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## **Boise hospitals host new program to combat opioid abuse**

Three Boise-area hospitals are hosting a pilot program connecting opioid users in emergency rooms with peer recovery coaches.

The program is supported by a \$50,000 grant from the nonprofit AmerisourceBergen Foundation. That money went to the Idaho branch of Recovery United, Inc., which operates five locations across the state, according to a news release. On Friday, Recovery United announced the launch of the new peer recovery coach program in collaboration with the Idaho Association of Recovery Community Centers.

The program connects people who have been admitted to the emergency room with recovery coaches. The coaches will help patients find resources, such as medication-assisted treatment, to help reduce accidental opioid overdoses, according to the release. The goal is to increase access to treatment across the state.

“Recovery is not meant to be done alone, but rather, it requires a team of people rallying around the individual and their family to inspire a sense of hope that recovery is possible and that they are not alone on their journey,” stated Monica Forbes, administrator of Recovery United, Inc. and a peer recovery coach. “This pilot program will allow us to immediately forge that connection between the individual and their support system that they can then rely on throughout their entire recovery.”

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