More about FCC and CLUBHOUSES...

The FCC is *a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to educating the public about people who have mental illnesses and about the community supports that are most successful in helping them achieve independence.*

A "CLUBHOUSE" is *a place where people who have mental illnesses come to rebuild and/or regain control of their social and economic lives. An important aspect of the CLUBHOUSE model is relationships between staff and members and between individual members. CLUBHOUSES are run jointly by "members" and staff, who work side-by-side, in a unique partnership to ensure the work of the CLUBHOUSE is completed each day. Work in the CLUBHOUSE and paid employment are recognized and valued as a vital part of recovery from mental illnesses. Members do not live at the CLUBHOUSE but use it as a base of community and peer support in their efforts to recover from the effects of mental illnesses. Toward this end, CLUBHOUSES engage in activities that help our members live successfully in the community.*

International Center for Clubhouse Development (ICCD) *was created to serve and represent the rapidly growing and dynamic CLUBHOUSE community. The vision of the ICCD is that men and women with mental illnesses throughout the world will have access to the respect and dignity offered by CLUBHOUSES, and to the full range of CLUBHOUSE opportunities, as they rebuild their lives.*
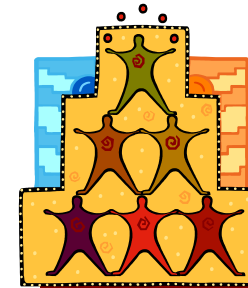
Higher Employment. Studies have shown that the CLUBHOUSE model of vocational rehabilitation produces higher rates of employment, longer job tenure, and higher earnings than other programs offered for people with mental illnesses. *Source: Macias 1995 study was a study of TE and participation at Fountain House. Macias, C., Rodican, C.F., Hargraves. W.A. Jones, D.R. Barriera, P.J., & Wang, Q. (2006)*

Reduced Hospitalization. CLUBHOUSE membership has been linked to a reduced number of hospitalizations. In one study, the number of hospitalizations of members was reduced by one third and the average number of hospital days was reduced by 70%. *Source: De Masso, Avi-Itzak and Obler (2001)*

Reduced Incarcerations. Another study found that involvement in the criminal justice system diminished substantially during and after CLUBHOUSE membership. *Source: Johnson and Hickey (1999)*

Improved Wellness. A mortality study found the clubhouse had a positive impact on reducing medicological deaths. *Source: Pelletier, J., Ngyuen, M., Johnsen, M., McKay, C., & Bradley, K. (2005). Integrating Structured Physical Exercise into an ICCD Certified Clubhouse Program: Results of a Pilot Study. Psychiatric Rehabilitation Journal, 29(2), 89-96.*
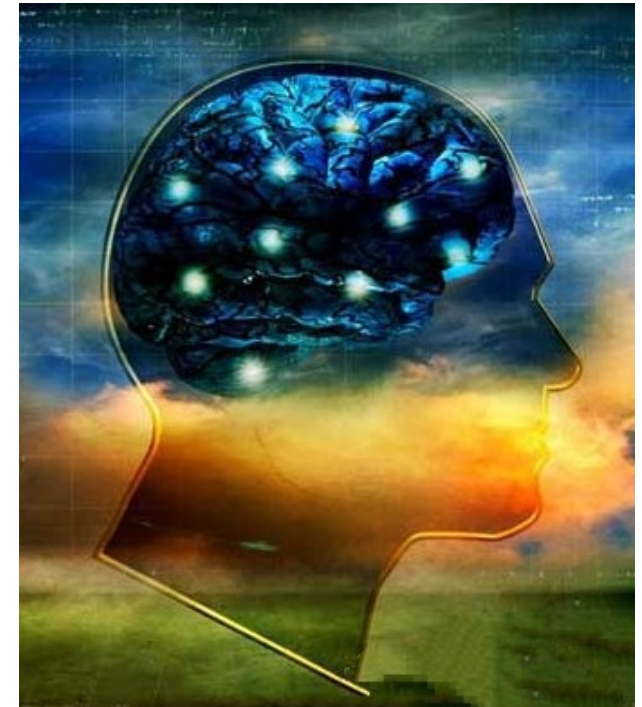
Reduced Cost of Services. CLUBHOUSES have been found to cost less than other models of service delivery. *Source: McKay, C., Yates, B., & Johnsen, M. (2007). Costs of Clubhouses: An International Perspective. Administration and Policy in Mental Health and Mental Health Services Research, 34 (1), 62-72.*

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"Educating the public about people who live with mental illnesses"

The GOAL

- *To educate the public about people who have mental illnesses and about the community supports that are most successful in helping them achieve independence.*

- *To provide support, coordination, education and networking for the International Center for Clubhouse Development (ICCD) and Florida CLUBHOUSES that follow the values and principles of ICCD CLUBHOUSES.*

Building a future of permanent support!

- *To promote collective and individual empowerment for people who have experienced mental illnesses in their community by providing a supportive and active network of ICCD CLUBHOUSES to assist with employment, housing, education, and recovery services.*

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