



**A Guide to Rhode Island
RECOVERY
HOUSING**

**Looking for Recovery Housing for you or a loved one?
This information may help.**

The **RI Hope & Recovery Line**, commonly referred to as **942-STOP**, serves as a critical resource for individuals seeking support for substance use conditions. Recovery housing is specifically designed for individuals with a history of substance use, and is an integral part of this support system.

It is important to emphasize that recovery housing is intended solely for those in recovery and not for individuals who are unhoused and without a history of substance use. This distinction underscores the program's primary focus on recovery rather than providing general housing.

To join the Recovery Housing Waitlist, please follow these steps:

**Call the RI Hope & Recovery Line at (401) 942-7867 (STOP)
between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.**

- Speak with a screener, who will ask questions to determine eligibility for financial support related to recovery housing.
- It is not necessary to have 30 days of sobriety to join the waitlist, but recovery must be the top priority.
- Before moving into a recovery house, an individual must have 30 days substance-free before moving into a recovery house. Time spent on the waitlist can be used to reach this requirement, so it is encouraged to call 942-STOP as soon as the decision is made to pursue recovery housing.
- If found eligible for financial support, individuals will be placed on the waitlist.
- To maintain a position on the waitlist, a call to 942-STOP each week will confirm an individual's continued interest.

Key Considerations

Typically, there is a waiting period between being placed on the waitlist and moving into a recovery house. Same-day placements are unheard of, and even same-week placements are extremely rare.

- Being unvaccinated for COVID-19 can significantly increase wait times.
- As of March 2023, the average wait time between waitlist placement and housing placement was 22 days.
- Calling individual houses directly will not expedite the process. Recovery housing staff communicate regularly with 942-STOP screeners. Please note that:
 - **Houses are contractually obligated to only accept state-funded clients referred through 942-STOP.**
- Bypassing the waitlist disqualifies individuals from state funding and can lead to negative consequences for the recovery house.

Moving Into a Recovery House

Once an individual's name reaches the top of the waitlist, 942-STOP will contact them once a bed becomes available. At that time, the following information will be provided:

- the location of the house
- the agency managing the house, and
- information about multiple beds, if applicable.

If the individual chooses to accept the available bed, 942-STOP will provide contact details for the house and notify the house that the individual will be reaching out.

When contacting the house, the potential resident will undergo an interview process to determine if they are a suitable fit for the house. If accepted, the house will provide details about the move-in process, including when and where to arrive, and what to bring. The house will also inform 942-STOP of the placement.

Both the recovery house and the individual have the right to accept or decline placement, ensuring that the arrangement is mutually agreeable.

PLEASE NOTE: The grant starts the first night an individual sleeps at their placement and runs continuously for the length of the grant. There is no stopping, pausing, or putting a hold on the grant or the placement.

Self-Pay Option

Some recovery houses reserve a portion of their beds for self-pay clients, who can often be charged at higher rates than those whose stays are funded through grants. Self-pay clients typically have faster access to available beds because they do not have to utilize the 942-STOP system and are not on a wait list.

While this arrangement may seem inequitable, it reflects the reality of the current system, where recovery houses, often run as businesses, rely on self-pay clients as a source of revenue.