The Philosophy

Peer pressure can push a man on to his greatest limits and achievements, sometimes surmounting obstacles he once perceived impossible, once it is used positively.

The philosophy of the Centre is based on the use of positive peer pressure in an environment of love and concern, tested only by man's willingness to be true to himself.

PLEDGE OF THE PIPARO EMPOWERMENT CENTRE

"I am here because there is no refuge finally from myself. Until I confront myself in the eyes and hearts of others, I am running. Until I suffer them to share my secrets, I have no safety from them. Afraid to be known, I can know neither myself nor any other; I will be alone.

Where else but in this common ground can I find such mirror? Here, together, I can at last appear clearly to myself. Not as the giant of my dreams or the dwarf of my fears, but as a person, part of a whole with my share in its purpose. In this ground I can take root and grow, not alone anymore as in death, but alive to myself and to others."

Vision

A dynamic, service-driven organisation that delivers premium social services towards the achievement of sustainable human and social development

Mission

Positively transforming the lives of the people of Trinidad and Tobago through the provision of quality social services.

Objectives of the P.E.C

The Piparo Empowerment Centre is an internationally acclaimed Therapeutic Community (TC), which will become the hub of successful treatment, rehabilitation and training in the Caribbean and where recovering persons with substance use disorders are empowered to achieve their fullest potential.

To provide for the rehabilitation and empowerment of persons affected by substance abuse, employing the principles of responsible love and concern, with the highest professional standards using all available resources and networking with relevant agencies.

For Further Information:

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"Sobriety Starts Here"

HELPING
EMPOWERING
TRANSFORMING
LIVES



What we do?

The Piparo Empowerment Centre is a Therapeutic Community (TC) where males 18 years and over whose lives are negatively affected by substance abuse, support each other in their search for recovery, re- introduction into society and a better life.

The Centre, was established in 2001 and has a capacity for 50 persons. It is operated by the Government of Trinidad and Tobago through the Ministry of the Social Development and Family Services and as such, the residents benefit from the network of services throughout this Ministry

The Centre maintains a liaison with the following programmes:

- The Multi-Sector Skills Training Programme (MuST)
- The Youth Training and Employment Partnership Programme (YTEPP)
- The National Energy Skills Center (NESC)
- Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC)
- Ministry of Community Development Culture and the Arts
- University of the West Indies Open Campus
- Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries
- MYLATT/MYPATT
- The CEPEP Company Limited

How do I Benefit from the Centre?

- Assessment and Referrals
- Individual and Group Counselling
- Family Therapy and Counselling
- Vocational and Pro-vocational Training
- Remedial Education
- Employment opportunities
- Re-Entry (Social Re-Integration)
- Follow Up and Aftercare

Expected Impacts

- To reduce the number of person with a substance use disorder in the population through both reactive and proactive measures.
- To reduce poverty in the society.
- To reduce the number of potential criminal elements in society.
- Building new skills.
- Increasing/ improving the work force of the country.

Man Helping Man to Help Himself

How can I Join?

Persons can admit themselves, or can be admitted with assistance of family members. Assessments for admission are conducted every Wednesday from 9 am to 1 pm.



Appointments are not necessary.

A person can also access the programme through the Social Displacement Unit of the Ministry of Social Development and Family Services, located at 45A – 45C St. Vincent Street, Port of Spain.

Appointments can be made in advance by calling 623-2608 ext. 3000-3005. Special consideration is given to persons with disabilities interested in recovery from drug abuse.



ADMISSION CRITERIA

Persons wishing to join the programme must:

- Be male 18 years and over.
- Have admitted to having a drug problem.
- Complete medical tests for STD's, HIV, Tuberculosis and obtain Medical Certificate of fitness.
- Be screened and approved by the Piparo Empowerment Centre.
- Persons must adhere to the dress code of the PEC.

You must submit:

- 2 passport sized photos
- 1 form of ID (ID card/ Passport / Drivers license)
- A detailed report of the psychiatric history of the client (applicable to psychiatric clients only).