

FAITH-BASED COMMUNITY OUTREACH INITIATIVE **...a pilot project of the PAU Collaborative****

- Overview:** Approximately 12 faith communities in the Triad area to participate in a structured educational program over a 6 month period, designed to facilitate an active recovery ministry in their congregations.
- Goals:**
- (1) To educate ministers, staff and lay leaders on addiction issues so as to increase their knowledge, awareness and understanding in ways that enhance their ministry, and to explain the vital role faith communities can (must) play in Recovery Oriented Communities of Care.
 - (2) To prepare participants for an effective SBIRT (Screening, Brief Intervention, Referral to Treatment) program in their churches.
 - (3) To offer on-going training and dialogue on related issues such as
 - spiritual dimensions of the 12 Steps
 - mental health and substance abuse recovery awareness and support services
 - community resources
 - how/when/where to refer
- Steps:**
- (1) Introduction of project and invitation to join will be extended to faith communities at the September 28 Focus Group gathering at Presbyterian Counseling Center.
 - (2) October 30, 2009—special one-day training at the Carolinas Conference on Addiction and Recovery in Chapel Hill on SBIRT and its effective use in faith communities
 - (3) November, 2009 (date to be determined)—additional education on the disease concept of addiction and implementation of SBIRT principles.
 - (4) January-February, 2010 (dates to be determined)—individual visits to participating faith communities to facilitate the work in their congregations.
 - (5) March, 2010 (date to be determined)—meeting of all pilot project participants at Presbyterian Counseling Center to report on their experience in the Pilot Project, make suggestions for enhancements to the program and discuss possible other wellness/recovery-oriented programs for their communities.
- Cost:** All trainings, follow-up and materials are provided at no cost to the faith communities participating in the Pilot Project.

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