

My name is Caitlyn Jordan, and I am a person in recovery from substance use disorder, and a Recovery Coach, here at the Bangor Area Recovery Network. I am calling on the appropriations committee to fund LD 1714, to make sure places like the BARN can continue to help people like me and so many others who have come into our doors.

Becoming a recovery coach, here at the BARN has given me a sense of purpose, being able to see people come into the center completely broken and seeing them grow over the time of them being here has been truly nothing but inspiring. This Recovery center has been a big part of my journey as well, When I first came into the Bangor Area Recovery Network a little over 2 years ago now, I was broken, I had just tried to end my life, I had no hope whatsoever. I finally found a place to call home. I found a place that accepted me and had created a heavy support system. The BARN truly is a place many people call home, because of this center I have seen people go from their most broken version to their most healed version of themselves. We have seen people who were unhoused for 6-7 years to getting housed and the amount of support our community shows for these individuals is inspiring on so many levels. When people come into our center, they are looking for resources that they may not have ever been able to attain if it wasn't for them coming into the center and getting help finding those. We have peer support services such as myself, a volunteer system, we have meetings and different activities throughout the day as well. Sometimes for some people it looks like coming into the center to get snacks and play card games throughout the day to feel at home and get connected.