

NAADAC Supports Recovery Month Events Across the Nation

National Recovery Month 2010 provided many opportunities for communities nationwide to get involved with events focused on research of, recovery and addiction treatment. Sponsored by NAADAC, the Association for Addiction Professionals, and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Recovery Month is a way to celebrate addiction professionals and those who have recovered from a mental health or substance abuse disorder, as well as bring awareness of treatment opportunities available to communities.

Here's a quick recap of events that happened in 2010.

The state of Nevada chose to have three events. The first was their **Steppin' Out for Recovery, 7th Annual Walk-a-thon**

, the second was food and games at their

10th Annual Recovery Picnic

and the a

Candidate Forum

where the public could meet statewide candidates who are dedicated to supporting recovery.

Indiana issued a Proclamation declaring September, **Indiana Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month**

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participated in

Ride 2010

which started at the state capitol. After the ride, people congregated for a

Rally for Recovery

which celebrated those who have recovered from alcohol, drug or other addictions.

The Republic of the Marshall Islands held an **Open House** where all substance abuse prevention and treatment services gathered and spoke about programs and services they provide. Families and recovery clients were also able to participate in an

Alcohol-Free Picnic

where those involved could share their stories and inspire others. The last event was a luncheon in which treatment providers and addiction professionals were acknowledged and recognized for their services and dedication.

Kentucky held its **24-hour Annual Recovery Walk and Alumni Homecoming** at the Hal Rogers Appalachian Recovery Center. Those who participated wore a Recovery Walk Medallion and also participated in games and recreational activities and camped out at the Center. The Medallion was passed along to those who completed the group sessions throughout the day. Kentucky also held a

Recovery Rendezvous

and a

Candle Light Vigil

to recognize those in recovery and those who have recovered from an addiction or mental health disorder.

Puerto Rico conducted a symposium, **Simposio: Voces Unidas por la Recuperacion**, that focused on recovery and addiction treatment. A proclamation was also made by Mayor Ramon Luis Rivera Cruz, of municipality of Bayamon, stating September as Recovery Month.

The state of North Dakota also issued a proclamation declaring September **Alcohol and Drug Addiction Month**

The public participated in

Recovery Rocks: 3rd Annual Recovery Event

which consisted of a gathering, a walk, live music and dancing and a motivational speech.

New Mexico, as well as the City of Alamogordo, both issued proclamations for the month of September. State members were invited to participate in the 4th Annual Santa Fe **Recovery Week Celebration**

, which had informational booths, speakers and live music and food. The public also gathered for

National Celebrate Recovery Month

2010 was an amazing year for Recovery Month activities, with many more planned in 2011. To stay up-to-date on all the details, please visit www.recoverymonth.gov

