Health professionals, like anyone else, are susceptible to substance, psychiatric and medical illnesses. If left untreated, these can put even the finest clinicians and their patients at risk. Many do not get the help they need due to the social stigma, fear of exposure, or lack of awareness. The MAOPS PHP can help! If you or someone you know needs help, please call:

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The Missouri Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons (MAOPS) sponsored Physician Health Program (PHP) is available to help physicians who have life problems, including substance abuse, mental health stress, and other issues which prevent them from functioning at full capacity.

The Mission of the PHP is to develop a cooperative relationship with each physician to facilitate the physician’s return to health and personal and professional functioning through early identification, intervention, and treatment.

The MAOPS PHP’s purpose and philosophy is to provide the best service possible while assisting healthcare professionals to attain and maintain their optimal health status. It is also an opportunity to ensure all have an avenue to regain and/or maintain their professional licensure.

The goals of the MAOPS PHP are to promote early intervention, diagnosis and treatment for healthcare professionals with illnesses, and to provide monitoring services as an alternative to board discipline. Early intervention enhances the likelihood of successful treatment before clinical skills or public safety is compromised.

“I am so pleased to have found your program. I will never forget first talking to you. You were sincere, honest and willing to help. I felt compassion and understanding. When you suggested the steps to take, I did so with the feeling of your willingness to help.”

-a physician

“I was in a deep downward spiral. But with one voluntary call to the physicians’ hotline, I was directed to a great recovery center focused for professionals and enrolled in the program. Four years later I’m a grateful recovering addict & physician practicing without any restrictions on my license. It saved my livelihood but more importantly...my life! I really do mean thanks. You saved my life!”

-a physician

The MAOPS PHP is a confidential resource for physicians, residents, medical students, physician assistants, and allied health professionals.

The MAOPS PHP is not a licensing or disciplinary authority. It accepts referrals from many sources including individuals themselves, professional colleagues, hospitals, medical staff, office staff, regulatory agencies, attorneys, treatment centers, family and friends. The MAOPS PHP protects the confidentiality and anonymity of program participants and referral sources.

Evaluation and treatment begins immediately following an intervention. The MAOPS PHP will provide treatment resources and coordinate the care of the physician throughout treatment. Treatment typically takes place at a facility outside of the physician’s normal environment.