



Imani *(means Faith in Swahili)* Community Recovery Program



Graduation on January 12, 2024

The Imani Community Recovery Program is a collaborative, faith-based initiative designed to address the complex challenges of the opioid crisis for Black and Latinx individuals. Held in churches, the program follows a person-centered and culturally informed harm reduction approach.

The program spans 22 weeks, consisting of an initial 12-week program and an additional 10-week extension. It focuses on building treatment and recovery support through support meetings led by trained facilitators. Modeled on the 5 R's of Citizenship and the 8 Dimensions of Wellness, the program originated at Yale University with a Connecticut State Opioid Response (SOR) grant.

Expanding beyond its origins, the program has reached Rhode Island. The Yale team, contracted with RI's Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities, & Hospitals (BHDDH), provides technical assistance and recovery support training. Emphasizing wellness enhancement and spirituality, which hold high cultural significance in Black and Latinx communities, the program has proven effective in improving participants' lives and fostering positive connections within their communities.

On January 12, 2024, the first cohort of the Imani Community Recovery Program celebrated their graduation at the Bethel AME Church in Providence, R.I.

Imani Community Recovery Program: Cohort 2

Interested faith communities are encouraged to apply as host churches

Tentatively scheduled to launch in Spring of 2024

Facilitator training dates:
March 15, 16, 17

Deadline to apply:
March 1, 2024

Program stipends are available

Application Link:
bit.ly/HostChurch



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