

Our Programs (Continued)

Support Services and Advocacy

Hillsgrove House offers a wide range of support services for members, including a daily organizational meeting, and policy and administrative meetings every week. The clubhouse also hosts a monthly employment dinner, and weekly job support groups. Clubhouse members also receive advocacy support in dealing with life-management issues, in researching and accessing social services, and in being involved in political advocacy and the legislative process.

Weekend and Holiday Program

In addition to recognizing that work and employment training are essential parts of clubhouse services, Hillsgrove House also provides an environment that helps to build social networks. We provide an extensive array of social activities in the evenings and on weekends. The clubhouse is open on all holidays.

New members are always welcome.

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Thank you for your support.

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– Ann L., member***

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A Welcoming Place for Recovery



Who We Are

Hillsgrove House is a service of The Kent Center for Human & Organizational Development, which has served the behavioral health needs of Rhode Islanders since 1976. Established in 1991, Hillsgrove House provides a healthy and restorative environment for adults who struggle with mental illnesses, and who seek a fulfilling and productive lifestyle through participation in a supportive community.

Hillsgrove House is based on the clubhouse model, which originated in 1948 with the acclaimed Fountain House in New York City. The clubhouse model strongly promotes the concept of membership, a sense of belonging and the right to self-determination for its members. Hillsgrove House is part of an international system of over 400 clubhouses and is the only clubhouse in Rhode Island certified by the International Center for Clubhouse Development (ICCD).

The foundation of our program is to assist members to achieve or regain the confidence and skills necessary to reach their desired goals. The process involves a holistic approach, so members can effectively take part in the activities of work, school, and friendships.

The clubhouse guarantees to all members:

- A place to belong
- A right to return
- The opportunity to develop meaningful relationships
- The opportunity for meaningful work

What We Do

The clubhouse model provides opportunities for vocational, educational and social rehabilitation via a six-hour per day, six-day per week program. The clubhouse experience begins with a focus on the work-ordered day. Our members work side-by-side with staff in the daily operation of Hillsgrove House, which is carried out through the unit structure of the clubhouse.

Each unit is responsible for a particular daily function, which includes all business operations, cleaning and maintenance, educational support, and food service. Members choose the unit in which they want to work. For most new members, joining a unit presents the first opportunity to build self-esteem and to ease into the world of work. The work-ordered day prepares many members for transitional, supported and/or independent employment.

Members and staff also work together on the development of policies that govern the clubhouse, which further helps to promote a true sense of membership.



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Employment Supports & Placement

Engaging in meaningful and productive employment is an important goal for clubhouse members. Hillsgrove House therefore provides members with vocational assessment; job training and development; and employment placement and support services.

Hillsgrove House's **Transitional Employment** program offers members an opportunity to enter or re-enter the competitive job market with the support of a job coach. Transitional Employment jobs typically last six months, which give members the opportunity to explore career options while working.

Hillsgrove House offers **Supported Employment** services for members who seek competitive, permanent positions, yet need a bit of ongoing support. Support is provided through job coaching both on and off the job site. Additionally, the clubhouse helps develop **Independent Employment** opportunities for those members who also seek permanent positions and are ready for a more autonomous work experience.

We are fortunate to partner with many businesses to provide employment opportunities to our members. Our community employment partners often speak about what excellent employees they have found through Hillsgrove House. References are available.

“When I first came to Hillsgrove House, I was very depressed and shy.

Look at me today! Nothing can stop me with Hillsgrove House

and its staff and members rooting for me.” – Amelia W., member