

Each September since 1989, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has sponsored <u>National Recovery Month</u> which celebrates people in recovery, lauds the contributions of treatment and service providers, and promotes the message that recovery in all its forms is possible. This year, as we celebrate the 25th anniversary of Recovery Month, the theme, *"Join the Voices for Recovery: Speak Up, Reach Out"*, represents the many ways that people can work to prevent substance-related disorders, seek treatment, and sustain recovery as part of a commitment to living a healthy life.

In recent years, the IDPH Division of Behavioral Health has supported single, statewide Recovery Month celebration in Des Moines, primarily through Access to Recovery funding. In 2013, the Division determined to offer communities the opportunity to host their own celebrations by providing up to \$500 to organizations planning local events in September. Hundreds of Iowans took part in recovery walks, bike rides, community festivals, and dances; while thousand more experience the message "Recovery is Possible" through billboards or radio ads or while attending a parade. This year, the amount of funding was increased to \$1,000 per organization. A total of 19 organizations applied this year and will be funded for events including:

- recovery walks, bike rides, and rallies
- media releases, resource kits, and other giveaways
- outings for bowling or movies or to Adventureland
- festivals, parades, concerts, and a Family Recovery Fun Night!

Watch future editions of the Matter of Substance newsletter for spotlight articles on how local communities celebrated!

ATR 4 Provider Application Available:

Applications to provide services under the Access to Recovery 4 grant project are now available! To assist in recruitment efforts, IDPH will implement an enrollment period for ATR 4 providers. This process will allow IDPH to quickly establish a comprehensive provider network, identify potential provider shortage areas, and determine Care Coordination sites and admission caps. **Please note:** *a new application is required for every ATR 4 provider, including those agencies contracted to provide services in ATR III.* The following application deadlines will be utilized:

Service Provider For those applying to provide Care Coordination only For those applying to provide Care Coordination and Recovery Support Services For those applying to provide Recovery Support Services only Application Due Date September 19, 2014 September 19, 2014

October 17, 2014

Applications are available at www.idph.state.ia.us/atr. For more information, contact Kevin Gabbert at 515-281-7080.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Substance Abuse Counselor and Social Work Ethics

Mark Smith, ACSW, LISW, CADC September 4 Regency Best Western, Marshalltown For more information, call SATUCI at 641-752-5421

Dialectic Behavioral Therapy

September 5

Peter Waitt Education Center - Jackson Recovery, Sioux City For more information, call 712-258-4578 An Introduction to MDFT for Adolescent Substance Abuse September 11 Sheraton, West Des Moines For more information, go to www.trainingresources.org

SAVE THE DATE - Iowa Prevention Conference November 5 Airport Holiday Inn Conference Center, Des Moines For more information, go to <u>www.trainingresources.org</u>

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