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Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission Hires Two New Employees To Roanoke Valley Collective Response

The Roanoke Valley Collective Response is a New Program of the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission

Tuesday, December 21st – (Roanoke, VA). The Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission announced today two new hires and a new partnership. Niles Comer has been named the new Director of the Roanoke Valley Collective Response and Emma Howard-Woods has been named Program Manager. The Collective Response, the Roanoke Valley's regional response to the addiction epidemic, was recently formalized as a program of the Regional Commission building upon the work the Collective Response has been doing as an all-volunteer collective since its inception in August 2018.

The program was made possible by funds received from the City of Roanoke via the city's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) award.

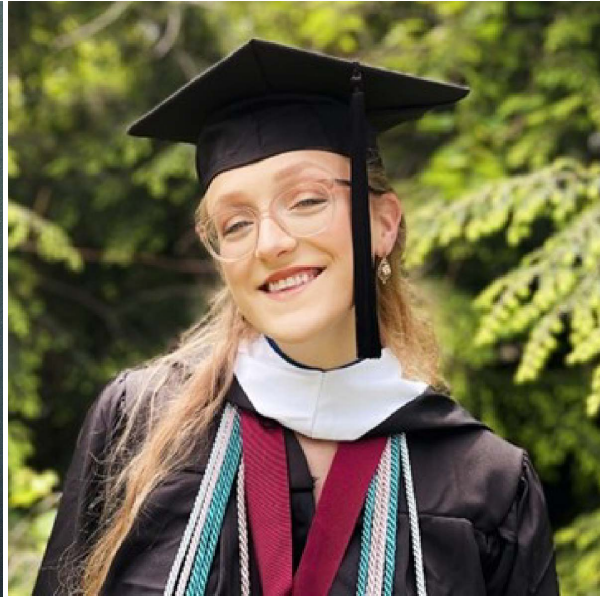
Now supported with two paid positions and the structure of the Regional Commission, the Collective Response will be undergoing some vital changes in the coming weeks as a new strategic plan is developed to guide the Collective's work over the next few years. A more detailed announcement on this plan and its related initiatives and programs will be made in the next few weeks.

For more information on the Roanoke Valley Collective Response, please visit, www.rvcollectiveresponse.org/.

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Niles Comer
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Emma Howard-Woods
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About the RVARC

The Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission (RVARC) is one of 21 regional planning agencies in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Member governments include the counties of Alleghany, Botetourt, Craig, Franklin and Roanoke; the cities of Covington, Roanoke, and Salem; and the towns of Clifton Forge, Rocky Mount and Vinton. The mission of the Regional Commission is to be a leader in driving collaboration and strategy within our communities on issues that are critical to the economic growth, quality of life, and the sustainability of this region.

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