



MOAR –

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MOAR is the Massachusetts Affiliate of NEAAR (New England Alliance for Addiction Recovery),

A CSAT Recovery Community Support Grantee

MOAR is Stepping Up its Recovery Support Public Awareness Campaign

November 8th Update

What MOAR?

MOAR Boston celebrated *Red Ribbon Week* October 28th honoring South Boston District Court Presiding Justice, Robert P. Ziemian with the South Boston Neighborhood D.R.U.G. (Drug Resources Unity Group) Association. The South Boston group members, primarily parents, want to promote access to prevention and treatment resources. ***Red Ribbon Week*** is promoted by The National Family Partnership with the theme "***Freedom is Drug Free-Plant the Promise for Recovery.***" We honored The Honorable Robert P. Ziemian for starting Drug Courts in Massachusetts, establishing treatment as an alternative sentence to offenders, whose crimes are related to drug use. The Drug Court "plants" a resource for recovery. The ceremony included planting bulbs as a symbol of the *roots, or routes*, to recovery, to blossom with the vision of freedom from drugs- *red, white, and blue flowers*. South Boston parents Maureen Harvey and Karen McDonald thanked Theresa Finnegan, former Drug Court Coordinator, for her support. Representative- elect Brian Wallace, Senator John Hart, City Councilor Jim Kelley, Boston's Substance Abuse Policy Advisor- Kattie Portis, Bureau of Substance Abuse Regional Director Jennifer Balboni, District Attorney Dan Conley, AdCare Hospital's Lisa Clark were among the dignitaries present.

And What MOAR?

The Western Massachusetts Parent Support Group will be facilitating four "How to Start a Parent Support Group" presentations across the state. These workshops are part of the MOAR/NEAAR second year goals for the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment Recovery Support Project. MOAR is also piloting weekly recovery support workshops in Worcester. Dana Moulton facilitates presentations such as "Telling Your Story", "Criminal Offender Record Information", and "Help and Hope for Hepatitis C". One week of the month, an outside speaker comes in to share a recovery support resource specific to that month's topic. In the case of the CORI, Mass Law Reform Institute's Franciska Fajana offered its resources. The goal is to have members facilitate the skill building workshops and build resourceful leaders in recovery. MOAR Interested?

Speaking about NEAAR... and a Lessons Learned Conference, October 26th

NEAAR members met to review the past year's learning experiences from their CSAT Recovery Support state projects. MOAR's focus was to develop a forum for the parent, family, and adolescent voice. So MOAR members, Diane Kurtz, Western MA Parent Support Group and Maureen Harvey, South Boston Neighborhood D.R.U.G. Association, reviewed their own paths of recovery, as parents. Both began with denial, pain, and interventions of support. The barriers to support services have raised the passion in their hearts to help other parents. The "parent connection" happened through MOAR. Maureen attended a W MA Parent group forum, which she found out about through MOAR outreach to the South Boston group. They represent many family members, who are concerned about minimal resources for addiction recovery. Thus, we can work together to improve treatment, enhance treatment access, develop consumer friendly recovery informationals, and do a public awareness campaign. These two voices, along with others, speak the voice of a family recovery movement. Diane has led parent support groups for over 10 years – and Maureen has been a long time community service advocate. They give back to ascertain that future sons and daughters will be able to get appropriate help when they need it. They, also came back excited about Rhode Island's First Night, Connecticut's Recovery Walk, New Hampshire's provider/ recovery community forums, Maine's radio talk show, and Vermont's brainstorm. Lots of Lessons Learned for MOAR to apply....MOAR interested??

What MOAR Lessons to be Learned! Please be Part of the Process!
MOAR Meetings and Activities with Friends Await You!

Boston, December 11, Resources to Assist in Attaining Addiction Treatment Services

A Holiday Dialogue with Greg Arsenaault, MA Substance Abuse Helpline
John Ribeiro, former probation officer, "The Criminal Justice System"
Paul McDevitt (invited), Modern Assistance Program, Work Assistance
Will Ostiguy, (invited), Boston Fire Department Employee Assistance

*Discussion with Direction, No Cost, Education Credits, **Food**, You!*

MAADAC is a Co-Sponsor

6 PM to 9 PM, Atrium 2, Faulkner Hospital, Jamaica Plain - **RSVP** to 617-423-6627

South Boston Neighborhood D.R.U.G. Association Meeting Info: Call Maureen Harvey, 617-268-6416

Springfield, December 5, Focus: Help Plan a Presentation, "Your Client Rights and how to Appeal Insurance Denied Treatment Coverage!" or "How Can The Office of Patient Care Protection and The Ombudsman Help You Access Your Insurance Benefits?"
5:30 - 7:15 PM., Dinner Served Courtesy of The Residents, Phoenix House, 5 Madison Ave

W MA Parent Support Group and Presentations "Starting a Parent Support Group": Diane Kurtz, 413-547-0239

Lowell, December 11, Substance Abuse, Mental Health, and Sexual Behavior – A presentation by Dr. Marshall Forstein, Medical Director, Fenway Health co-sponsored by Lowell House, December 11, 2- 3:30 PM, Middlesex Community College, Lowell

New Bedford, Sober Housing Opportunities with SHARE Loan Director, Kathy Dwyer
December 17th, 11 AM, Reflections, 497 Belleville Ave

Worcester, Help and Hope for Hepatitis C with MA Department of Public Health, Kathleen Gilmore
and MA Public Health Association, Rachel Wilson
November 19, 6:15 PM, PIP Shelter, Main Street

Sober Housing Opportunities with SHARE Loan Director, Kathy Dwyer
December 17, 6:15 PM, PIP Shelter, Main Street

Worcester, Tuesdays at 4PM, except for evening meeting, PIP Shelter, Main Street

Intro to MOAR Meetings

Dennis/Brewster line – November 20, 5:30 PM, Church of The Covenant, Corner of Airline/Fetucket Road

Brockton, January 17, 7 PM, Restoration Community Baptist Church, 75 Lawrence Street



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