

SANTA MARIA RECOVERY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Transitions-Mental Health Association

*A Peer-operated Community for People in
Santa Maria in Mental Health Recovery*



Opened in 1994, the Santa Maria Recovery Learning Community (RLC), formerly known as Gatehouse, is run entirely by peers – people in mental health recovery who oversee the daily activities and facilitate the involvement of other members. It provides a combination of wellness and recovery-oriented services in a comfortable, supportive meeting place. The RLC also has a Peer Advisory Council to support the interest of the participants who attend this program.

Open four days a week, the program promotes independence and revitalization through self-governed activities as members work toward recovery.

What Activities Are Provided?

- The RLC offers many options for support, including WRAP, DBSA, Double Trouble, and men's and women's support groups.
- Participants are welcome to prepare their own meals and snacks throughout the day.
- Each day participants sign in, they choose a chore to do that day. This fosters shared responsibility for the center's upkeep and ensures a clean and home-like setting.
- Participants are offered the opportunity to earn stipends by teaching or leading a group activity related to their interests and talents. For example teaching an art class or presenting a personal experience with recovery.
- Recreational equipment at the center includes on-line computers, TV with VCR and DVD players, piano and board and card games.



Who Can Attend?

Attendees are required to present a referral from Santa Barbara County Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services, Santa Maria ACT or Santa Maria Supported Housing Services.

Santa Maria RLC Hours

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

Wednesday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

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