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Community Events Raise Awareness about Alcohol and Drug Recovery

Events in Bismarck and Jamestown planned

BISMARCK, N.D. – To help raise awareness about the importance of recovery, Gov. Dalrymple has proclaimed September as Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month in North Dakota. Two North Dakota communities will hold public events in September to honor individuals living healthy and productive lives in long-term recovery, individuals currently in treatment, as well as those who provide recovery services.

Heartview Foundation in Bismarck will host a recovery event on **Sat., Sept. 14, 2013**, beginning at **6 p.m.** at Heartview Foundation's Serenity Park, 101 East Broadway. There will be an outdoor barbecue followed by a recovery walk to the Bismarck Civic Center at 7:30 p.m. Participants will be able to watch a mixed martial arts event if they choose.

The Jamestown Region Addiction Counselors Association will host a recovery walk on **Thurs., Sept. 19 at 5:30 p.m.**, at **Sertoma Park** in **Jamestown**. The gathering will include a picnic, fellowship, music, guest speakers, and other entertainment.

"The recovery month proclamation and these community events help raise awareness and spread a positive message about substance abuse recovery and recognize individual successes," said JoAnne Hoesel, director of the Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services from the N.D. Department of Human Services.

The recovery events in North Dakota are being held in conjunction with a national initiative to educate the public that prevention works, treatment is effective, and people recover from substance use disorders. Organizations applied for funding from the department for each event.

View the 2013 Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month proclamation online at www.nd.gov/dhs/services/mentalhealth/.

The N.D. Department of Human Services provides public mental health and substance abuse evaluation and treatment services to adults, children, and families, and serves as a resource and lead agency for substance abuse prevention efforts. There are over 88 private and public substance abuse treatment programs in North Dakota.

To locate a private or public licensed substance abuse treatment program, go online to <http://findtreatment.samhsa.gov/TreatmentLocator/faces/quickSearch.jspx>. For more information on the department's substance abuse prevention, go to www.nd.gov/dhs/prevention.

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