

Track 1: Module 3

Suburban Shift

Rebuilding Life: From Survival to Purpose

Addiction tears everything down:
routines, trust, identity, health.
Quitting was survival. This module is
about the harder part - rebuilding
everything you lost, and creating what
never existed before.

Module 3: Agenda

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PART 1

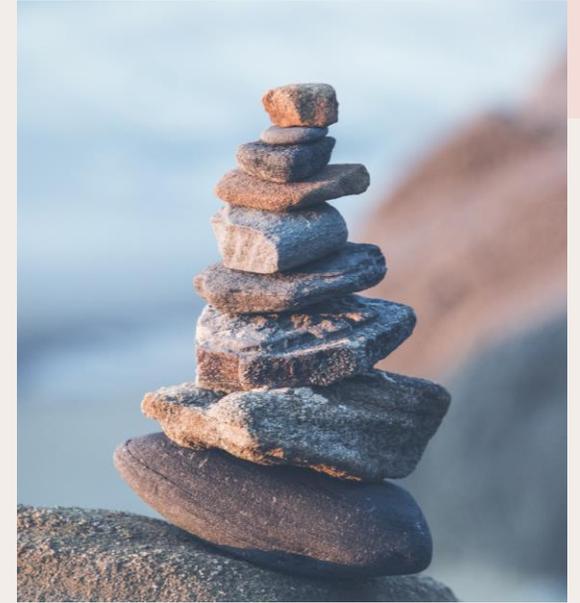
The Foundation: Stability Before Growth



Why Stability Matters

- Recovery without stability is just white-knuckling until the next collapse.
- Chaos is the default state of addiction; structure is the antidote.
- Stability means controlling what you can; sleep, food, exercise, routine, environment.
- Without a foundation, the old life will reclaim you.
- Hard Truth: If you don't build structure yourself, the chaos will.

Reflection: Which area of your daily life feels most unstable right now?



Building Daily Stability

- **Sleep:** Go to bed and wake up at the same time. Sleep deprivation is relapse fuel.
- **Nutrition:** Addiction wrecked your body; rebuilding means cutting sugar binges and eating clean. What you eat affects cravings.
- **Exercise:** Movement isn't punishment, it rewires your brain chemistry. 30 minutes of sweat can equate to hours of mood stability.
- **Routine:** Start with 2 anchors – wake-up ritual and evening wind-down. They bookend your day in structure.
- **Environment:** Clean your space. Remove hidden triggers. Disorder outside = disorder within.

Practical Exercise: **Write one non-negotiable routine you'll commit to for the next 7 days.**

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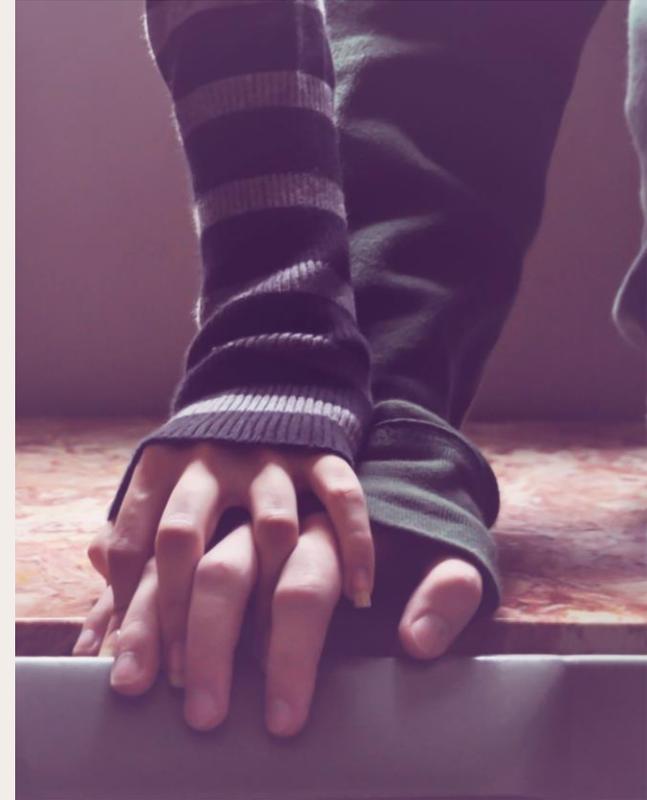
Repair & Reconnection



Impact On Relationships

- Addiction didn't just destroy you – it fractured everyone around you.
- Lies, broken promises, money lost, fear and sleepless nights – your loved ones lived your addiction too.
- Rebuilding means swallowing pride: you don't get to control their timeline of forgiveness.
- It will take longer than you want, but shorter if you're consistent.

Fact: Families report it takes an average of 18 months of consistent change before trust feels real again.



Rebuilding Trust in Measured Steps



- Step 1: **Own it.** No “buts,” no excuses. Own harm directly.
- Step 2: **Show it.** Actions rebuild trust – boring, steady, repeatable actions.
- Step 3: **Respect it.** Their boundary is their right. Don’t push it down just because you’re uncomfortable.
- Repair is not about winning them back fast – it’s about becoming someone safe to believe in again.

Reflection: **Whose trust matters most to you right now – and what single action would they need to see first?**

PART 3

Identity Shift:
Who Am I Without the Addiction?



The Vacuum of Identity



- Addition gave you an identity – the victim, the strong one who hides pain, the optimist.
- When the substance is gone, you're stripped bare. The noise is gone, but so is the mask.
- This emptiness feels unbearable – like standing in silence after years of chaos.
- The old identity feels easier to slip back into than the new one.
- It's not just about subtracting drugs or alcohol. It's replacing them with a new identity – one worth protecting.

If you don't rebuild who you are, the addiction will come back to decide for you.

Building a New Self

- **Clarify Your Values:** Addiction blurred the line between what mattered and didn't. Write down 3 values you refuse to compromise again.
- **Chose New Roles:** Addiction forced you into one role: user, liar, survivor. Rebuilding means stepping into roles you want – teacher, parent, partner, creator, leader. New roles become anchors.
- **Practice Purpose:** Journaling, volunteering, mentoring, faith, creativity – this is the scaffolding that holds up the new you when the old life calls you back.

Reflection: **What's one role you want to claim for your new life, and what's one step you can take toward it this week?**



You don't find yourself after addiction – you build yourself from the ground up.

PART 4

Relapse Prevention & Risk Navigation



Why Relapse Isn't Random

- Relapse doesn't begin with a drink, pill, or hit – it begins in your mindset and habits.
- The four stages of relapse:
 1. **Emotional:** stress, irritability, poor sleep, isolation.
 2. **Mental:** bargaining, fantasizing, minimizing risk.
 3. **Behavioral:** skipping engagements, lying again.
 4. **Physical:** the actual use.
- People only notice Stage 4 – by then, it's too late.
- If you learn to see Stages 1-2, you can stop relapse before it gains momentum.
- Relapse isn't failure, it's a signal something in your foundation is weak.



People don't relapse out of nowhere – they relapse out of routine.

Your Relapse Prevention Plan



- **Identify Your Triggers:** Write down 5 people, places, or feelings that light the fuse (Ex: payday, loneliness)
- **Spot Your Early Warning Signs:** Ask yourself – “What does my relapse look like 1 week before it happens?”
- **Plan Your Exits:** Create a 3-step script for what you’ll do when triggered:
 - Remove yourself from the trigger
 - Call an accountability partner
 - Replace the urge with a healthy action
- **Build Accountability:** Give at least one person your plan in writing.

Reflection: **What’s the one trigger you know takes you down every time? What’s your exit strategy for it?**

PART 5

The Roadmap:
30 Days, 60 Months, 1 Year



Why Timelines Matter

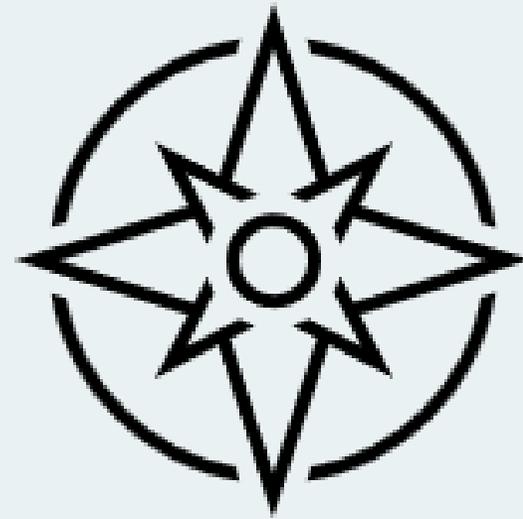
- Addiction is chaos. Recovery demands direction. Without mile markers, sobriety becomes a blur of days – and drifting almost always leads back to relapse.
- **Short-Term (30 Days):** Early wins prove to your brain and body that life is possible without substances. This is about stability and survival.
- **Mid-Term (6 Months):** Patterns either stick or crumble here. Habits solidify, trust begins to grow back, cravings taper – but the risk of complacency skyrockets.
- **Long-Term (1 Year+):** Purpose becomes the new oxygen. If identity hasn't shifted and meaning isn't established, relapse risk remains very high.



Data shows relapse risk is highest at 3 months (when cravings still bite) and 1 year (when overconfidence peaks).

Reflection: Which timeline – 30 Days, 6 Months, or 1 Year, feels most impossible to you right now? Why?

Recovery Compass



Timeline Strategy



Every profile follows the same milestones – 30 days, 6 months, 1 year – but the work within those stages looks different for everyone. This chart helps you see what to focus on at each stage, based on your Recovery Compass profile. Use it as a roadmap, not a race. Circle the milestones that resonate most and begin there.

Instructions

- Find your profile row on the chart.
- Read across the columns (30 Days → 6 Months → 1 Year).
- Identify one action per stage you can start immediately.
- Keep this roadmap visible – progress happens when you track it.



TIMELINE STRATEGY

BY PROFILE

	30 Days — Stabilize & Prove It	6 Months — Consolidate & Repair	1 Year — Purpose & Sustain
<i>Denier</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daily truth inventory (3 facts you'd rather downplay). Share one uncomfortable truth weekly with a sponsor/coach. Track triggers & consequences; match every urge to a cost you've paid. Schedule a humility check: ask 2 people, "What am I still not seeing?" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep a data log (sleep, meetings, urges, slips); review monthly. Replace "I'm fine" with measurable proof (attendance, labs, finances). Practice pre-commitments for risk windows (payday, weekends). Begin amends prep: list harms, verify facts with a mentor. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual relapse narrative: write how denial nearly took you down; share it. Maintain feedback loops (quarterly 360 from family/peers). Mentor a newcomer specifically on facing reality early. Embed humility rituals (Ex: service work) to prevent overconfidence.
<i>Hider</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No-secrets rule with one safe person (daily check-in: "anything I'm hiding?"). Do a stash/contacts sweep (delete numbers, dump paraphernalia). Set financial transparency (shared budget/app). Practice honest micro-reports after high-risk days. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weekly transparency meeting with partner/family (money, time, urges). Build a lying abstinence streak: track and reset immediately if broken. Start structured amends (no promises—only actions). Therapy/skills for shame resilience (name it → tell it → shrink it). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make radical honesty part of identity (teach it; model it). Keep open calendars and shared logistics for trust continuity. Sponsor others who hide; run "truth drills" in groups. Annual integrity audit (digital, financial, relational).
<i>Rationalizer</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep an Excuse Journal; translate each excuse into the blunt truth daily. Use a decision red-team: run risky choices by sponsor before acting. Pre-write boundary statements to replace spin in the moment. Log outcomes, not intentions (what happened, not what you meant). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Practice thought records for "I deserve it/It's not that bad." Install friction before slippery choices (24-hr rule, cash freeze, rides only). Monthly results review with metrics (urges, attendance, slip-free days). Expand accountability circle (two voices minimum). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Become fact-first: publish your personal KPIs; review publicly in group. Teach a "kill the spin" workshop to newcomers. Annual values audit: align calendar and money with stated priorities. Keep a personal board that can veto risky decisions.
<i>Drifter</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build a minimal daily routine (wake, move, meet — 3 anchors). Plan tomorrow tonight (15-minute prep; time-block first 3 hours). Replace idle windows with pre-planned alternatives (walk, gym, journal). Environment reset: declutter, change routes to avoid cues. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adopt a weekly planning cadence (review goals, schedule anchors, reflect). Secure a day anchor (job, class, volunteer shift) ≥ 15 hrs/week. Track habit adherence: target 80% across 5 key habits. Add structure buddies (coworking, workout partner, meeting ride). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Define a mission lane (education/career/service). Pick one lane and commit. Quarterly goal sprints (12-week cycles with deliverables). Teach structure skills to others (you keep what you give). Guard against drift with annual retreats and recalibration.
<i>Hopeless Survivor</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build a safety plan (people/places/skills) and post it visibly. Log micro-wins daily (delay, refuse, call, rest). Schedule non-negotiable self-care (sleep, movement) before decisions. One lifeline contact every single day, even when you "don't deserve it." 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Treat depression/trauma directly (therapy, meds evaluation, groups). Create a resilience routine (morning light, breath, gratitude). Expand connection (two meetings/week + one service act/week). Ritualize win-tracking to counter hopeless narratives. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shift from survival → growth: choose a role that needs you (Ex: volunteer). Keep a relapse emergency script and rehearse it quarterly. Annual hope inventory (evidence you changed). Share publicly to anchor. Build joy practices (play, art, nature) — proof life is worth keeping.
<i>Willing Survivor</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pick one program/path and commit for 30 days (no hopping). Daily check-ins with accountability (text/call, same time). Set one boundary and hold it once under pressure (prove you can). Begin one relationship repair with a concrete action. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Write a growth plan (health, work, relationships); review monthly. Add responsibilities (work hours, family duties) intentionally; track capacity. Maintain consistency streaks (meetings, sleep, savings). Quarterly stretch challenge (sober travel, new certification). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Become a steady example (sponsor/mentor one person for 6+ months). Lead a group/project; practice regulated leadership (no burnout). Build a legacy habit (teach, create, serve). Audit complacency: where are you coasting? Add a growth edge.
<i>Seeker</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stop collecting: choose ONE tool (program/coach/plan) and deploy it daily. Keep an experiment log (what I tried, what happened, what I'll change). Set a learn:do ratio (20% learn, 80% do). Schedule review slots: adjust weekly based on results. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build a skill stack (emotional regulation, communication, finance). Start a structured curriculum (course/cert) tied to your mission lane. Join/lead a practice group to anchor doing, not reading. Publish monthly lessons learned (blog/post) to force synthesis. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create your own curriculum and teach it to newcomers. Take on a capstone project (degree, business, nonprofit role). Maintain the 80/20 do-bias via public commitments. Annual mastery map: what's next, and why it matters.
<i>Climber</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do a pride audit: list near-misses and what blinded you. Keep beginner's mind (attend newcomer meetings; share last struggle). Reinforce existing boundaries instead of adding new shiny ones. Schedule humility reps (service tasks nobody sees). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quarterly slip/near-slip autopsy: share learnings openly. Diversify supports (don't rely on one strength or one person). Co-lead recovery spaces: invite correction publicly. Install complacency alarms (travel, success, relationships = review season). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anchor success in service (sponsees, community roles). Build a continuous improvement plan (annual targets with mentors). Set legacy goals beyond sobriety (family, craft, contribution). Guard against the "graduate trap" with annual recommitment.

Compatibility Matrix



Recovery doesn't happen in isolation. Your patterns connect – or clash – with the people closest to you. This grid shows how your Recovery Compass profile interacts with your loved one's. Recognizing the dynamic is the first step to breaking old cycles and building healthier ones.

Instructions

- Locate your profile down the left side.
- Find your loved one's profile across the top.
- Read the cell where they meet – that's your current pattern.
- Reflect: Does this describe your reality? What needs to change?
- Note your color:
 - **High Risk:** Focus on boundaries
 - **Neutral:** Open Dialogue
 - **Healthy:** Reinforce Progress



COMPATABILITY MATRIX

BY PROFILE

X-Axis (Supporter) Y-Axis (Addict)	<i>Protector</i>	<i>Denier</i>	<i>Fixer</i>	<i>Rationalizer</i>	<i>Survivor (B)</i>	<i>Survivor (F)</i>	<i>Seeker</i>	<i>Builder</i>
<i>Denier</i>	● Protector shields truth → denial loop deepens.	● Mutual blindness; both defend illusion of control.	● Fixer chases, Denier deflects → exhaustion.	☐ Rationalizer normalizes behavior → co-justification.	☐ Burned-Out withdraws, Denier feels abandoned.	☐ Still-Fighter confronts lies, cracks denial.	☐ Seeker introduces perspective → awakening chance.	☐ Builder enforces structure; Denier forced to face reality.
<i>Hider</i>	● Protector's rescue reinforces secrecy.	● Denier accepts facade → deception cycle.	● Fixer hunts truth, creating paranoia.	☐ Rationalizer excuses silence → emotional distance.	☐ Burned-Out stops asking → false peace.	☐ Still-Fighter demands transparency → progress.	☐ Seeker provides safety for honesty.	☐ Builder sets accountability without shame.
<i>Rationalizer</i>	● Protector believes excuses → relapse risk.	● Denier echoes rationalizations.	● Fixer bargains endlessly → circular conflict.	● Rationalizer duet: logic over truth.	☐ Burned-Out stops arguing → cold tolerance.	☐ Still-Fighter calls BS → clarity returns.	☐ Seeker introduces empathy + facts.	☐ Builder replaces excuses with systems.
<i>Drifter</i>	● Protector overfunctions → codependency.	☐ Denier normalizes stagnation → drift continues.	● Fixer manages their life → resentment.	☐ Rationalizer reframes aimlessness as "freedom."	☐ Burned-Out detaches entirely.	☐ Still-Fighter insists on plan and routine.	☐ Seeker offers gentle direction + hope.	☐ Builder builds structure → stability grows.
<i>Survivor (H)</i>	● Protector sacrifices self → mutual burnout.	☐ Denier underestimates danger → false reassurance.	● Fixer can't "save" → despair escalates.	☐ Rationalizer minimizes pain → delayed help.	● Burned-Out mirrors despair → shutdown.	☐ Still-Fighter models resilience → slow inspiration.	☐ Seeker re-ignites belief in possibility.	☐ Builder anchors them in consistent safety.
<i>Survivor (W)</i>	☐ Protector's help feels safe but controlling.	☐ Denier celebrates small wins prematurely.	☐ Fixer collaborates but risks takeover.	☐ Rationalizer debates "best way" instead of acting.	☐ Burned-Out learns hope through their effort.	☐ Still-Fighter builds mutual accountability.	☐ Seeker becomes partner in growth.	☐ Builder mentors them into independence.
<i>Seeker</i>	☐ Protector nurtures curiosity yet fears risk.	☐ Denier feels threatened by growth.	☐ Fixer overshadows with solutions.	☐ Rationalizer intellectualizes recovery.	☐ Burned-Out regains faith seeing their effort.	☐ Still-Fighter becomes ally in learning.	☐ Seeker-Seeker = synergy of insight.	☐ Builder channels ideas into systems.
<i>Climber</i>	☐ Protector admires success → over-trusts.	● Denier praises ego → blindsided later.	☐ Fixer rides coattails → resentment.	☐ Rationalizer normalizes pride → danger zone.	☐ Burned-Out gains strength seeing leadership.	☐ Still-Fighter challenges overconfidence constructively.	☐ Seeker learns discipline from example.	☐ Builder co-creates stability and shared mission.

Prescription Matrix



Once you know the dynamic, you need direction. This Prescription Matrix offers practical actions for you and your loved one to take – specific to your profile pairing. It's not theory; it's the “how” behind your recovery relationship. Use it to your advantage, especially when you sense a lack of connection or progress.

Instructions

- Use your same profile pairing from the previous grid.
- Read your cell for direct steps and boundaries to apply now.
- Don't overthink – pick one prescription and practice it for 7 days.
- Revisit every month as your relationship and recovery evolve.



PRESCRIPTION MATRIX

BY PROFILE

X-Axis (Supporter) Y-Axis (Addict)	<i>Protector</i>	<i>Denier</i>	<i>Fixer</i>	<i>Rationalizer</i>	<i>Survivor (B)</i>	<i>Survivor (F)</i>	<i>Seeker</i>	<i>Builder</i>
<i>Denier</i>	Pull back all rescue moves. Let real consequences surface. Use honesty contracts; only help after truth.	Schedule truth checks. Both name one avoided reality each week. Use journaling as mirror.	Stop debating. Require verified actions before support. Enlist neutral mediator if cycles repeat.	Write shared facts. Replace circular logic with data (labs, finances). Review monthly.	Reset contact boundaries. Communicate only about recovery milestones until consistency proven.	Pair for truth drills. Still-Fighter leads reality checks; Denier logs one insight daily.	Seeker guides insight. Read/watch content together weekly; discuss—not argue—truth.	Builder enforces structure. Weekly goal reviews; no emotional bargaining; evidence-based check-ins.
<i>Hider</i>	Detach lovingly. Don't cover up secrets. Allow discovery without rescue.	Confront the silence. Ask direct questions; tolerate discomfort.	Replace interrogations with schedules. Agree on disclosure times; end spying cycle.	Track honesty moments. Reward transparency; confront evasion immediately.	Short calls, high honesty. Quality over frequency; protect energy.	Truth partnership. Daily "no-lie" pledge together.	Create safe space. Begin talks with empathy before accountability.	Builder creates openness. Shared tracking tool or calendar transparency policy.
<i>Rationalizer</i>	Stop validating excuses. Repeat: "Show me change, not reasons."	Use neutral third-party metrics. Data ends debate.	No more negotiating. Replace talk with written recovery plan.	Time-limit debates. Ten-minute cap; end when looping.	Withdraw from logic games. Only interact post-action, not pre-excuse.	Call distortion early. Still-Fighter names pattern; Rationalizer must restate truth.	Seeker reframes. Transform "why it's okay" into "what it costs."	Builder implements guardrails. Replace verbal plans with system automation (alarms, locks, budgets).
<i>Drifter</i>	Cease over-structuring. Let failure teach rhythm.	Audit time usage. Identify 3-hour black holes weekly.	Shift from doing-for to doing-with. Shared checklist, no micromanagement.	Install daily anchors. Rationalizer logs commitments, not feelings.	Maintain low-contact support. Text check-ins, not rescue missions.	Set weekly agenda. Still-Fighter drives consistency.	Seeker offers direction. Suggest small missions; hold accountable gently.	Builder supplies framework. Shared planner; reward completion, not perfection.
<i>Hopeless Survivor</i>	Stop martyrdom. Set self-care alarms; no emotional 911 unless life-threatening.	Refuse false comfort. Validate pain, not denial.	Switch from saving to listening. Use empathy scripts: "I hear you, and I believe you can."	Bring facts into hope. Track improvements; prove change exists.	Emergency plan. Shared safety contacts; 24-hr no-use rule post-crisis.	Model resilience. Still-Fighter demonstrates bounce-back routines.	Seeker cultivates faith. Introduce purpose practices; small hope rituals daily.	Builder anchors life systems. Fixed appointments, health plans, progress dashboards.
<i>Willing Survivor</i>	Avoid over-guiding. Celebrate independence milestones.	Discourage premature victory laps. Keep goals visible.	Share workload. Fixer lets them lead; only assist when asked.	Channel debate into design. Rationalizer organizes next-step plan.	Nurture optimism. Burned-Out observes wins; mirrors belief.	Create partnership pact. Shared accountability board.	Exchange learning. Rotate who teaches new coping tool weekly.	Builder coaches upward. Set leadership tasks; step back gradually.
<i>Seeker</i>	Balance curiosity with caution. Approve experiments only with safety plan.	Confront avoidance. Demand implementation proof for ideas discussed.	Switch from advice to co-learning. Study topics together.	Debate for discovery, not dominance. Write conclusions jointly.	Reignite engagement. Burned-Out attends one exploration activity monthly.	Pair for growth. Still-Fighter sets practice challenges.	Mirror learning. Two Seekers alternate teacher/student roles weekly.	Codify knowledge. Builder translates insights into repeatable systems.
<i>Climber</i>	Set humility triggers. Remind them progress ≠ immunity.	Reality audits. Quarterly review by neutral party.	Share spotlight. Fixer acknowledges strengths but demands reciprocity.	Track ego drift. Rationalizer logs pride-based decisions.	Ground success. Burned-Out gains hope seeing sustainable balance.	Challenge plateau. Still-Fighter calls out stagnation respectfully.	Mentor exchange. Seeker learns discipline; Climber learns vulnerability.	Co-lead initiatives. Builder + Climber create structured service projects; mutual review.

Your Road Ahead

Guardrails that keep you steady as you Grow Forward.

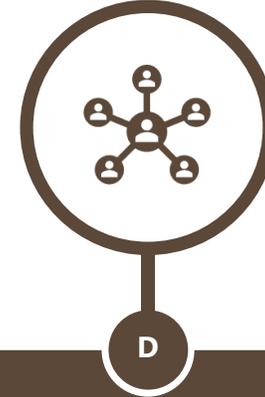
PROTECTION

Establish clear boundaries around people, places, and situations that compromise safety or progress. Protect your environment and self at all costs.



STRUCTURE

Maintain a consistent daily rhythm – sleep, nutrition, movement, scheduled work. Structure replaces chaos and strengthens cognitive control over impulse.



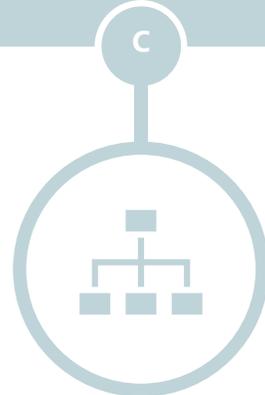
EXPANSION

As stability strengthens, introduce growth goals beyond sobriety – learning, community, mentorship. Recovery should evolve into purpose, not maintenance.



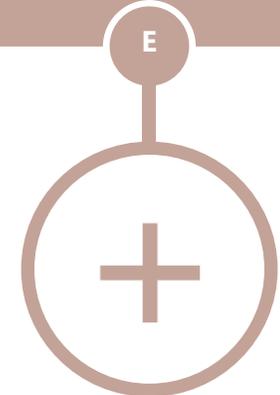
ACCOUNTABILITY

Identify individuals and plans to hold you accountable to measurable commitments. Regular, honest check-ins reduce isolation and reinforce behavioral consistency.



CONNECTION

Sustained recovery requires healthy relationships. Prioritize communication with those who model stability, and avoid relationships driven by guilt, dependency, or secrecy.



Recovery isn't about who you were before—it's about who you choose to be consistently from here on out.

Thank You

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