



Our mission: To provide services for treating substance use, mental health, and homelessness so that individuals may return to the community as responsible, employed, and permanently housed contributing members of society.

March 2023

Letter From Ken Vick, Executive Director

Benilde Hall is making history. We have been a major force in creating the first-ever state, national, and international credential for Harm Reduction. SAMHSA stated, “The U.S. is experiencing the most significant substance use and overdose epidemic it has ever faced, exacerbated by a worldwide pandemic, and driven by the proliferation of highly potent synthetic opioids containing primarily fentanyl and other analogues. Harm reduction services save lives by being available and accessible in a matter that emphasizes the need for humility and compassion toward people who use drugs. Harm reduction plays a significant role in preventing drug-related deaths and offering access to healthcare, social services, and treatment. These services decrease overdose fatalities, acute life-threatening infections related to unsterile drug injection, and chronic diseases such as HIV/HCV.”

There is a phrase used in recovery, “dead people don’t find recovery.” I want people to live to be able to return to a life that is fulfilling. We can do more to add layers of safety for those that struggle. The more we can create a safe place for people to grow without negative judgements, we will see this crisis decrease.

You can find this training on the Missouri Credentialing Board's website by clicking [here](#). We are working to help our communities. Please join us in lowering stigma so more people can feel safe to come forward and get help.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kenneth Vick', written in a cursive style.

Kenneth Vick
MA, CRADC, CRPR, LAC
Executive Director



The first Harm Reduction Specialist training offered by the Missouri Credentialing Board, taught and created by Executive Director Ken Vick and David Stoecker.

[Learn more about Harm Reduction](#)

Keynote Speaking & Training Inquiries



Ken Vick training at Recovery Lighthouse.

Issues of substance use disorder, mental illness, and homelessness affect every person, family, and community differently, there is no cookie-cutter way to address them. Have Ken Vick deliver a tailor-made keynote address or training session for your group or organization.

[Submit a Speaker or Training Request](#)

How Benilde Hall is Making a Difference



Benilde Hall's Fun in Recovery group at Burr Oak Woods Nature Conservation Center last August.

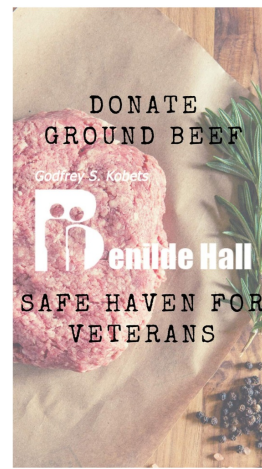
Learn about who we are and how we are working with our clients and the Kansas City community to improve the lives of those affected by substance use, mental health, and homelessness.

[Our Impact](#)

Donor Spotlight: KC Cattle Company

We are excited to announce that KC Cattle Company has donated **474 lbs.** of Wagyu Ground Beef to Benilde Hall since 2022's Giving Tuesday campaign launch.

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