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Collaboration for Recovery, Resiliency and Empowerment



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Governor Richardson Proclaims September National Alcohol Drug Addiction Recovery Month in New Mexico

Recovery Events and Support Groups Can be First Step to Recovery

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

“Educating our community about how substance use disorders affect all people in the community is essential to combat misconceptions associated with addiction,” said Governor Richardson in his proclamation.

This year’s Recovery Month theme is “*Join the Voices for Recovery: Now More than Ever!*” “There are lots of New Mexicans who would like to join recovery but aren’t sure where to start,” said Linda Homer, CEO of the NM Behavioral Health Collaborative. Attending one of the several events scheduled across the state for Recovery Month is a good first step as well as joining a support group, which are available in communities across the state or even by phone.”

The Collaborative’s *Talk About it New Mexico* social inclusion campaign includes a resource website for people to reach out online through chats, through local groups and by phone for help they might need getting into recovery. Visit

www.talkaboutitnewmexico.org.

Also part of Recovery Month, are a few celebrations scheduled across the state, which include:

- **Recovery Day on the Plaza, Santa Fe – September 18, 2010 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** – This annual Recovery Month event is an awareness building event where all the agencies in the Santa Fe Community that do recovery work have booths. There is live music, special guests and free water and snacks.
- **Sober Fest, Alamogordo – September 25, 2010 4:00 to 11:00 p.m.**– Celebrate recovery with music, dance, food booths and speakers at the Granada Shopping Center, 7000 1st Street in Alamogordo.

The Governor’s “*National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month*.” Proclamation can be found on the Collaborative website at

<http://www.bhc.state.nm.us/pdf/bhnews/Recovery%20Month.PDF> .

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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