

Recovery program awarded \$250,000 to expand in New Mexico

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ESPANOLA, N.M. — Hoy Recovery Program, Inc., an Espanola-based residential substance abuse treatment center, was awarded \$250,000 during January's 30-day legislative session in Santa Fe.

"Our goal is to improve the quality of life not only for our residents, but for the community as a whole," said Ambrose Baros, Hoy Recovery Program, Inc.'s executive director.

Agricultural Therapy and Farm Fresh Eggs

Hoy Recovery Program, Inc. has found success with its agricultural therapy program, in which residents get the opportunity to take care of the garden where much of the center's food is grown.

This program will be expanded with the funding awarded, starting with traditional crops like green chile, squash and cucumbers. In addition, 1,000 chickens will be purchased, and the all-natural, free-range eggs produced will be sold through local farmers markets, egg co-ops, and supermarkets.

Education and Workforce Development

Inspired by Taos High School's vocational center, Hoy Recovery's education center will also serve as a workforce development and job-skills-training headquarters. The space will include welding stations, a plumbing station, and a solar farm for those studying trades. Center residents taking college classes will be able to study at Hoy's mini-campus of two classrooms, also being developed.

Transitional Living Expansion

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Hoy Recovery Program, Inc. clients that complete the 90-day residential treatment program will now have the opportunity to be referred to the center's new 10-bed transitional living facility, where they can stay for up to one year.

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