

# New Mexico Interagency Behavioral Health Purchasing Collaborative

Collaboration for Recovery, Resiliency and Empowerment



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## Governor Richardson Issues Statewide Proclamation for Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month

### Proclamation Urges Citizens to "Join the Voices for Recovery" through Special Events during September

*Santa Fe New Mexico* – At the request of the New Mexico Behavioral Health Collaborative, Governor Bill Richardson is encouraging the citizens of New Mexico to observe the month of September as "National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month."

"It is important that our community members know that substance use disorders are treatable, just like serious health care problems," said Governor Richardson.

The Governor's proclamation urges the citizens of New Mexico to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities and ceremonies supporting this year's National theme, "Join the Voices for Recovery: Real People, Real Recovery."

Substance use disorders impact 22.6 million people aged 12 or older across the Nation.

"The Collaborative is partnering with different organizations to bring attention to Recovery Month in an effort to let people know that treatment and long-term recovery from substance use disorders can offer a renewed outlook on life for those who are addicted and their family members," said Linda Roebuck, Collaborative CEO.

Events scheduled for Recovery month include:

- "Voices for Recovery" Balloon Launch and Pizza Party, hosted by ValueOptions New Mexico. Wednesday, September 10, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 2440 Louisiana Blvd, NE, Albuquerque - Balloons will be launched at noon to celebrate the successes of people recovering from alcohol and drug addiction. All who support recovery are encouraged to attend. Please RSVP by calling (505) 346-9521.
- "Recovery Day on the Plaza" hosted by the Santa Fe Recovery Center. Saturday, September 20, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Santa Fe Plaza – Santa Fe Recovery Center will hold a day-long event to celebrate recovery and increase community awareness about addiction and treatment. The event will include food, live music and presentations from local officials, including Santa Fe Mayor Davis Coss, who has declared the week of September 14 "Recovery Week," with September 20 being designated "Recovery Day on the Plaza."
- "God Ain't Done With Me Yet" – Santa Fe Recovery Center presents an inspiring and original play by Cynthia Ruffin about the horrors of addiction and the hope of recovery. James A. Little Theater, New Mexico School for the Deaf, 1060 Cerrillos Road, Santa Fe. Performance Friday, Sept. 19 and 20 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday Sept. 21 at 2:00 p.m.

#### ***About the Collaborative***

The Collaborative was created during the 2004 Legislature to allow most state agencies and resources involved in behavioral health treatment and recovery to work as one in an effort to improve mental health and substance abuse services in New Mexico. This cabinet-level group represents 15 agencies and Governor Bill Richardson's office.

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# Proclamation

*WHEREAS, treatment and long-term recovery from substance use disorders can offer a renewed outlook on life for those who are addicted and their family members; and*

*WHEREAS, substance use disorders impact 22.6 million people aged 12 or older in the United States (or 9.2 percent of the population), which is more than the number of people living with coronary heart disease, cancer, or Alzheimer's disease combined; and*

*WHEREAS, recovery from methamphetamine is possible, and community-based services in New Mexico, funded through federal Access to Recovery grants combined with State funding allow methamphetamine users immediate access to clinical and recovery support services; and*

*WHEREAS, studies have consistently found that individualized treatment is essential for people to be successful in their path of recovery; and people who receive treatment for substance use disorders can lead more productive and fulfilling lives, personally and professionally; and*

*WHEREAS, it is critical that we educate our community members that substance use disorders are treatable, like serious health care problems, and by treating them like other chronic diseases, we can improve the quality of life for the entire community; and*

*WHEREAS, to help achieve this goal of educating our community many organizations from across the nation have come to bring awareness: the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, and the New Mexico Behavioral Health Collaborative;*

*NOW, THEREFORE I, Bill Richardson, Governor of the State of New Mexico, do hereby proclaim September, 2008 as:*

## ***“National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month”***


*throughout the State of New Mexico and urge the citizens of New Mexico to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities and ceremonies supporting this year's theme, “Join the Voices for Recovery: Real People, Real Recovery.”*

Attest:

  
Mary Herrera  
Secretary of State

Done at the Executive Office this  
21<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2008.

Witness my hand and the Great Seal  
of the Great State of New Mexico

  
Bill Richardson  
Governor

