

Legal Assistance is in Reach With HOPES' Medical-Legal Partnership

Legal issues can pose a major source of stress, especially for those without the financial means to navigate the legal system.

That's why we partnered with Northern Nevada Legal Aid to create the Medical-Legal Partnership, the only program of its kind in the state of Nevada. Through this unique program, we assist HOPES patients onsite, addressing legal issues that impact health and wellness.

With the support of donors like you, patients can come to HOPES for trusted

guidance, paralegal assistance and lawyer referrals. We can help them with notary services, credit report disputes, eviction sealing and certain other legal challenges. While we can't assist with all legal issues like criminal defense or personal injury, we can help with many civil issues.

Since April of 2022, we've received 255 referrals and converted 199 of those to cases or assisted with legal proceedings.

'Worth Saving' — Lisa's Story of Overcoming Addiction and Learning to Stand on Her Own



Before getting connected to HOPES, Lisa was struggling with a decades-long drug addiction that wreaked havoc on every aspect of her life.

"I was feeling hopeless," she said. "I was battling a horrible addiction [with meth]. It would keep me just a level above, just distracted enough to not kill myself. I was feeling really hopeless and done with life."

She turned a corner when she was ordered by a court to go to rehab. It was there that she heard about Hope Springs, Nevada's first bridge-housing community that provides patients a vital

stepping-stone toward permanent, safe, affordable housing.

Lisa finished rehab in July 2022 and moved into Hope Springs, where she began accessing a range of services, including Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT), Primary Care, and Healthy Money Habits (HMH), thanks to generous donors like you.

"I love this program so much, it's changed my life," she said. "I have hope now. I don't think about killing myself anymore, it's not even a thought."

Lisa finds she can apply the lessons she learns in her classes to the real world, for example learning to manage her finances in HMH. The MAT program has also made a world of difference when it comes to her recovery. "The drug world has chewed me up and spit me out so many times. I'm done with it. The MAT program has helped me in several ways that I never even expected."

The relationships Lisa has formed with providers, staff and other residents have proven invaluable.

"Everybody that works here, that lives



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That means every dollar you give will be doubled to have twice the impact on your neighbors. Can we count on your support this June?



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here, we're a family," she said. She specifically called out HMH teacher Diana and MAT provider Kim for their guidance and care. Lisa hopes to maintain these life-changing connections after she graduates the program.

Most importantly, Lisa has learned to love herself, and she hopes to use her experience to help others one day. "I have self-confidence, I have self-love," she shared. "This place has shown me that I am worth saving and taking care of and stuff, and it's my job to do that. And in doing that, in time, I'll be able to help others. We're all supposed to help each other and that's what this program is about."