**SAMHSA Guiding Principles for Recovery**

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| **Word cloud with words: Hope, Promise, Aspiration, Cherish, Endurance, Wish, Desire.** | **Recovery emerges from hope**: The belief that recovery is real provides the essential and motivating message of a better future – that people can and do overcome the internal and external challenges, barriers, and obstacles that confront them. |
| One person. | **Recovery is person-drive**n: Self-determination and self-direction are the foundations for recovery as individuals define his or her own life goals and design unique path(s). |
| **Clipart of a person standing, scratching head, looking at many possible paths in front of him or her.** | **Recovery occurs via many pathways**: Individuals are unique with distinct needs, strengths, preferences, goals, culture and backgrounds, including trauma experiences that affect and determine the pathway(s) to recovery. Abstinence is the safest approach for those with substance use disorders. |
| Chalkboard with sticky notes in a circle around the word "Healthy". The sticky notes each have one word on them: Spirit, Body, and Mind. | **Recovery is holistic**: Recovery encompasses an individual’s whole life, including mind, body, spirit, and community. The array of services and supports available should be integrated and coordinated. |
| Clipart of one person holding an umbrella over the head of another. | **Recovery is supported by peers and allies**: Mutual support and mutual aid groups, including the sharing of experiential knowledge and skills, as well as social learning, play an invaluable role in recovery. |
| Clipart of people in a circle holding hands. | **Recovery is supported through relationship and social networks**: An important factor in the recovery process is the presence and involvement of people who believe in the person’s ability to recover; who offer hope, support and encouragement; and who also suggest strategies and resources for change. |
| Clipart of people of different cultures standing around a globe. | **Recovery is culturally based and influenced**: Culture and cultural background in all of its diverse representations, including values, traditions, and beliefs, are keys in determining a person’s journey and unique pathway to recovery. |
| Clipart of a head with many words inside. | **Recovery is supported by addressing trauma**: Services and supports should be trauma-informed to foster safety (physical and emotional) and trust, as well as promote choice, empowerment and collaboration. |
| Clipart of people standing together in the center of a community surrounded by a home, business, school, and body of water with fish. | **Recovery involves individual, family and community strengths and responsibility**: Individuals, families and communities have strengths and resources that serve as a foundation for recovery. |
| Clipart of two people bowing toward each other. | **Recovery is based on respect**: Community, systems, and societal acceptance and appreciation for people affected by mental health and substance use problems – including protecting client rights and eliminating discrimination – are crucial in achieving recovery. |