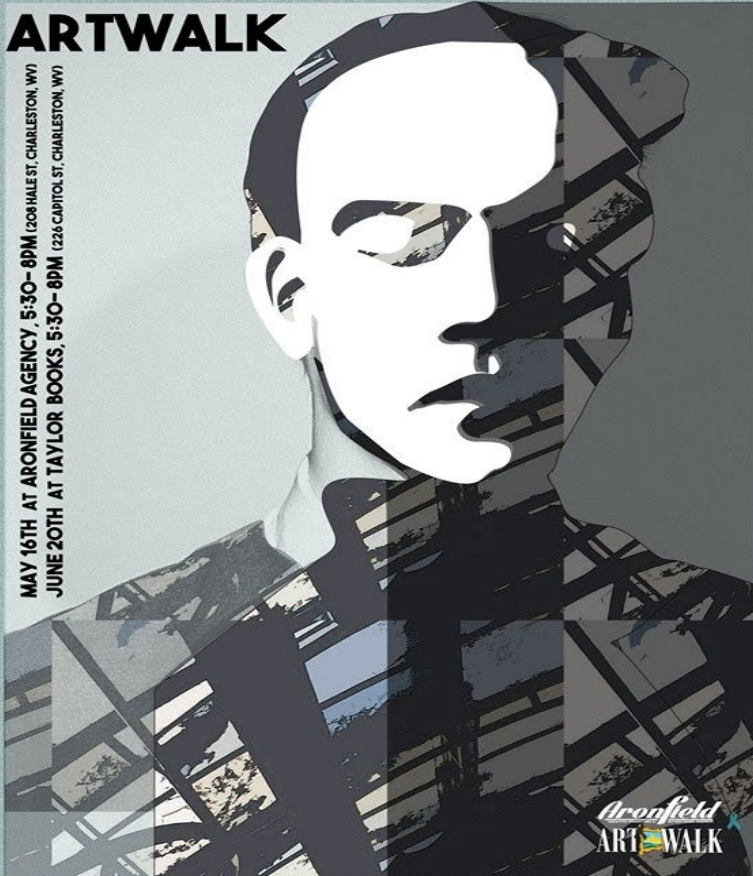
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# ARTS!

SOAR WV PRESENTS:

## RECLAMATION! ARTWALK

MAY 16TH AT ARONFIELD AGENCY, 5:30-8PM (208 HALE ST, CHARLESTON, WV)  
JUNE 20TH AT TAYLOR BOOKS, 5:30-8PM (229 CAPITOL ST, CHARLESTON, WV)

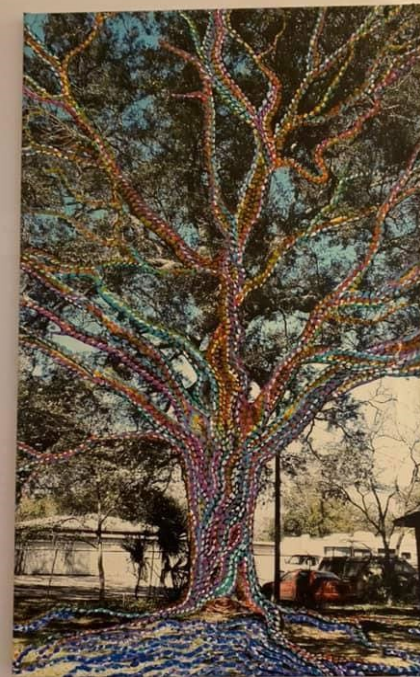


*Aronfield*  
ART WALK

RECLAMATION 1 was a juried art show focusing on substance addiction and recovery, and was held at Aronfield Agency during Charleston's May Art Walk. In an effort to raise awareness, this show featured a variety of artists from all over the state who have, in some way, been affected by substance abuse or recovery. We had over 30 submissions, and hundreds of people came to the show. Selected pieces of art moved onto the second show, RECLAMATION Part 2 and were showcased at Taylor Books during this year's June 20th Festival Artwalk.

# Reclamation Parts 1&2





ARTIST'S STATEMENT  
This painting is a tribute to the  
many people who have helped me  
throughout my life. It is a reminder  
that we are all connected and that  
our lives are intertwined. I hope  
this painting brings a sense of peace  
and joy to all who see it.

This piece of art was made in response to the Harm  
Reduction Program being closed down.



# Future Art Projects

**We will continue to use the arts to humanize  
addiction and recovery.  
Look for more projects coming soon!**

# Charleston Life Savers



**WE CARRY**



**NALOXONE**



On May 22nd we hosted and took part in the largest Naloxone Training for Naloxone Trainers in West Virginia's history. Thanks to Dr. Lindsay Ware Acree for educating and empowering over 50 people.

Now to start training businesses, churches, nonprofits, and places across Charleston and beyond!  
#CharlestonLifesavers



# Canvassing and Training





# Businesses







We have trained over 30 businesses so far, many on the schedule to be trained, and more on the horizon!



Many health care facilities have gotten on board; including Recovery Point Charleston, and Cabin Creek Health



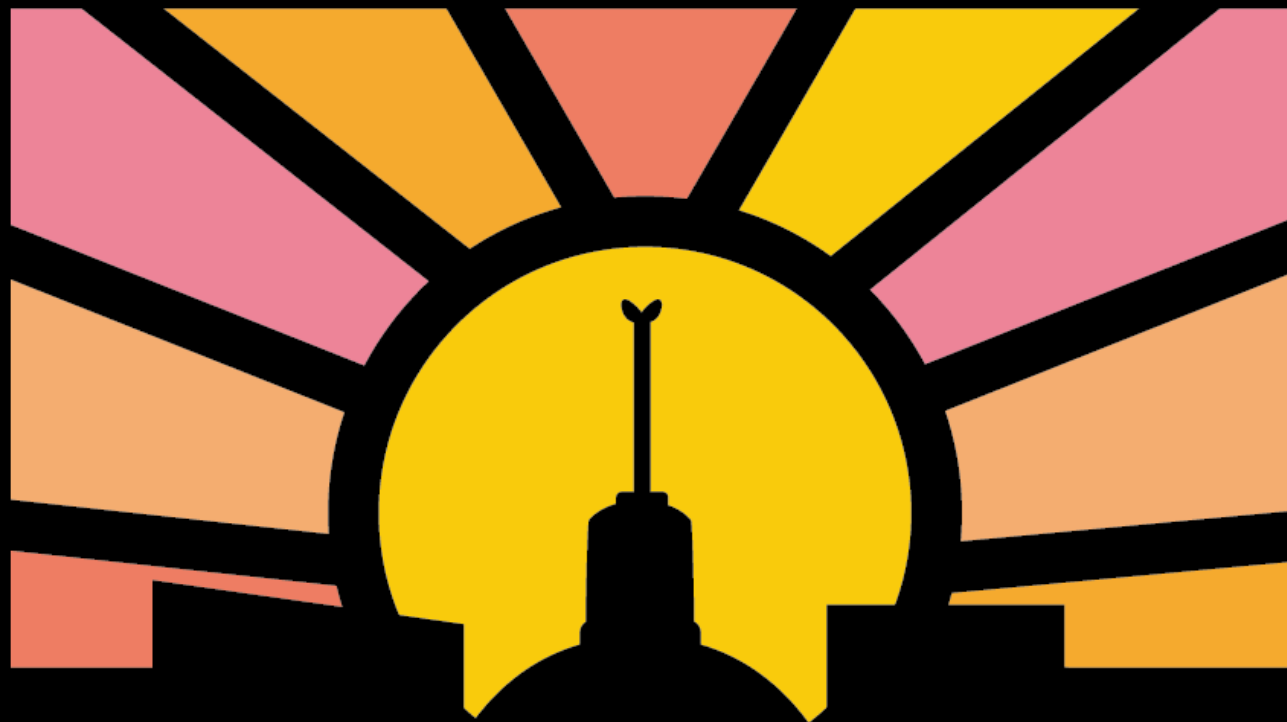


# Recovery Friendly Businesses



We are still working on forming Recovery Friendly Businesses in our working groups.

Follow us on Facebook to see the launch!



**CHARLESTON**

**RECOVERY FRIENDLY  
BUSINESS**




**SOAR believes that as long  
as there's a heartbeat, there  
is HOPE.**

**Every human life is  
valuable.**

**That compassion and  
understanding is key.**

**And that We Do Recover.**



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Facebook, or send an email to [soarwv@gmail.com](mailto:soarwv@gmail.com)  
Join us at our Community Meetings!  
We always welcome feedback

