

FREEDOM FROM  
**ADDICTION**  
STARTS HERE



**Adult & Teen Challenge**  
Northeastern Wisconsin



# THE WAY

**Most people living with addiction do not know how to escape the chaos on their own.**

The Mission of Adult & Teen Challenge of Northeastern Wisconsin is to provide support for individuals seeking to gain freedom from chemical addictions and other life-controlling problems by addressing their **spiritual, physical and emotional needs.**



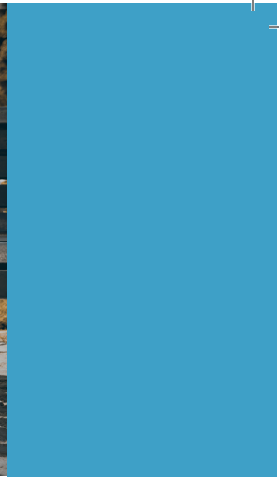
In Brown County\*  
**18-24** YR. OLDS  
**RANKED #1** IN THE NATION  
FOR BINGE DRINKING

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**IN WISCONSIN\***  
**EVERY AGE GROUP**  
**BINGE DRINKS** MORE THAN  
THE U.S. MEDIAN AVERAGE

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# THE HOW THE SOLUTION

We offer a long-term, faith-based recovery program for those struggling with drug and alcohol addiction. This program is specifically designed to help individuals find healing and freedom from chemical dependencies. The damaging effects of addiction extend far beyond the damage to oneself to co-workers, friends, family and even to the community as a whole.

Our proven approach to helping people overcome their life-controlling issues includes a focus on healing the heart and providing the tools needed to end destructive patterns and establish healthy ones by using a holistic, bible-based curriculum along with pastoral counseling.

This residential recovery program is for men 18+ who struggle with life-controlling chemical dependency issues. Our one-year program is designed for those needing time and space to find freedom and healing to reclaim their lives and families.

Our experienced, compassionate staff and supportive living community will provide the time, tools and support needed to create a new and brighter path for your life.

**Our goal is life transformation and total restoration.**

**ILLEGAL USE\***  
**of Opioids, Heroin & Pain Meds Is**  
**RISING**

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# THE PROGRAM



The program is divided into 4 levels and takes 12 months to complete. Each level is designed to build on the foundation of the previous level. Clients work to overcome self-destructive patterns associated with their substance use.

## BUILDING A SOLID FOUNDATION

- 1 Accept-** Recognition of destructive habits and thoughts that lead to substance abuse.
- 2 Heal-** Focus on healing the wounds of any trauma, past failures and broken relationships.
- 3 Discover-** Through character development and spiritual growth, an individual will identify personal strengths and individual goals.
- 4 Practice-** Transitioning into the future includes employment/education plans, housing, financial planning, relationship skills, support system evaluation, leadership skills and relapse prevention strategies.

**Additional:** Individual pastoral counseling, marriage and family sessions. Also, tailored assignments or 'contracts' with individuals to meet specific needs.

We are a completely tobacco-free organization. We know that's difficult for some people, but we want what's best for clients, staff and volunteers.



**78%** Stay Drug & Alcohol <sup>\*</sup>  
**FREE**  
of Our Program  
Graduates

\*2019 research and study conducted by Evangel University

# COMMUNITY **LIVING**

**Our goal is to create a living environment that is safe, supportive, therapeutic and peaceful.**

## **CHOIR PARTICIPATION**

A client will be a member of the **atcnew** choir and will travel to different churches on Sunday mornings. It is a great way to praise and worship as a community plus an outreach to church partners and hurting individuals. (Our shared stories encourage hurting individuals to seek help.) Financial offerings help support our clients.

## **SPIRITUAL GROWTH**

Regular church services, weekly chapels, participation in bible study groups and other support and recovery groups all help in the growth process.

## **RECREATION**

Physical activity provides a range of benefits from improving fitness, building comradery, reducing symptoms of anxiety and depression; it's also linked to higher brain function.

## **MENTORING**

Approved volunteer/mentors come alongside our clients to help foster spiritual growth and continued sobriety. The program is voluntary and is open to all clients in the long-term program.



# COST & SERVICES



**We are primarily funded from local churches, businesses, foundations, grants and individuals.**

Because of this, we help clients who do not have the financial resources for traditional treatment. Cost is not a barrier to helping those who are ready to change their lives.

Through amazing partnerships with our local healthcare entities, we are able to outsource all of our clients' medical and mental health needs. Supervision is provided by our program staff 24-hours a day to allow a safe and structured environment for our clients.

In our 4-level residential recovery program, we meet each client where they're at, and we encourage them to take ownership of their life by demonstrating positive spiritual, mental and emotional growth. We work with them through the different levels, each with its own therapeutic focus, life skills and behavioral milestones. Throughout our program, we stress the importance of spiritual development, connection to faith-based activities, character assessment and creating a community of positive support and reinforcement.

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*

*JEREMIAH 29:11 NIV*



# OUR DIRECTOR

## Vaushawn Johnson

Vaushawn's early years were riddled with chaos as he watched his mother and stepfather's desperate struggle with cocaine addiction. Growing up in the inner city of Minneapolis, Vaushawn was heavily influenced by his parents' addictive lifestyle, poverty, drug dealers and gang activity, and he went down the destructive path of becoming a drug abuser and dealer himself. After multiple run-ins with law enforcement, Vaushawn was apprehended and incarcerated in 2008 on 1st degree controlled substance charges. In county jail, Vaushawn heard the gospel of Jesus Christ, which led to his salvation and a new way of life.

Though he was facing significant prison time for his crimes, the judge instead granted him the opportunity to enter the Minnesota Adult & Teen Challenge one-year recovery program. Vaushawn knew that this was exactly the chance he needed to turn his life around and grow in his faith. He completed the program in 2009 with a deep need to help others like himself break free from addiction. He entered a two-year training center at Adult & Teen Challenge Ministry Institute to pursue a ministry career. After completing the training, Vaushawn became an ordained minister and has dedicated the last decade of his life to helping hundreds of men find freedom from addiction and discover God's purpose for their lives.



Vaushawn served seven years as the Program Manager at the Minneapolis Adult & Teen Challenge and over two years in prison ministry as the Program Director for Prison Fellowship at Lino Lakes Correctional Facility in Minnesota.

In Fall of 2020, Vaushawn accepted the role of Executive Director to plant a men's Adult & Teen Challenge in Northeastern Wisconsin. Vaushawn, his wife Christi and their four children are excited to be part of the local community serving people struggling with addiction. They desire to bring healing and restoration to broken individuals and their families through the freedom found in Jesus Christ.



**200+**  
U.S. A&TC  
Centers

**1,400+**  
A&TC Centers  
Worldwide

***“Hope lives here, Freedom is found here...  
and changed lives leave here.”***

David Wilkerson,  
Founder of Adult & Teen Challenge



## OUR HISTORY

- David Wilkerson hit the streets of New York in 1958 to help.
- The first recovery center for adolescent boys was opened in December of 1960.
- The program became so successful it expanded its services to adult men & women, as well as women with children.
- There are over 200 centers in the United States.
- There are over 1,400 centers worldwide in 125 different nations.



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