

The Mission of FoRSE is to improve addiction treatment through science, technology, and education.

DEFINING THE FUTURE OF ADDICTION HEALTHCARE

Case for Support

More than **1 in 6** Americans had a substance use disorder in the past year.



Over **54 million** people need addiction treatment.



85% do not receive the care they need.



380 people die every day due to alcohol.



A drug overdose death occurs every **5 minutes**.



The Foundation for Recovery Science and Education (FoRSE), a charitable research foundation, was formed in 2020 by the National Association of Addiction Treatment Providers (NAATP) in response to the increasing prevalence and severity of substance use disorders (SUDs) in the US and the urgent need for a response. It is unacceptable that we tolerate the deaths of 300 Americans each day from drug overdoses. Likewise, it is unacceptable that our country has failed to come together in a collaborative effort to deliver a systemic response and comprehensively develop access to treat addiction.

The solution to our crisis is collaborative science: a large-scale national program to collect and analyze data on addiction and its treatments such that a legitimate and complete response can be developed and delivered. This work cannot wait any longer and this is the purpose of FoRSE. Operating within the country's national professional addiction society of NAATP, FoRSE is uniquely and ideally situated to perform this work.

Addiction treatment has the enormous potential to save lives, but it is not defined nor structured as the professional healthcare discipline that it must be. The first step in the process is determining efficacy of care: what works. The inability to demonstrate treatment effectiveness through patient outcomes data is a fundamental roadblock to progress that ultimately impacts all individuals receiving treatment. The vast majority of people who need treatment get none. FoRSE removes this roadblock through measurement, quality improvement, and research initiatives to help providers measure the impact of their services, use data to provide better care, and advocate to improve access to care. As a collaborative effort among thousands of treatment providers in NAATP's network, FoRSE offers concrete responses.

In its short time, FoRSE has produced results. With 100 participating treatment providers from across the country and data from over 200,000 patient episodes, FoRSE has published the cornerstone for the work to come in The FoRSE 2023 Annual Summary: The Inaugural Report of the FoRSE Treatment Outcomes Program. Among its early findings, the Report shows that the reported severity of symptoms of depression, anxiety, and addiction decreased over the course of treatment and through the first year of post-discharge follow up. Additionally, behaviors associated with poor recovery outcomes, such as use days, emergent medical events, and interactions with law enforcement were reported to be minimal during the first year of recovery among those who completed treatment.

From this foundational report, we have now launched these services to treatment providers such that they can already improve care:

- Individualized site-specific reports to 55 treatment providers.
- Partnership with eight electronic medical records and numerous other technologies, allowing providers a simple pathway to program participation.

Moving forward we will provide:

- Benchmarking for treatment providers to compare their patient outcomes to others.
- Demonstration to patients, families, payors, accreditors, and the public that they are delivering quality services with measurable impact on people with SUD.
- Disaggregated data by demographics and social determinants of health to identify any disparities in patient outcomes.
- Identification of areas of strength in their services or any areas requiring improvement.

Your Opportunity to Support:

This work is expensive, and it requires significant dollars. With continued funding, FoRSE can engage with more treatment centers, create a large-scale national research collaborative, and provide valuable business intelligence to providers and ultimately demonstrate the scientific solution to our country's crisis.

FoRSE is a charitable 501(c)(3) nonprofit. A donation represents a commitment to improving addiction healthcare quality and availability for many years to come.

