

# **Engaging Social Entrepreneurs through Vouchers and Other Choice Mechanisms**

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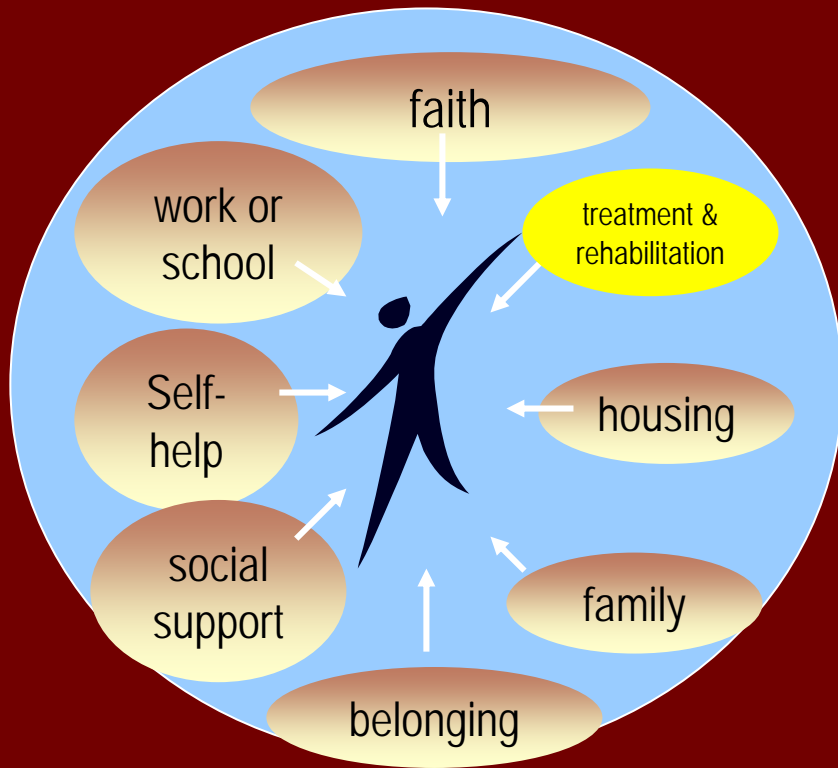
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**Many Paths to Recovery**

**The pursuit of a meaningful life in one's community must be at the heart of the care and planning process in support of a person pursuing their recovery!**



- **So What's the Problem?**
- **Traditional treatment does not usually emphasize some of these core elements.**
- **Solution? Find people and groups within communities who can offer or have linkages to these core aspects of community life.**

# Voices of Recovery

"Having hope"

"Getting well/getting better"

"Having same rights as others"

"Making choices"



"Doing everyday things"

"Making changes, having goals"

"Staying clean and sober"

"Starting over again"

"Be looked at as whole people"

"Looking forward to life"

# “Mary”

Prior to discharge from York Correctional Institution, “Mary” chose from a list of dual options –

1. An Intensive Outpatient Program
2. A Faith-Based Housing Provider
3. Transportation from York and Tokens to Attend her IOP and to Seek Employment
4. A Menu of Food, Clothing and Personal Care Items

# "Jim"

Referred from Judicial Branch Probation,  
"Jim" sought to return to work as an electrical  
contractor.

ATR paid for:

1. Textbooks required for the Electrical Code Review Contractor Course
2. The course itself
3. The electrical contractor tools need for employment.

**“It must be borne in mind that the tragedy of life doesn't lie in not reaching your goal. The tragedy lies in having no goal to reach... It is not a disgrace not to reach the stars, but it is a disgrace to have no stars to reach for. Not failure, but low aim is a sin.”**

**Benjamin E. Mays, President, Morehouse College**



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THE CASSEROLE"

