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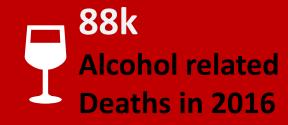
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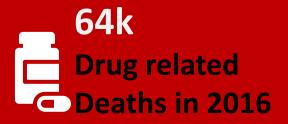
# THE PROBLEM IS IMPACTING OUR COMMUNITIES AND LOVED ONES.

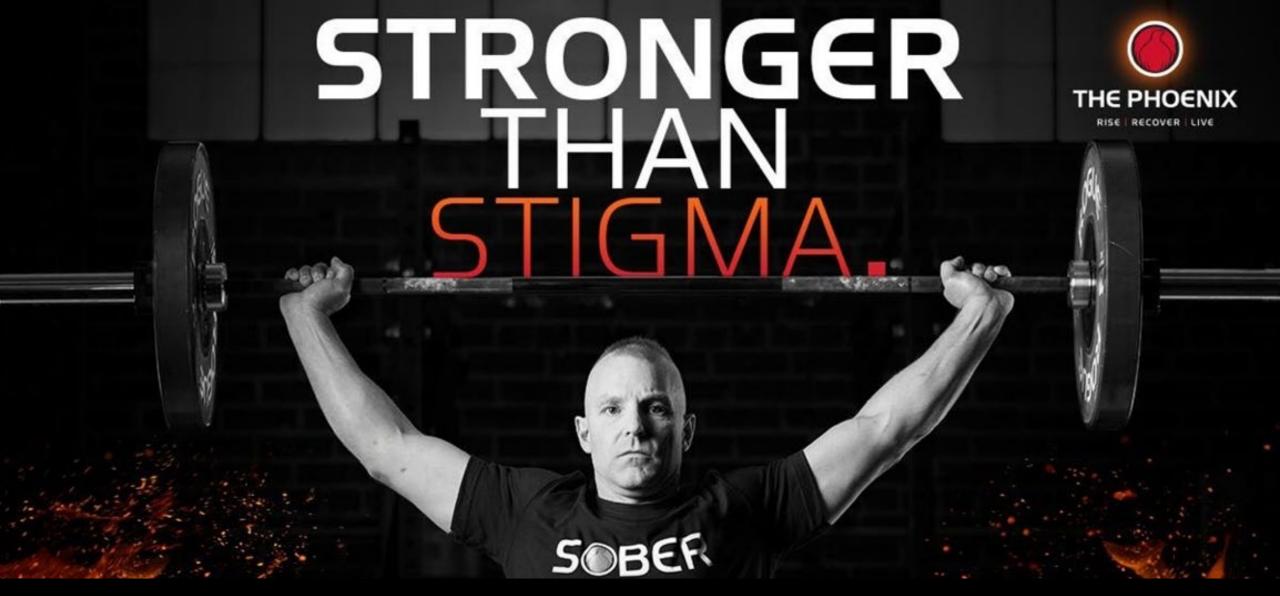
In America today, a loved one dies from alcohol or drugs every four minutes. That's equivalent to a 747 airliner crashing everyday with all lives lost. While access to treatment is improving and medications are keeping people from dying, not enough is being done to help people stay sober and build new lives in recovery.



\$1 trillion
Opioid crisis cost to
the economy: 2001-17







<u>Mission:</u> The Phoenix is a *free sober active community for* individuals who have suffered from a substance use disorder and to those who choose to live sober. Using a *peer model*, Phoenix helps members *heal and rebuild* their lives in recovery.



## The Phoenix Model – How it Works



#### **MODEL**

Peer to Peer

+

Physical, Social &

Adventure Activities

+

Experiential

+

Healing Community

Culture

#### **BENEFITS**

- Sustained Abstinence
- Physical Health
- Mental Health
- Quality of Life
- Social Connectedness
- Sense of Purpose
- Self Esteem
- Increase Self Efficacy
- Positive Identity Transformation

#### **LONG TERM IMPACTS**

- Recovery
- Stigma Elimination
- Cost Reduction for Individuals, Families & Society



## Programs, Disciplines, and Special Events

### **PROGRAMS**

- ✓ Free Sober Active Community Programming
- ✓ Targeted Partnership Programing & Outreach for at Risk Populations (e.g. treatment, youth & young adult, veterans, homeless, justice involved, LGBT, etc.)
- ✓ Volunteer Program
- ✓ Workforce Development
- ✓ Enhanced Bridging
- ✓ Social Enterprise
  - Contracted Partnerships
  - Per Ignem Gym

## **DISCIPLINES**

- ✓ Boxing
- ✓ Yoga & Taiichi
- ✓ CrossFit & Group Fitness
- ✓ Cycling & Mountain Biking
- ✓ Rock & Ice Climbing
- ✓ Running & Walking
- ✓ Hiking
- ✓ Zumba

## SPECIAL EVENTS

- ✓ Ski Trip
- ✓ Backpacking Trips
- ✓ Camping
- ✓ Moab Multisport Trip
- ✓ BBQs
- ✓ Presentations/Trainings
- ✓ Socials
- ✓ Art Night





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# Catalyst of a Movement







# Our Impact





Currently in 20 communities across 14 states



Over *26,000* people served since *2007* 



3,671 Phoenix events held in 2017 across all chapters









## Phoenix Inside & Out

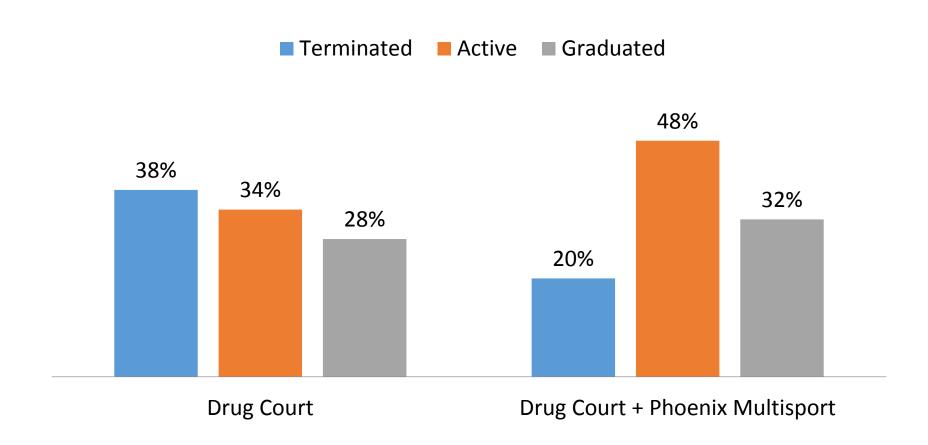


- Colorado
  - ➤ Boulder ITC
  - ➤ Denver Drug Court
  - Colorado Springs Veterans Drug Court
  - ➤ Adult Probation (PHASE)
  - ➤ Specialized Drug Offender Program
- Montana
  - ➤ Drug Court
- Massachusetts
  - ➤ Middlesex Sherriff Department



## Success





Clients who participated in Phoenix were shown to have statistically significant lower rates of termination or withdraw, and higher rates of graduation when compared to non Phoenix Multisport participants (T = -1.7189, p = 0.043).





## Substance use among offenders

- 2.3 million offenders in prison or jail in the U.S.
- 1.5 million meet the DSM-IV criteria for substance abuse or addiction
- 458,000 do not meet the criteria but had a history of substance use, were under the influence at the time of the offense, committed the offense to get money for drugs, were incarcerated for an alcohol or drug related arrest, or shared some combination of these characteristics