

National Recovery Month Activities September 2011



This document includes a listing of 2011 National Recovery Month activities and events in our markets throughout the nation. These events have been compiled by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). For more information on each event, click the event name. For a complete listing of all Recovery Month activities, [please click here to logon to SAMHSA's official National Recovery Month website.](#)

Arizona

Event Name	Location	Date	Description
Prescott Annual Recovery Event Celebration	Prescott	September 20, 2011	This is the 8th Annual Prescott Recovery Event Celebration, featuring local agencies and service providers; guest speakers; food; children's activities; raffles; music; an overall gathering to celebrate recovery.
Recovery Day Celebration!	Rimrock	September 23, 2011	Copper Canyon Academy, a subsidiary of Aspen Education Group and CRC HealthGroup, is a recognized industry leader in residential treatment for young women with substance abuse issues. We are proud to celebrate our fourth annual Recovery Day with speakers, a cookout and balloon release!
Recovery Walk and Expo	Tucson	September 24, 2011	The Recovery Walk and Expo is an all-ages family event. Registration is from 8 to 9 a.m.; the Walk is from 9 to 10 a.m.; Wellness Fair from 10 a.m. to noon. Free food, health screenings, youth activities, and more.
Art of Recovery Expo	Phoenix	September 24, 2011	Grammy Award Winner, Paul Williams, is the Keynote speaker. This is a free event open to the public featuring free workshops, exhibits and resources for all types of recovery and mental health.

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Florida

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Restoring Hope in Charlotte County	Punta Gorda	September 16, 2011	This is a community event to honor those that have been impacted by drug or alcohol addiction. Please join us as we come together to spread the word in our community that Recovery and Healing are possible and that we are committed to Restoring Hope in Charlotte County. Hand in hand, one life at a time, we can all make a difference through our lives, in the lives of loved ones and in our community. Your presence at our Candlelight Vigil will send a message of HOPE. Everyone is welcome to attend.
Celebrating Recovery: An evening of Art, Music and Fashion	Tallahassee	September 16, 2011	DISC Village, Inc. will be hosting an event that will bring together local community leaders, public health professionals and community members for an evening of fine art, musical performances, fashion and networking. The event will honor those dedicated to recovery in all its forms. Refreshments will be served throughout the evening.
"Recovery Benefits for Everyone"	West Palm Beach	September 17, 2011	Palm Beach County celebrates "National Recovery Month". With a Fall Family Festival. DJ, Comedian, "SARGE", Recovery's Got Talent Contest, Chili Cook-off, Cookie Bake-off, BBQ and more than 40 vendors.
Florida's Ride for Recovery and Celebration	Daytona	September 24, 2011	Florida Ride for Recovery will begin with a Police Escorted Ride through beautiful Volusia and Flagler Counties with lunch at High Jackers Restaurant in Flagler, raffle, free t-shirt and an escorted ride down AIA along the World's Most Famous Beach to the Daytona Beach Band Shell where there will be a Celebration with the Battle of the Bands, Line Dancing, Testimonies of Recovery, Resource tables, a Kid's Zone, Skateboard and BMX Stunt Show and more. The Band Shell event begins at 4 p.m. and is free for the public.

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Kennesaw State Run for Recovery 5K	Kennesaw	September 10, 2011	To raise awareness about addiction recovery and build collaboration in the study of young adult addiction. This event supports the Collegiate Recovery Community at KSU.
Sixth Annual Run/Walk for Hope	Dudley	September 10, 2011	For more information on the sixth annual event, click on the event name.
Metro Atlanta Recovery Celebration Rally and Picnic	Decatur	September 17, 2011	In recognition of Recovery Month, join us for food, fun and music with a list of dynamic recovery speakers and an opportunity to fellowship with old and new friends.
Third Annual Recovery Celebration	Waycross	September 27, 2011	The event will begin with dinner, which will be followed by special entertainment, moving testimony, skit and recovery poems by individuals in long-term recovery. The event will also include special acknowledgement and presentations to recovery providers.

Illinois

Event Name	Location	Date	Description
Seventh Annual Rally Around Recovery	Joliet	September 17, 2011	This is a community event highlighting the societal benefits of substance abuse treatment / prevention, lauding the contributions of providers and promoting the message that recovery from substance abuse in all forms is possible. The event will also feature a Rally and Resource Fair, Recovery Stories, Entertainment and Public Officials.
Jews in Recovery: Finding Spirituality in Judaism	Evanston	September 18, 2011	Join the Jewish Recovery Community for the 7th Annual Spirituality Day. Rabbi Mark Borovitz of Beit T'Shuvah, a Jewish addiction treatment program in Los Angeles and author of The Holy Thief, will give the keynote address on integrating themes of the High Holidays and the 12 Steps. The afternoon will include discussion groups led by Jewish Recovery Community members and a concurrent discussion group for rabbis, mental health and addiction professionals and others interested in learning more about addiction in the Jewish community.

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Indiana

Event Name	Location	Date	Description
Recovery Engagement Center Open House	Richmond	September 1, 2011	The new Recovery Engagement Center (REC) will serve the folks of Wayne County by providing support and treatment toward recovery. Come on out to find more about what we can do for you and what you may be able to do for the community. There will be a ribbon cutting and event speakers starting at 4 p.m.
Recovery 1st Run/Walk	Warsaw	September 3, 2011	This is a 5K run/walk to help promote recovery. Any funds raised beyond costs of the event will go toward helping a man or woman enroll in a recovery home in Kosciusko County.
Sixth Annual Hawk Walk-First Steps to Recovery	Indianapolis	September 24, 2011	In celebration of Drug and Alcohol Recovery month in September, The 24 Group will host the Sixth Annual Hawk Walk on September 24, 2011, in Downtown Indianapolis along the Cultural Trail and Canal Walk. Hundreds of people will gather at the Zoll Brothers/Zesco parking lot (707 N. Senate, Indianapolis, IN 46202) to celebrate recovery and raise money to help adolescents and young adults receive treatment for the disease of addiction. Proceeds from the walk will be distributed through grants to central Indiana addiction treatment facilities to benefit adolescents and young adults.
Indiana's Annual Recovery Month Symposium	Indianapolis	September 27, 2011	This is an annual recovery month conference that focuses on the issues of recovery and treatment for both mental health and substance abuse. For more information logon to www.inarms.org .

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Kansas

Event Name	Location	Date	Description
Journey from Discovery to Recovery - A Vision of Hope	Salina	September 22, 2011	This event is a walk for recovery starting at the recovery center ending at the park with a barbeque, entertainment and public information panel comprised of local recovery support groups
Fight Stigma Treatment Works' Parade	Wichita	September 22, 2011	Fight Stigma Treatment Works' Parade. Participants will gather at Miracles, Inc. Administrative/Outpatient Office to take a walk down 2nd street in a short parade supporting all treatment efforts.
Recovery Takes Flight	Wichita	September 23, 2011	This event will include a group barbeque and Balloon Launch Ceremony
Race for Recovery	Overland Park	September 24, 2011	The Race for Recovery is a 5K Run/Walk fundraiser for Friends of Recovery. Please visit our website for more information www.friendsofrecovery.com

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Massachusetts

Event Name	Location	Date	Description
Recovery Benefits the Family	Fall River	September 10, 2011	Steppingstone recognizes the importance of involving the family unit in its recovery-oriented system of care. In addition to a focus on clients' strengths and attention to their overall health and well-being, we also welcome the family into the process of improving relationships and life skills.
Friends & Family Second Annual 5K Walk	Winthrop	September 24, 2011	Sponsoring a 5k walk for Recovery and Prevention of Substance Abuse. Money will go to Friends and Family Group, as well as Fundraising For FKO-AFTERSCHOOL Program, 21st Century Afterschool program at Kathy's Place in Winthrop Mass, and The Meridian House located in East Boston, Mass it is a recovery program for men and women for a period of 10 to 12 months. Please join us to bring awareness, prevention and recovery to Alcohol and Substance Abuse.
MOAR Annual Recovery Month Celebration Day	Boston	September 26, 2011	Celebrate the Reality and Hope of Individuals and Families in Recovery. Honor the Contributions of Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Support Services. We begin with a March from Boston City Hall Plaza to the Massachusetts State House. Hear from Teen Challenge Choir on City Hall Plaza. Onward March to the State House, we begin in the Gardner Auditorium. Hear from your elected officials as well as people in recovery, family members and allies of recovery. Join us for a luncheon in the Great Hall at 12:30 p.m. Followed by the Massachusetts Bureau of Substance Abuse Services Public Policy Forum from 1:30-3:30 p.m. in the Gardner Auditorium. Join the Voices of Recovery-Recovery Benefits Everyone.

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Ohio

Event Name	Location	Date	Description
Summer Rays Stroll - Journey to Recovery	Reynoldsburg	September 10, 2011	Please join us for our first annual Summer Rays Stroll ... Journey to Recovery ... at JFK Park.
Rally for Recovery	Cincinnati	September 14, 2011	Rally for Recovery on the Square honoring the Celebration that Treatment Works! There will be inspiring recovery speakers, proclamation from the Mayor Mallory's office declaring September 14th as Alcohol & Drug Addiction Recovery Day in Cincinnati, live music with Jerry Pinnell and the band, Livin', Treatment/recovery resource materials available and other area treatment providers will be represented.
Fifth Annual Ohio Recovery Ride	Brecksville	September 17, 2011	5th Annual Ohio Recovery Ride, All are Welcome, Pep Rally at 10am-10:30am/ Registration 10am-11am, Adults 15.00 Children under 12 \$10.00. Food, beverage, fun, raffle, fellowship and Speakers. Bikers depart at 11 a.m. for a two-hour run, map, T-shirt and patches provided. Three-tier trophy for most colors and Best Bike. Depart and return to Oak Grove Picnic Area in Brecksville, Ohio.

South Carolina

Event Name	Location	Date	Description
Rally for Recovery! - 2011 - Recovery Benefits Everyone	Florence	September 10, 2011	6th annual Rally for Recovery in honor and celebration of September as National Recovery Month. Food, fun, fellowship, entertainment, speakers and messages of hope, freedom and purpose.
Recovery Walk	Rock Hill	September 10, 2011	This event features a 1.2 mile walk for recovery. There will be educational posters, recovery organizations answering questions, music, sharing of recovery stories, free beverages and snacks and rewards for completing the course and answering recovery related questions correctly.
Recovery Song Competition	Charleston	September 1, 2011	This is a competition (again this year as in 2010) singing the Recovery Song: "Finnegan Begin Again!" Local Radio Listener Participation. "Token" Prizes.
Gifts of Recovery Festival	Greenville	September 24, 2011	A concert to celebrate the faces and voices of recovery in the Upstate. We will have a kids' area, food vendors, artists and exhibitors that support recovery from substance abuse, mental disorders and more.

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Texas

Event Name	Location	Date	Description
Stride For Recovery	Dallas	September 10, 2011	Third annual Stride For Recovery will be located at White Rock Lake in Dallas, Texas on September 10, 2011. Early registration begins at 7:30 a.m. Welcome and walk commencement at 8:30 a.m. with live music by Selfish Steam (2009 Prism Award winners) at 10:00 a.m. There will be booths set up from various treatment providers as well as organizations involved with prevention. There will be speakers, food and lots of socializing with individuals wanting to make a difference in our community. Closing with the serenity Prayer at 12:00 p.m.
Summer Sky's Run for Recovery	Stephenville	September 17, 2011	The Run For Recovery 5K is a benefit run/walk to heighten community awareness about those recovering from alcohol and drug addiction and to raise funds to support the local STAR Council. STAR Council is a 501c3 charitable organization, primarily funded by contracts from Department of State Health Services (DSHS) and matching funds from United Ways of the supported counties.
Ride for Recovery	Houston	September 18, 2011	The 6th Annual Ride for Recovery is all day event open to anyone wanting to celebrate recovery. The day starts with a 100-mile motorcycle ride (cars may join us) then a Barbeque lunch and 12-step speaker. There are t-shirts, raffles and prizes. All proceeds this year go to helping two non-profit recovery centers in Houston: the Men's Center and Way Out Women's Center. This is a fun way to celebrate recovery while giving back to the community. www.rideforrecovery.com .
Big Texas Rally for Recovery	Austin	October 1, 2011	Rally For Recovery at the Capitol! Live Music! Featuring Keynote Speaker Thomas "Hollywood" Henderson—Man in Recovery—Dallas Cowboy #56.

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Wisconsin

Event Name	Location	Date	Description
Wisconsin Walk For Recovery	Milwaukee	September 10, 2011	This event includes a 3K walk to raise recovery awareness. Onsite registration starts at 9:00 a.m., the walk will kick off at 11:00 a.m. and last one hour. Speaker before kickoff and block party with music and food after.
Arbor Place, Inc. Recovery Picnic	Menomonie	September 10, 2011	Join Arbor Place in the Celebration of Recovery. Food, kid's activities, outdoor games, speaker at 1:00 p.m. Bring a dish to pass. Weather permitting.
Eleventh Annual Rally For Recovery "Recovery Benefits Everyone"	Middleton	September 17, 2011	The 11th Annual Rally for Recovery will include advocacy action areas, a raffle, silent auction and live entertainment representing many pathways to recovery.
Co-Occurring: Addition and Mental Illness First Annual Conference	La Crosse	September 28, 2011	This is a professional workshop to create and promote awareness of co-occurring disorders.