

ABOUT FACES & VOICES OF RECOVERY

Faces & Voices of Recovery is a national 501(c)(3) non-profit organization committed to organizing and mobilizing the millions of Americans in long-term recovery from addiction to alcohol and other drugs, our families, friends, and allies to speak with one voice. With our families, friends, and allies, the organization is working to change public perceptions of recovery, promote effective public policy in Washington, D.C. and in all 50 states, and demonstrate that recovery is working for millions of Americans. It is our mission to bring the power and proof of recovery to everyone in the nation.

Faces & Voices of Recovery is America in all its diversity: moms and dads, sons and daughters, brothers and sisters, husbands and wives, and friends of people regaining their health and lives through freedom from addiction. By organizing and speaking out together, we support and give hope to individuals who are still struggling with addiction and to those who have found the power of long-term recovery. Faces & Voices of Recovery is a national network of over 20,000 individuals and organizations joining together to speak out and support local, state, regional, and national recovery advocacy by:

- o Being a national rallying point for recovery advocates
- o Linking advocates to organizing, policy, and research support
- o Building advocacy skills through hands-on training and technical assistance
- o Improving access to policymakers and the media

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDE :

- o Creation of the first ever **Recovery Bill of Rights**, a declaration stating that all Americans have a right to be free from addiction and to build new lives. Part of this effort is a call for federal, state and local officials to implement public and private policies to get individuals and their families the help they need.
- o The Online Advocacy Action Center harnesses the power of the Web to keep recovery advocates informed and make activism easier than ever
- o A multi-faceted, one-stop recovery website with information for activists, families and those in long-term recovery on how to get involved in their communities
- o The Addiction Recovery Insurance Equity Campaign, working to end discrimination against people with addiction
- o The **Recovery Voices Count** campaign, an effort to register voters, educate candidates and get-out-the vote
- o Rising!, a bi-monthly advocacy eNewsletter and quarterly publication

Faces & Voices of Recovery is supported in this effort by a growing membership, foundations, government agencies, and the many friends of addiction recovery around the nation.