

Recovery-based care and the organized recovery community



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Faces & Voices of Recovery

- A Call to Action
 - In 2001, recovery advocates came together with national allies to launch a nationwide advocacy campaign.
 - Today, tens of thousands of Americans belong to local, state and national recovery community organizations. More than 20,000 people and organizations are part of the national Faces & Voices of Recovery organization.



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Many Pathways to Recovery

- Mutual Support groups
- Professional treatment
- Nontraditional methods
- Medical interventions
- Faith based
- On your own and many more...



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Recovery Community



People in recovery from alcohol and other drug addiction, families, friends and allies



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The Recovery Community

Governs Faces & Voices of Recovery
21 member Board of Directors



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Faces & Voices of Recovery

- Changing public perceptions of addiction recovery
- Promoting effective public policy
- Demonstrating that recovery is working for millions of Americans.

It is our collective strength that will ensure our success, and it is our mission to bring the power and proof of recovery to everyone in America.



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Faces & Voices of Recovery

■ Raises national profile

- Legislative advocacy with allied organizations
 - Restored rights to students with drug convictions
 - Enacted the Second Chance Act
 - Enacted the Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act
 - Restored federal funding to organizations providing peer recovery support services
- National Projects and Training Events
 - HBO Addiction, Rally for Recovery, Recovery Voices Count, 2005 Summit in Washington, DC



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Faces & Voices of Recovery

■ Supports local recovery advocacy

- Conducts workshops and trainings
- Provides technical assistance
- Offers programming opportunities
- Communicates regularly (bi-monthly enews, Rising)
- Provides information from Washington and around the country on recovery related topics
- Strengthens and builds new recovery community organizations and much much more!



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Online Advocacy Action Center

- Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act
- Second Chance Act
- Funding / Budget Priorities
- Ending Discrimination



VICTORY!



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Training & Organizing

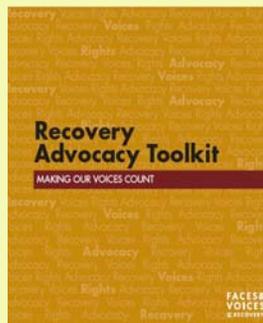
- 2007 Teleconference Series:
 - Editorial Board meetings
 - Restoration of Voting Rights
 - Peer Recovery Support Services
- 2008 Teleconference Series
 - Recovery Voices Count
 - Recovery Community Centers
- Message and Media Trainings
- Science of Addiction and Recovery Training



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Advocacy Tools

- Welcome
- The Recovery Bill of Rights
- Recovery Voices Count
- Event Planning Guides
 - Engaging your community
 - How to organize a town hall meeting
 - How to organize public policy panel
 - Recovery Month activities
- Media Outreach
- Pathways to Recovery
- Resources
- Faces & Voices of Recovery
- Feedback



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Call to Action

All Americans have the right to recover from addiction to alcohol and other drugs

RECOVERY BILL OF RIGHTS
FACES & VOICES OF RECOVERY

We will improve the lives of millions of Americans, their families and communities. If we treat addiction to alcohol and other drugs as a public health crisis. To overcome this crisis, we must secure dignity to people with addiction and recognize that there is no one path to recovery. Individuals can struggle to be responsible citizens or recover on their own with the help of others. Effective aid can be sought by mutual support groups or health care professionals. Recovery can begin in a doctor's office, treatment center, church, school, and support meetings in a local court house. The journey of the public's vigilance, legal assistance in justice seeking, recovery happens every day across our country and has no alternative solution for people of all ages, genders, and ethnicities. We promise to be for those in need of people seeking recovery our official support for their basic rights:

1. We have the right to be viewed as capable of changing, growing, and becoming positively connected to our community to make what we did in the past because of our addiction.
2. We have the right -- as do our families and friends -- to know about the many pathways to recovery, the nature of addiction and the barriers to beginning recovery, all conveyed in ways that we can understand.
3. We have the right, whether seeking recovery in the community, a physician's office, treatment
7. We have the right to a health care and social services system that recognizes the strengths and needs of people with addiction and coordinates its efforts to provide recovery-based care that honors and respects our cultural beliefs. This support may include medication to reduce, prevent and/or stabilize symptoms of recovery, and the involvement of our families, leading networks and indigenous healers as part of our treatment experience.
8. We have the right to be represented by informed policymakers who serve former to addictions, housing, and employment opportunities.



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Rallying for Recovery...



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Mainstreaming Recovery...



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Recovery-friendly Communities

Our goal is to develop communities and a society that are recovery-friendly. One piece of this is to create what some are calling:

Recovery-oriented systems of care.



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Recovery-oriented Systems of Care

- Treatment is part of recovery.
Recovery is the larger construct
- GOAL of treatment = absence of symptoms of clinical disorder
- GOAL of recovery = achieving overall wellness and restoring your life (an ongoing process)



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Recovery-oriented Systems of Care

- Who's part of the Equation?
 - Individuals seeking help and their families
 - Effective, quality addiction prevention, treatment and recovery support services
 - The organized recovery community



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Recovery-oriented Systems of Care

- Communities of recovery
 - Recovery Community Organizations
 - Mutual support groups
 - Recovery homes
 - Recovery schools
 - Recovery media and entertainment
 - Organizations of recovering professionals
 - Treatment professionals
and many others...



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Recovery-oriented Systems of Care

Mobilizing all of the resources in our communities to:

- Change discriminatory public policies in the areas of health care, jobs and housing
- Develop networks and systems that work together to treat addiction as a public health crisis and accord dignity to people with addiction
- Help more people find and sustain their recovery for the long-term



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Historical context...



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Recovery Community Organizations...



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Recovery Community Organizations

The recovery community is organized local, state and regional RCO's



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Recovery Community Organizations

- Almost 200 recovery community organizations around the country
- Ranging in size/budget/scope:
 - 3-5 members to 1,000s of members
 - All volunteer to 20+ staff members
 - \$0 budget to over \$1 million/year
 - Local, regional, state



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Recovery Community Organizations

- Independent, non-profit organizations that are led and run by representatives of local communities of recovery on behalf of the recovery community.
 - Public education – putting a face and a voice on recovery
 - Advocacy
 - Peer-based and other recovery support services.



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Recovery Community Organizations

■ Recovery Community Centers

A physical location where recovery community organizations organize their ability to care

- A recovery resource for the community, where recovery-oriented workshops, trainings, meetings, services and sober social events happen
- A place where the recovery community can volunteer and give back



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Peer Recovery Support Services

- One-on-One Support
 - Recovery Coaching/Mentoring
- Group Support
 - Emotional, Educational, and Spiritual Support, Life Skills
- Resource Connection
 - Housing/Food/Clothing/Transportation, Assistance with Navigating Systems
- General Skill Development
 - Education, Vocational, Employment



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Peer Recovery Support Services

- Recovery Skills Development
 - Stress Reduction, Spirituality/Meditation, Expressive Arts, Wellness, Relationship and Family Building
- Sober Social Activities
 - AOD-Free Social/Recreational Activities
- Leadership
 - Volunteering/Service Opportunities/New Skills



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Recovery Community Organizations

- Funding and resources
 - Public funding from local, state and federal governments
 - Center for Substance Abuse Treatment's Recovery Community Services Program
 - Connecticut, Massachusetts, Kentucky, New Jersey ...
 - Detroit, Philadelphia ...
 - Private foundations – local, regional and national
 - Greater Cincinnati Health Foundation, New Hampshire Charitable Foundation ...
 - Corporate Sponsorship
 - Treatment centers, pharmaceutical companies, local businesses ...
 - Membership and individual donations
 - Collaborations: Addiction Technology Transfer Centers (ATTCs), Colleges and Universities, Anti-Drug Coalitions ...



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Recovery-oriented Systems of Care

It's all about ensuring that people get the care and support that they need to lead a healthy and fulfilling life.

- Embracing all pathways to recovery
- Networks of formal and informal services
- Policies that support the ability of people to get into recovery and to sustain their recovery



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Faces & Voices Vision...

- Communities of recovery will continue to spring up all over this country helping people find and sustain their recovery for the long-term.
- People in recovery, families, friends and allies will organize and mobilize as a constituency of consequence in thriving Recovery Community Organizations.
- Discrimination against people in recovery will be eliminated and the same rights and opportunities will be afforded to all Americans.



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Join Us!

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Faces & Voices of Recovery website. At the top, the logo features the text "FACES & VOICES OF RECOVERY" next to a group of diverse people. Below the logo is the tagline "organizing the recovery community". A navigation menu includes links for "Home", "About Us", "Recovery Resources", "What's New", "Get Involved", and "Contact Us". The main content area is divided into three columns: "UPDATES" with a date of September 26, 2011, and a link to "Only by Recovery 2011"; "WHAT'S NEW" featuring "The Recovery Bill of Rights" with a "RECOVERY BILL OF RIGHTS" graphic and a "Find us on Facebook" link; and "GET INVOLVED" with a list of links: "Data Action Center", "Recovery 2011", "Campaigns", "Book Club", and "Education". At the bottom, there are sections for "SPOTLIGHT" and "JOIN US!".



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