



David Pavlus
Last Door Recovery Society
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David Pavlus is the founder of the Last Door Recovery Society a non-profit agency in New Westminister that has been providing long term residential alcohol and drug treatment to men and youth for over 25 years.

David started out as a Last Door volunteer in the early 80's and took over the program when the Director was about to close it. David always believed that Last Door "could be something" and due to his vision Last Door has become something unique and very successful. Under David's somewhat unorthodox leadership style Last Door has grown into a highly successful and well known treatment program. David led the way in long term treatment for youth in British Columbia by establishing the Last Door Youth Program in 1997. He was the first in the field to recognize that nicotine abstinence needed to be a part of recovery from drugs and alcohol. He took action by implementing nicotine abstinence into Last Door's program 10 years ago. Today, the rest of the field is catching up and all programs are being asked to become nicotine abstinent.

David also realized the need for family involvement in the recovery process; he designed and implemented the successful Family programs that Last Door has today.

David is aided in realizing his vision for recovery by a great team of staff, board members, volunteers and alumnus who share the belief that a productive, happy life, free of drug use is the ultimate goal in life. Louise, his partner of 25 years has worked at Last Door with him since 1986 and is instrumental in Last Door's success as well – behind every man.....

With 25 years of experience in the addiction treatment field David has not lost his desire to interact with the "new guy" Although he is the Executive Director, David still does group every day, he remains "hands on"; working side by side with his staff and knows everyone's name. Were you to visit the Last Door you might mistake him for one of the clients more so than the Director – from coal miner to Executive Director of one of the best treatment programs in British Columbia, David has a style and vision that is all his own.

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