



People Advocating Recovery is a statewide group of concerned individuals working to eliminate barriers to recovery from addiction.

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**PAR-PEOPLE ADVOCATING RECOVERY ENDORSES THE
RECOVERY BILL OF RIGHTS**

A call to action to promote the reality of recovery from addiction for the over 22 million Americans who have yet to recover and their families

Lexington, KY, October 20th, 2008 – **People Advocating Recovery** announced today that it has joined the growing number of organizations that endorse **The Recovery Bill of Rights**. The call to action for citizens and policy makers is a statement of the principle that the over 22 million Americans with addiction should be able to have the help they need to get well. Developed and adopted by Faces & Voices of Recovery, **The Recovery Bill of Rights** calls on all Americans and our elected officials to provide opportunities for people with alcohol and drug problems to get well and to eliminate laws, policies and practices that discriminate against people who are no longer using alcohol or other drugs.

PAR will sponsor a Town Hall Meeting on October 30, 2008 at 6pm at the Chrysalis Community Center, 1589 Hill Rise Drive, Lexington, KY 40504.

“It is time that we, as a community, recognize that addiction to alcohol and other drugs is a public health crisis and should be treated as such,” said Mike Barry. “There is no one path to recovery and we are working with parents, educators, law enforcement, and elected officials to raise awareness about the many pathways to recovery and educate the community about the local resources available to themselves, a family member, neighbor or friend seeking or in long-term recovery.”

About The Recovery Bill of Rights

The Recovery Bill of Rights is a statement of the principle that all Americans have a right to recover from addiction to alcohol and other drugs. It was developed and adopted by Faces & Voices of Recovery’s board of directors and has been endorsed by national allied organizations. We call on all Americans and our elected officials to take action to build communities of recovery that will support the more than 22 million Americans and their families still needing help and end discrimination facing millions in long-term recovery.

To learn more about long-term recovery from addiction and the growing movement of individuals and organizations working to support recovery and to download your own copy of **The Recovery Bill of Rights** please visit http://www.facesandvoicesofrecovery.org/about/campaigns/bill_of_rights.php

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