



Monday, April 22, 2019

Re: I Am Recovery—Tawanda Murray

To Whom It May Concern,

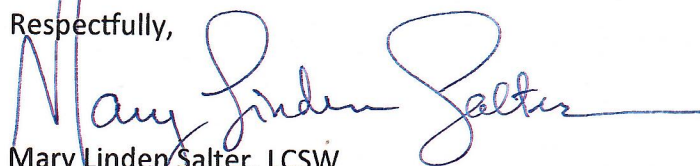
On behalf of the Tennessee Association of Alcohol, Drug and other Addiction Services (TAADAS), I am pleased to support the application of Tawanda Murray to implement the I Am Recovery program for persons served by Safe Baby Courts or re-entry programs. Tawanda joined TAADAS in 2014 and has been involved in several TAADAS initiatives, including development of the Recovery Housing Transformation Team and several training programs. TAADAS is a statewide association of alcohol and drug abuse professionals and organizations across Tennessee. We represent over 70 agencies statewide and over 50 individual member professionals. Our membership includes treatment agencies, prevention coalitions and recovery courts as well as individuals.

TAADAS recognizes the importance of employing individuals with lived experience in our field. TAADAS regularly employs and utilizes such volunteers, as well as Certified Peer Recovery Specialists in TAADAS programs. Tawanda is a Certified Peer Recovery Specialist who will be able to provide psychosocial programs that support recovery through her non-profit, I Am Recovery. Tawanda understands that intricacies of the service delivery system and how to support the psychosocial needs of those working on their recovery while promoting a more recovery oriented system of care through her program.

If this grant is awarded, TAADAS pledges to support I Am Recovery implementation and to support its realization. TAADAS will happily assist and promote this program in whatever ways are open to us. We look forward to continued partnership with I Am Recovery and anticipate the success of their program.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like more information about TAADAS and our support for this application. I can be reached at 615-780-5901, x- 18 or marylinden@taadas.org. We appreciate you giving their application your full consideration.

Respectfully,


Mary Linden Salter, LCSW
Executive Director