

Dependency to independence
Unemployment to Work



Isolation to Friendship
Illness to Recovery

Pavilion Round Rock

Pavilion is a 501 c 3 community program for persons with mental illness and or substance abuse issues. Pavilion has been developed on an evidence based international model that has been in existence for over 25 years throughout the world. The Pavilion Round Rock is approaching its second anniversary.

In Texas, there are five other Clubhouses located in Austin, Plano, Ft. Bend, San Antonio, San Angelo and Houston. The Clubhouse of Round Rock is currently located at St. Richard's Episcopal Church. Each Clubhouse has as its primary goal the decrease in isolation that results from mental illness and the increase in successful participation in society through person to person support and linkage to employment, education, and resources that support recovery. In less than two years, the Pavilion of Round Rock has 90 members.

The Pavilion focuses on helping its members to realize their individual goals and fostering positive behavior along with the companion goal of positively impacting public safety.

The fact that the most expensive mental health treatment is provided by the jail is well documented. Similarly, well documented is the fact that in virtually every county in Texas there is a serious lack of resources to help the mentally ill and the dually diagnosed.

As part of the Mental Health Task Force, Pavilion works cooperatively and collaboratively with mental health providers to expand services not usually offered by the traditional agencies that interact with the mentally ill. While we are not counselors, probation officers or social workers, Pavilion members are experts at learning how to cope with mental illness and substance abuse and overcoming obstacles to their recovery. Our Peer Advocates are specially

trained and certified by Pavilion International. Pavilion is the community support and “family” that reduces isolation, encourages recovery and a return to productivity and engagement. Our motto is “Whatever it takes”. Our support does not end at 5:00 p.m. nor on weekends or holidays.

Pavilion creates a culture of peer support, recovery and accountability by:

- Engaging in hope-based relationships with individuals who model the development of positive and supportive relationships in the community.
- Exploring the recovering person’s abilities, strengths and assets and support them in recognizing how to use them.
- Identifying barriers to full participation in life and focuses on strategies to overcome barriers.
- Assisting individuals in learning to recognize triggers and signs of relapse and support the use of the individual’s coping strategies to avoid relapse or re-incarceration.
- Identifying other support programs and life-enrichment activities at Pavilion and in the community to build a natural, consistent support network.
- Providing assistance in navigating community resources and clinic services to better meet the members’ need and where required, justice system requirements.

Pavilion Members operate all aspects of the center. They have developed and implemented the following programs:

- ✓ **Pavilion Justice Peer Advocate Program** is a team of specially trained peers who are present in multiple courtrooms. When persons with mental illness and/or substance abuse have intersected with the justice system, Pavilion Peer Advocates will meet with that person immediately or during docket call upon request by the Judge to provide a personal connection to engage the person in Pavilion’s recovery community. This engagement will improve their chances for long term recovery through

employment, educational goals, achieving and maintaining sobriety while improving their ability to avoid re-incarceration. The Pavilion has been asked to join and partner with the Lone Star Justice program. Lone Star Justice has recognized the value of having advocates who have lived with mental illness/substance abuse, done the hard work to achieve and maintain recovery and who understand the need to end isolation.

- ✓ **Ride Share** provides the resource so that members can access transportation assistance via the funds that are received when members and/or donors operate concession stands at the Dell Diamond. Transportation is frequently the key to recovery and stability.
- ✓ **Pavilion Cares** is a program that works with employers to help members find and keep jobs so that they can regain their self-respect and independence.
- ✓ **Pavilion Family** is a resource to families of those living with mental illness/substance abuse. Solutions are found to common issues and helps to limit the feeling of being all alone in providing for a loved one with mental illness/substance abuse.

Performance Measurement

Our goal is to provide comprehensive services to Williamson County residents who are dealing with mental illness/substance abuse while improving public safety. Incarceration is not a cure for mental illness or addiction. Through our program, we will provide services that encourage recovery and reduce dependency upon public systems such as the jail where the cost of incarcerating a mentally ill/substance abusing person exceeds \$100 per day. Persons in recovery can become independent, employed and contribute to this community's economy especially with the innovative, consistent and effective strategies offered by Pavilion members.

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