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Jimmy McGill, a dynamic force in the realm of recovery and advocacy, wears dual hats as executive director at Next Step Recovery Housing and the National Peer Recovery Alliance. Formerly the director of peer and recovery services for the state of Arkansas (2018-2023), Jimmy uses his personal journey as fuel for his commitment to advancing recovery services statewide. A founding member of the SAMHSA Region 6 Peer Support Advisory Committee and an inaugural chairman of the National Association of Reentry Professionals, he leads pioneering efforts in peer support and reentry advocacy. Jimmy emerged triumphantly from a lifetime of incarceration and a twenty-three-year battle with addiction, and he has transformed into an esteemed author and speaker, fueled by an unwavering purpose. Despite a challenging past, Jimmy has graced stages alongside presidents, influenced drug and reentry policies, collaborated with the Arkansas Supreme Court on program development, and addressed audiences nationwide. Jimmy was honored with the "Jimmy McGill Peer Leadership" Award in 2019, the 2021 Trail Blazer award from the Department of Human Services, and the 2023 Arkansas Peer Legacy Award. His transformative journey is a beacon reshaping reentry and recovery efforts across the nation. Featured in numerous articles, Jimmy uses his narrative to actively reshape perceptions and drive change on a national scale.