

New Life Home for Women and Children, a faith-based non-profit 501 c-3 organization, has been providing proven effective rehabilitation, reunification, and restoration to single or pregnant women and mothers with children struggling with Opiate Use Disorder and Substance Use Disorder for 40 years at an 80% or more success rate without the use of Medication Assisted Treatment. As a comprehensive 18-24 month residential program and non-smoking facility, New Life Home offers all of its services without cost to its program participants. Services include the following: food, housing, childcare, transportation (to and from medical/dental appointments, legal and court-related issues, afterschool-related sports and activities, and recreational outings), parenting courses, individual counseling (LADC), tutoring for GED or children's homework assignments, self-defense courses, quilting classes, craft classes, computer training in Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint for workforce ready employment, and access to vocational or online college courses. New Life Home's only means of support come through concerned individuals, organizations, businesses, and foundations. To date, the home has not received any state or federal funds.

New Life Home is respectfully requesting that in response to submitting this grant for Federal dollars on behalf of the State of New Hampshire that the following would be taken into consideration:

- The grant be expanded to include Substance Use Disorder.
- The grant would not be restricted to "not denying anyone medication assisted treatment." Thousands of lives have been restored without utilizing this method and individuals should have the right to choose when it comes to treatment methods and programs which provide alternative proven effective means of recovery. Faith-based programs should not be penalized for not offering MAT.
- Define "legitimate and appropriate" in terms of recovery housing.
- Take into consideration that MAT requires insurance and New Life Home does not require insurance.
- Take into consideration how difficult it is for individuals on MAT to secure independent living situations (with the appearance/side effects of being "high") whereas New Life Home graduates do not encounter this obstacle.
- Take into consideration how difficult it is for individuals on MAT to secure employment (same reason as above) whereas New Life Home graduates are workforce ready.
- Take into consideration how difficult it is for individuals on MAT to focus on achieving higher educational goals (same reason as above) whereas New Life Home graduates are enrolled in vocational schools and colleges or universities typically 10-12 months within entering the program.
- Take into consideration the effect on children with addicted parents. "A news 9 analysis of statistics provided by the state of NH shows that the number of children removed from homes because of substance abuse allegations...last year 688 children were put into foster care in NH; 67% of them were placed because of family substance abuse and the number of terminated parental rights cases increased 63% this past year." (*Ongoing opioid crisis takes toll on NH families* by Jennifer Crompton/WMUR News 9; May 17, 2018) New Life Home takes mothers with their children or assists mothers in the reunification process due to legal issues and is successful 85% of the time.
- Having served on the Governor's Task Force for Perinatal Addiction take into consideration that the majority of babies born to mothers on MAT such as methadone are born addicted.
- Take into consideration that faith-based initiatives have high success rates and are generating whole individuals re-entering their communities as productive citizens.
- Take into consideration why more faith-based initiatives with proven effective results are not being funded with state or federal funds.

Thank you.

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