



Faces and Voices
of Recovery

APAA

Association of
Persons
Affected by
Addiction



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Recovery Month, September 2009

Dear Friends:

September 2009 marks the 20th observance of National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month. Recovery Month is sponsored by DSHS- Department of State Health Services and SAMHSA, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT), within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Recovery Month celebrates and promotes the message of Recovery, applauds the courage of people seeking or in recovery, and shows the benefits of successful faces and voices of recovery. The celebration is also used to encourage support for effective addiction treatment and recovery support services.

This Year's theme is "Join the Voices of Recovery; Together We Learn, Together we Heal."

The Association of Persons Affected by Addiction (APAA) is a peer-to-peer Recovery Community Support Project. APAA has been a Planning Partner of SAMHSA/CSAT Recovery Month since 2001.

This year APAA will join with the recovery community, the Department of State Health Services, Value Options, Southern Sector Behavioral HealthCare, Eastfield College, Texas Rangers and many other agencies that promote recovery. Stakeholders will receive proclamations from the Governor of Texas, the Dallas Mayor and City Council and other public officials. APAA and other Recovery Month participants will kickoff this month of awareness and celebration in Washington DC and in Dallas with the Mayor and City Council.

During the month of September 2009, APAA and communities nationwide will host events to help people recognize that alcohol and substance use addiction are treatable diseases and "Recovery is a Reality for Millions." Alcohol and other drug problems, including addiction are our nation's number one health problem, costing the American economy over \$275 billion per year. Recovery Month is the opportunity to show support and join the efforts in educating the community about the scope of this public health problem and the benefits of treatment and recovery. Thank you for your support to promote wellness and Recovery in our community.

To Join in Recovery Month activities and receive available materials, Call 214-634-APAA or go to www.apaarecovery.org

For more information, please visit the Recovery Month website at www.recoverymonth.gov or contact SAMHSA at 301-443-5052.

Sincerely,

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