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Bringing Recovery Supports to Scale

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTER STRATEGY

**Kristen K. Harper, MEd**, is currently partnering with Transforming Youth Recovery (TYR) to bring technical assistance to collegiate recovery programs that have received one of TYR's highly sought-after Seeds of Hope or Bridging the Gap grants. Before joining the TYR team, Kristen was executive director of Recovery Communities of North Carolina, a nonprofit recovery community organization devoted to the promotion of addiction recovery, wellness, and citizenship through advocacy, education, and support. From 2013–2017, she was the first full-time executive director of the Association of Recovery Schools where she assisted in the creation, sustainability, and accreditation of recovery high schools across the country.

As the collegiate recovery community replication coordinator for Texas Tech University's Center for the Study of Addiction and Recovery from 2011–2013, Kristen provided technical assistance to over 80 universities seeking to create and manage collegiate recovery programs in all regions of the country. She founded the Center for Addiction Recovery at Georgia Southern University in 2008 within the College of Public Health. She subsequently became involved with Recovery Africa, a nongovernmental organization that strives to create recovery supports in African communities. Kristen traveled to West Africa's Republic of Ghana several times to provide technical assistance to the emerging recovery community. In 2016, she accepted SAMHSA's invitation to join the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment National Advisory Council. As a person living in long-term recovery, she has dedicated her life to helping others access recovery support services locally, nationally, and internationally.

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