COLUMBIA COUNTY PATHWAYS TO RECOVERY (CCPR) JANUARY 2026 Newsletter



Columbia County Pathways to
Recovery is a RCO (Recovery
Community Organization) – a
grassroots group which grew out of
the concern for a need for awareness,
education, advocacy, and change in
regard to the public health crisis of
addiction.



Stories of Impact:

- Recovery goes beyond quitting substance use.
- Stories of Recovery

 Liz, Albany, NY
- A Story of Resilience: Meet James

In this newsletter you can expect:

Community Updates

Schedule of Meetings and Events

> Recovery News

List of Local Food Pantries

Resources and HELP Lines

Harmreduction and
Prevention
Education

Hardships often
prepare
ordinary people
for an
extraordinary
destiny.

Sponsor Highlight of the Month:

Ascenzio Family Foundation

This month, we celebrate the Ascenzio Family Foundation, the newest foundation to join our efforts in supporting local initiatives.

We also extend our heartfelt thanks for their recent donation to our Wellness Speakers Series, coming this spring to Columbia County Schools.

Their ongoing commitment to giving back helps strengthen our community every day.

If you would like to make a contribution to our efforts, please click here.

OUR NEW WEBSITE HAS LAUNCHED!

columbiapathwaystorecovery.org

Stay Connected

Follow us for updates, holiday hours, and event reminders: Facebook & Instagram: @ColumbiaPathwaysToRecovery

Interested in Volunteering?

Ask staff or visit our website to learn simple ways to support the center this winter.

CCPR Recovery Community Cener

📍 1 Taconic Place, Chatham, NY columbiapathwaystorecovery.org 518-966-2775 | 877-HOPE-365

January 2026



♠ ALSO - MON/TUES/WED afternoon/eve BY APPOINTMENT - CRAFT (Community) Reinforcement and Family Training) one-on-one support meetings 📞 Call Barbara 518-764-1749.

🤎 All are welcome in our safe, nonjudgmental space.



Thank you for an amazing year!

As the 2026 year begins, we extend our sincere thank you to the individuals, businesses, and volunteers who stood with us and helped shape a meaningful 2025 year.

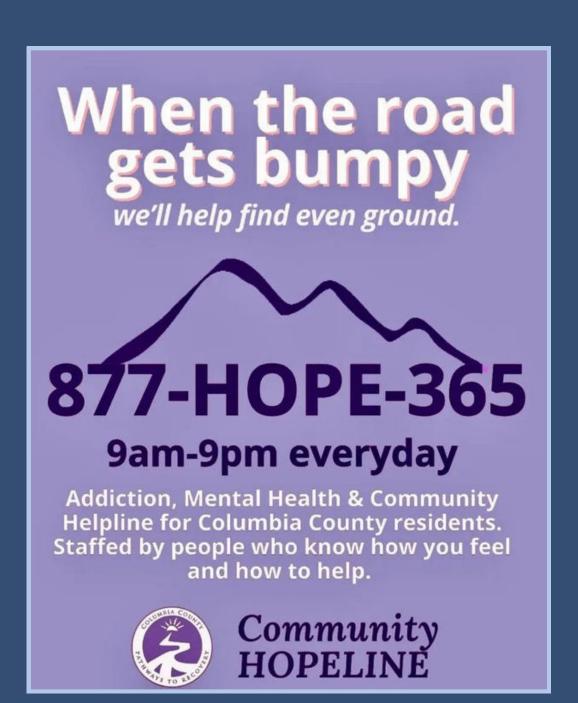


We are incredibly grateful to everyone who contributed to Columbia County Pathways to Recovery. Your generosity helps provide vital peer support, resources, and connection for individuals and families affected by substance use.

Every donation—big or small—creates real pathways to healing and recovery across our community. Thanks to you, hope is stronger, and recovery is possible for even more people. From all of us, thank you for making a difference!

New Year, New Beginnings!

If you're seeking help for alcohol or other drug use or mental health support options are available. Taking that first step can lead to health & healing. You're not alone—help is available.



2024 New Year! New You! Wellness Tips

- 1. Set realistic, attainable goals. Focus on short-term, realistic goals to get to long-term objectives. Creating New Year resolutions that are overly ambitious or "big" can lead to disappointment and frustration, which may adversely affect your mental health. Instead, focus on setting small, manageable goals. For instance, rather than aiming to "eliminate stress," consider incorporating daily mindfulness practices or allocating specific weekly time for self-care activities.
- 2. Fitness that fits. Find a fitness routine that fits your lifestyle and schedule. Let fitness be incorporated into your daily lifestyle by taking the stairs, short walks, or moderate chores. Consider activities with family and friends that revolve around movement, not food.
- **3. Prioritize self-care.** Self-care is not a luxury; it's a necessity for good mental health. Commit to prioritize self-care in your daily and weekly routines. Whether taking a leisurely walk, practicing meditation, indulging in a hobby, or simply allocating time for relaxation, prioritize activities that rejuvenate your mind and spirit.
- 4. Be kind to yourself. As you embark on a new year filled with aspirations and resolutions, be kind and compassionate to yourself. Accept that setbacks might occur and know it's okay to recalibrate your goals throughout your journey.
- **5. Everyday eating.** Small steps can help you get on the road to maintaining a healthy weight. Watch your portion size by eating off smaller plates and sharing high-calorie foods. Change the way you prepare food by cutting back on added fats, grilling instead of frying, and eating more whole grains. Adjust your eating habits by drinking water before a meal, eailing before you get too hungry, and stopping eating when you're full.
- **6. Track your progress.** Reflect on what worked and what didn't, adjusting routines for continued improvement.
- 7. Use the SMART Approach. Effective goals are specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, and time-bound (SMART). For example, rather than saying, "I want to improve my recovery." try, "I will attend four alumni events this year to strengthen my recovery community."

School Wellness Speakers Series Announcement



We are thrilled to announce that, thanks to the generosity of our incredible funders, we will be able to bring our School Wellness Speakers Series to the middle schools of Columbia County!

We would like to extend a special thank you to Ascenzio Family Foundation, Kinderhook Toyota, Stewart's Shops, and Columbia-Greene Addiction Coalition whose contributions make this possible.

Your commitment to our community helps empower students with the tools, resources, and support they need to thrive.

Together, we are creating a healthier, stronger future for our youth!

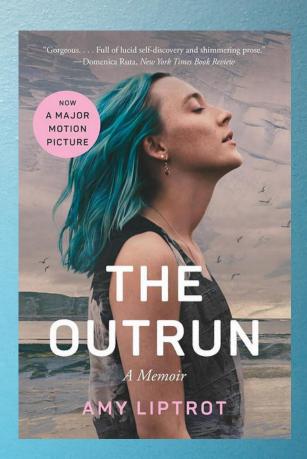


- Crisis Intervention Training aiding overdose decline
- OASAS Shows Significant Progress in 2025, Sets Course for 2026
- Researchers testing molecules that may reduce opioid overdose deaths
- <u>Sustainment of Integrated Care in Addiction Treatment</u>
 <u>Settings</u>
- Law reauthorizes SUD programs through fiscal 2030

Book of the Month

The Outrun by Amy Liptrot

The Outrun is a deeply personal memoir by Amy
Liptrot about her struggle with alcoholism and her
journey into recovery. After a decade of heavy drinking
and a chaotic life in London, she returns to her
windswept childhood home in the Orkney Islands off
northern Scotland following rehab. There, immersed in
the wild natural world — from frigid ocean swims to
birdwatching and solitary walks — Liptrot gradually
rebuilds her life, finding solace, resilience, and hope in
the landscape and community around her. The book
blends honest reflections on addiction with lyrical
nature writing, offering a powerful story of healing,
self-discovery, and the possibility of transformation.





Glear Mind Sticker Design Contest

Greene and Columbia County Youth!

You are invited to submit a substance use prevention image promoting a substance-free or CLEAR MIND lifestyle
You can focus on ANY substance or combination such as Cannabis (edibles, vaping, smoking),
Alcohol and Prescription Pills.

3 winners from 2 age groups (10–13, 14–18) will receive \$75, \$50, and \$25 gift cards AND copies of their sticker!

Winning Designs from 2025:







Deadline for Submission:

JANUARY 30, 2026 at 11:59pm

Scan QR code to upload your design

or mail to:

Columbia-Greene Addiction
Coalition
PO Box 845
Hudson, NY 12534
please include participant's age,
name and address

CONTACT: Toby@c-gac.org or 518.303.3665 with QUESTIONS

Clubhouse presents **YOUNG ADULT NIGHT**



NEW GROUP Come Join us!

Young Adult Centered (18-35) Community Engagements Harm Reduction & Recovery Discussions Games 1st Group Skill Building Creative Arts

Join us at MHACG Offices 713 Union Street, Hudson

Light Refreshments Will Be Provided

December 10th 5 pm - 6:30 pm



CCPR Meetings and Events



Young People's Coffee & Recovery Hour



THE 2ND AND 4TH THURSDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7:30PM

@ CCPR RECOVERY COMMUNITY
OUTREACH CENTER

1 TACONIC PLACE, CHATHAM, NY

Come hang out for an open hour of casual conversations and discussions about recovery. This is not a 12-step meeting or structured group; we welcome anyone at any stage of recovery to join us.

Call or text 518-495-4796 or 518-816-7751

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Pathways to Recovery, Inc. (CCPR)
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518-966-2775



HELPLINE 877-HOPE-365 9am-9pm | 7days



REFUGE RECOVERY

Earlybird every 2nd Saturday
8 AM - 9 AM

Columbia County Pathways to Recovery Center 1 Taconic Place Chatham, NY 12037



columbiapathwaystorecovery@gmail.com

Refuge Recovery is a
Buddhist-inspired,
non-theistic approach
to addiction recovery.
It offers a path to
healing that doesn't
rely on a higher power,
but instead on
mindfulness,
compassion, and
personal responsibility.



Location: Columbia County Pathways to Recovery at 1 Taconic Pl. Chatham,

Contact Bee via email: recovering.naturehv@gmail.com

Enjoy tea and moving meditation practice.

CREATIVE WRITING FOR RECOVERY

THURSDAY EVENINGS 7:00 PM STARTING DECEMBER 4TH

Open to all looking for a safe place to share experiences, reflections on recovery, and give voice for future hopes through creative writing.

Location:

Columbia County Pathways to Recovery 1 Taconic Place, Chatham, NY 12037

CONTACT: SCOTT FINNEGAN FINNEGANSCOTT@YAHOO.COM

CCPR RECOVERY COMMUNITY CENTER – DROP-IN HOURS

1 TACONIC PLACE, CHATHAM, NY

Tuesdays Fridays 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Looking for help with a résumé, job search, or recovery support? Or maybe you just need a quiet place to relax?



- Friendly conversation
- One-on-one support
- 6 Chill movie corner
- Free access to computers
- Kids playroom

No pressure. No appointments. Just drop in.

NEW! FREE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
– STARTING JUNE 10

Tuesdays & Fridays | 9:00 AM -2:00

Three loops per day Hudson-Chatham publictransportation.columbiacountyny.com





columbia pathwaystore covery@gmail.com

SMART Recovery Meeting

(Self Management and Recovery Training)

Where people choose their own goals, skills and tools.

SMART Recovery is an evidencedinformed recovery method grounded in Rational Emotive Behavioral Therapy (REBT) and Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT),

that supports people with substance dependencies and mental health needs, led by trained volunteers.

Every Monday @ 7:30 PM

Smart Recovery
is a fresh
approach to
addiction
recovery.

A non-12 step and selfempowering approach to overcoming addictive behaviors and leading a balanced life.

CCPR Recovery Community Outreach Center #1 Taconic Place, Chatham, NY 12037



Supporting Families Affected by Substance Use

- Do you have a loved one struggling with substance use?
- Feeling overwhelmed, helpless, or unsure what to do next?
- Want healthier ways to communicate without conflict or fear?

CCPR is now offering One-on-One Family Support

using **CRAFT** (Community Reinforcement and Family Training).

CRAFT helps families:

- Improve communication
- Reduce conflict
- Encourage positive change
- Take care of yourself, too

Available:

Monday · Tuesday · Wednesday Late afternoons or evenings

Call Barbara: 518-764-1749

Confidential • Supportive • Judgment-free

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Co-Sponsored by Northeast Community Action Partnership (NECAP)

CCPR MEETINGS



Tuesdays @ 7:30pm

Tuesday Traditions &

Steps
OPEN MEETING

LOCATION

Columbia County Pathways to Recovery
Community Outreach Center
#1 Taconic Place, Rte 66, Chatham, NY 12037

Contact Us: 518-966-2775

SEE YOU AT THE AA MEETING

Thursdays @ 6pm Men's Meeting

Thirsty for Recovery CLOSED MEETING

LOCATION

Columbia County Pathways to Recovery
Community Outreach Center
#1 Taconic Place, Rte 66, Chatham, NY 12037

Contact Us: Frank @ 518-755-0236



Tuesdays @ 6pm

Step Sisters
Women's 12 Step Study Group

OPEN MEETING

LOCATION

Columbia County Pathways to Recovery
Community Outreach Center
#1 Taconic Place, Rte 66, Chatham, NY 12037

Contact Us: Michele @ 518-929-2014



Saturday @ 7pm

How It Works

CLOSED MEETING

LOCATION

Columbia County Pathways to Recovery
Community Outreach Center
#1 Taconic Place, Rte 66, Chatham, NY 12037

Contact Us: 518-966-2775



CONNECTION NETWORK



COME CONNECT WITH FELLOW MEMBERS OF THE QUEER AND TRANS COMMUNITY, EXCHANGE RESOURCES AND BUILD RESILIENCY!

CRAFT NIGHT

Date/Time

2nd Tuesdays 6-8

Location

ARTLife717 Gallery 717 Columbia Street Hudson

GAME NIGHT

Date/Time

Every other Friday 6-8 (contact toby@c-gac.org for dates)

Location

#1 Taconic Place
Chatham
(entrance in back)

COMMUNITY NIGHT

Date/Time

Every Thursday 5-7

Location

#1 Taconic Place
Chatham
(entrance in back)

we are looking to expand into Greene County! get in touch if you want to be involved

CONTACT TOBY@C-GAC.ORG
for more info, virtual link, or help
with transportation
children are welcome







FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM @QTCONNECTIONCG

SUPPORT SAFE HOLIDAYS

This holiday season, **prevent harm** and **promote joy** at your bar or restaurant.

GIFTS YOU'LL GET

- Learn Tools for Safe Alcohol Serving
- Overdose Prevention Training
- FREE Narcan, Test Strips & More!
- Community Recognition
- 30 minutes or less!

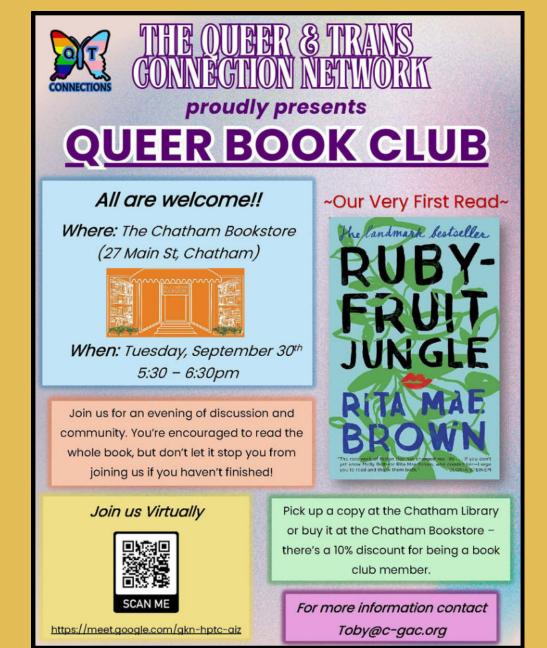
GIFTS YOU'LL GIVE

- Prevent Accidents Drunk Driving deaths rise during the holidays.
- Save Lives Overdose rates increase during the holidays.
- Promote Joy More people feel stressed during this season.



TO SCHEDULE CONTACT
INFO@C-GAC.ORG 518.303.3665
LEARN MORE WWW.C-GAC.ORG



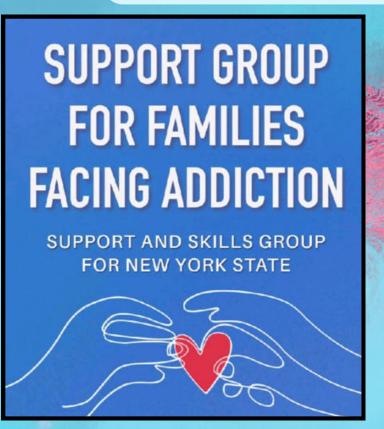


Queer Trans
Craft Night

every 2nd Tuesday of the month
at ARTLife 717

ITC: Invitation to Change

An empowering approach for families and triends of people struggling with substance use. Learn new ways to support your loved one—and yourself.



Support and Strategies for anyone helping a person who uses substances

FREE Group in Hudson and on Zoom

Thursdays 6:00 - 7:30 pm Starting Jan 9th 2025 Clubhouse of MHACG 47 North 5th St Hudson, NY 12534

This is an ongoing, drop-in anytime, peer supported, facilitated group - come check it out!

Invitation to Change A different approach to addiction

- Learn tools for helping
- · Deepen understanding about substance use
- · Strengthen relationships and communication

For more about ITC visit cmcffc.org or contact Jaime Cooper at btitcgroup@gmail.com



SCAN OR CLICK HERE TO
LEARN MORE AND
REGISTER!









Why Join ITC?

- Learn practical tools for helping without judgment
- Strengthen communication and relationships
- Find support and understanding among peers



"Change begins the moment we stop asking others to be different and start seeing how we can show up differently ourselves."

AL-ANON MEETING







A 12-STEP SUPPORT PROGRAM FOR

FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF PEOPLE WITH ALCOHOL OR SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROBLEMS

THURSDAY MORNINGS FROM 9-10A.M. WEEKLY

129 HUDSON AVE.
CHATHAM, NY 12037
ENTER THROUGH THE BACK ENTRANCE

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL OR TEXT: STEVE M. @310-433-5192

Youth Resources



Hudson, NY Youth Clubhouse 47 North 5th Street Hudson, NY 12534

Facebook

Clubhouses

Website

Catskill, NY Youth Clubhouse 455 Main St Catskill, NY 12414 (518) 491-2432

MHACG Offers:

Children and Family Treatment & Support Services
After School & Mentoring
Health Care Coordination
Mobile Crisis (MCAT)

AND MORE!

Online Youth Resources

CATCHING IT EARLY

If you're worried about drug or alcohol use, you're not alone. Our online resources offer evidence-based information and practical tools to help you understand, prevent, and respond with care.

Learn More

Tools for Kids is a valuable resource to read with children who are impacted by the disease of addiction. These kids deserve to have a safe, caring adult sit with them, remind them they are not alone, and read this together.

Click Here

LOCAL RECOVERY RESOURCES:

Columbia County Pathways To

Recovery Helpline

☎ 877-HOPE-365

877-467-3365 9am to 9pm 7 Days A Week

We Can Help Connect You To Recovery Options To Guide You On Your Journey To Recovery

#HopeInRecovery



No Judgement No Shaming No Preaching JUST LOVE!

Call if you're going to use when you're alone. An operator will ask for your first name, EXACT location, and the # you're calling from. If you stop responding after using, we will notify EMS of your location, & possible overdose.

1(877)696-1996 www.NeverUseAlone.com

Is gambling taking a toll on your financial situation?

Millions of Americans are financially affected by problem gambling every year.

Find out how much money gambling costs you each year at knowtheodds.org/cost-

of-gambling

If you and/or a loved one is impacted by gambling problem, support is available!

PROBLEM GAMBLING
NORTHEAST
RESOURCE CENTER

1-518-801-1491

NortheastPGRC@nyproblemgambling.org

NYCPG
New York Council on Problem Gambling

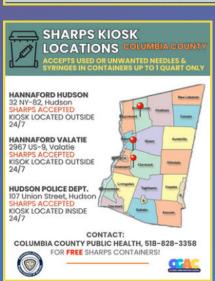


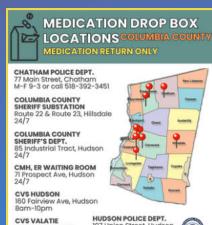
160 Fairview Ave, Hudson, NY 12534

WHAT WE OFFER

- HIV/STI testing
- PrEP & PEP services
- Housing support
- Syringe exchange

Click Here to learn more about Alliance





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2967 US-9, Valat 7am-10pm

32 NY-82, Hudson 7am-10pm Naloxone Box Locations in Columbia County, NY

CLICK HERE FOR MAP



Columbia County Food Pantries:

Food Pantries near Chatham, NY Food Pantries in Hudson, NY

Tracy Memorial Village Silent Food Pantry.

Tracy Memorial Village Hall Basement (enter through back door) 77 Main Street Chatham, NY 12037

MONDAYS: 10:00-12:00noon TUESDAYS: 10:00-12:00noon CLOSED WEDNESDAYS THURSDAYS: 4:00-6:00pm FRIDAYS: 10:00-12:00noon

518-392-7794 chathamsilentpantry@gmail.com

Ghent, NY Food Pantry

Hours: Monday through Thursday 9:00am - 12:00pm For more information, please call (518) 392-4644 2306 NY-66, Ghent, NY 12037

Seventh-day Adventist church food pantry

Drive-thru Hours: Saturday May 15, August 21, November 20 2:00 pm to 4;00 pm First-come first-serve basis. For more information, please call, (518) 784-4400, for details or questions or just stop by.

Mellenville-Philmont Food Pantry at Claverack Town Hall

Food Pantry Distribution Hours: Tuesdays 10:30am - 11:30am and 5:30pm - 6:30pm (518) 672-7911

- Columbia Opportunities Food Pantry & Emergency Assistance (Please call ahead for an appointment) (518) 828-4611 540 Columbia Street, Hudson, NY, 12534
- Rock Solid Church Food Pantry 2nd and 4th Friday of the month from 10-12 noon, adding 1st and 3rd Thursday from 4-5pm Pre-packaged groceries (518) 828-2444 334 Union St., Hudson, NY 12534
- Salvation Army Food Pantry Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 8am-10am. Pre-packed groceries Pre-packaged groceries. Monday -Friday, 11:30-12:30 (518) 822-1602 40 S. Third St., Hudson, NY 12534
- St. Mark's Lutheran Food Pantry Mon and Thurs, 9-12 noon Pre-packed bags of groceries going forward (518) 822-1688 200 Fairview Ave., Hudson, NY 12534
- Time & Space Limited 5:30 PM comfort food suppers for pick-up or delivery \$5, or pay what you can Order ahead of time: (518) 822-8100 or jeff@timeandspace.org 434 Columbia St., Hudson, NY 12534
- Zion Community Food Pantry 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from 5:30pm 6:30pm, and 1st and 4th Friday of the month from noon to 1pm. They offer grocery bag delivery to Providence Hall on 3rd Tuesday; available to 70+, and handicapped. Please sign up on the sheet in Providence Hall (518) 610-1980 Bliss Towers; 41 N. Second St., Hudson, NY 12534
- Our Community Cares is an organization that provides emotional and financial support to residents of Columbia County who are experiencing hardships.

Click here for website

We would like to express our gratitude to all of our donors, contributors and volunteers who have continued to support us.

Your generosity and dedication has allowed Columbia County Pathways to Recovery to continue its programs and meetings, offering help and resources to our loved community.

2025 Grants:

OASAS—grant through NYS SENATOR MICHELE HINCHEY; Local Impact Initiative grant SAMHSA—Community Talks

Berkshire Taconic Foundation—Fund for Columbia County and Technology grants

The Ackerman Foundation
Community Bank NA
Clara Gott Incentive Fund
The Bank of Greene
County
Clara Gott Fund
Ascienzo Family
Foundation

2025 Individual Donors:

Dr Joseph Lalka and Teresa Ribadeneyra Donna and Wesley Coon Northlands Foundation Wheelock Whitney **Kneller Insurance** First Fuel & Heating Frank Marshall Long Energy Ginsberg's Foods Joseph Lalley Metz-Wood Insurance Framarin family Callander's Nursery Coon Self Storage **Ghent Reformed Church** Northern Columbia Lions Club Rotary Club of Northern Columbia Columbia County Health and Human Services

Thank you for reading!

RECOVERY ISN'T ABOUT PERFECTION, IT'S ABOUT DIRECTION.

Kinderhook Toyota

Columbia Coun	ıty
Columbia Coun Pathways to Reco	véry

(518) 966-2775

New Website coming soon!

<u>Facebook</u>: CCPR's Main Page
<u>Facebook</u>: Community Outreach

Center

CCPR's Instagram:

Address: #1 Taconic Place, Rt 66

Chatham, NY 12037

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 486,

Ghent, NY 12075