



MOAR – MA Organization for Addiction Recovery
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Join MOAR – Mobilize to Educate The Public about The Value of Recovery

Mission:

Our Mission is to organize recovering individuals, families and friends into a collective voice to educate the public about the value of recovery from alcohol and other addictions.

Vision:

MOAR envisions a society where addiction is treated as a significant public health issue and recovery is recognized as valuable to our communities.

Message:

Faces and Voices of Recovery ~ Visible Vocal, Valuable

MOAR Speaks Out for Recovery, Up for the Value, Down on Discrimination MOAR Collaborates in Coalitions to Enhance Services from Detox to Full Continuum

- **Enhance Continuum of Care** with no wait lists from detox throughout the system! Addiction is a disease that calls for effective treatment and recovery support - the right service at the right time.
- **Improve Youth and Family Services** – We see a need for a full continuum for children, youth, adults and families. We need to support children affected by alcohol and other drugs. Alcohol and other drug education must be in our school systems. We support Recovery High School enhancement designated from the MA Strategic Plan.
- **Insurance Coverage- End Discrimination-** We want parity! We want Private Insurance with **a medical necessity definition that allows for insurance benefit access....**that helps individuals heal from withdrawal and supports physical, psychological, spiritual stabilization which are rights to recovery. We want copays and deductibles to disappear in our new state health care plan.
- **Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselors** need to be recognized by insurers, to broaden a person seeking services choice of professionals most appropriate for their needs.
- **Criminal Justice Focus** – increase treatment and recovery initiatives for people involved in the criminal justice system, while improving society re-entry into CORI Reform
- **Quality Services for Hearing Impaired** – MOAR meetings have representation from individuals who are deaf, late deafened and hard of hearing, who need improved treatment access.
- **Opiate Addiction Treatment** – Overdose rate is at a national high. Prevention, medicine assisted, enhanced detox with rehab, long term residential must be enhanced to stop this epidemic. And as a recovery community, we need respect for the different recovery pathways.
- **Prevention** - from schools to media to social service – and support for the coalitions promoting prevention, treatment, and recovery.....
- **Recovery Support Services - AREAS, Addiction Recovery Education Access Services;** educating people in recovery and their families with recovery resource information and skills supporting each other to navigate/improve services and policies to promote the value of recovery.
- **Improved Section 35** – minimum inpatient treatment stay of 30 days to build in recovery life skills, for persons whose addiction has led them to life threatening harm of self or others.

Join MOAR

Help Build Recovery Informed Communities Across Massachusetts



September is **National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month!**

Join our leading Recovery Month supporters –USD/HHS/SAMHSA/CSAT*, MA Bureau of Substance Abuse Services, The City of Boston, The Boston Public Health Commission, and The Greater Boston Council on Alcoholism in making Recovery Month 2008 the best ever!

MOAR invites you to plan, attend, and/or sponsor MOAR and Friends Recovery Month Events

2008 Theme: "Join The Voices for Recovery: Real People, Real Recovery"

- ◆ **September 21: New England Wide Motorcycle Ride for Recovery with celebration at Maynard Sports Club**
- ◆ **September 28: Recovery Month Event with and at AdCare Hospital, Worcester**
- ◆ **September 12: MOAR and W MA Recovery Community Event, Recovery High School area in Springfield**
- ◆ **September 20: Allston Brighton Walk for Recovery- contact Helen.Connolly@caritaschristi.com**
- ◆ **September 23: MOAR and Friends 18th Annual Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Celebration Day**
 - 9:00 AM - Meet at City Hall
 - 9:30 AM - March to Great Hall, The State House
 - 10:15 AM - Celebrate in Gardner Auditorium, The State House
 - 12:15 PM - Visit Your Elected Legislators
 - 12:30 PM - Light Luncheon, Great Hall,
 - 1:00 PM - MA Bureau of Substance Abuse Services, Public Policy Forum, Gardner Auditorium
 - 3:00 PM - Adjourn

Celebrate Recovery Month, also, in Greenfield (RECOVER Project), New Bedford, Fall River, everywhere, too!

USD/HHS/SAMHSA/CSAT* = The United States Department of Health and Human Services (USD/HHS), Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), The Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT), the national funding agency for addiction treatment and recovery services

Theme: *Join The Voices for Recovery: Real People, Real Recovery*

Help Plan

- Monday – July 21, 28 - 6:30 PM- Atrium 2, or Auditorium, Faulkner Hospital, Jamaica Plain*
- Monday- July 28, 6:30 PM - North Suffolk Mental Health Assoc, 14 Porter St. East Boston
- Mondays – 7 PM, a Family Focused MOAR Meeting, Ventress Library, Marshfield
- Wednesday – August 20, 11:30 AM, PAACA, 360 Coggeshall St, New Bedford
- Thursday - August 14, 5:30 PM, Phoenix House, 5 Madison Ave, Springfield
- Tuesday – August 12, 6:15 PM, Thayer Auditorium, Community Health Link, Worcester

*Call MOAR # 617-423—6627 or email MOARfran@aol.com to confirm because Recovery Month planning meeting dates may change.