

Calendar of Events – September 2008

19th Annual National Drug and Alcohol Abuse Recovery Month

Kick-off Press Conference: Thursday, September 4th

Local advocates and individuals in recovery will host a press conference at the Gaudenzia Weinberg Treatment Center (3643 Woodland Avenue). Speakers will include Mayor Sheila Dixon, Baltimore City State's Attorney Patricia Jessamy, and Senator Catherine Pugh.

Recovery Staff Appreciation Day: Wednesday, September 17th

Local drug and alcohol treatment agencies will celebrate the dedicated individuals who make recovery possible.

Treatment Center Open Houses:

Treatment centers all over the city will open their doors to the community, so that area residents can learn how recovery happens.

- **Wednesday, September 24th**
 - 9am-12pm: Open House at Recovery Network (201 N. Charles Street)
 - 5pm-7pm: Open House at Universal Counseling Services (122 Weber Street)
 - 5pm-8pm: Open House at Recovery In Community (31 N. Fulton Avenue)
- **Thursday, September 25th**
 - 5pm-7pm: Open House at REACH Mobile Services (2104 Maryland Avenue)
- **Friday, September 26th**
 - 2pm-5pm: Open House at Total Health Care (1501 W. Saratoga Street)
 - 10am-1pm: Open House at the Baltimore Community Resource Center (21 West 25th Street)

2nd Annual Recovery Walk and Rally: Saturday, September 27th, 8am-2pm

To show united support for treatment and recovery, Baltimore residents will walk from The Lord's Church of Baltimore (5010 Park Heights Avenue) to a rally at Druid Hill Park featuring guest speakers, live entertainment, a children's fun zone, a raffle for prizes, and free food. Sen. Catherine Pugh and Hon. Patricia Jessamy are the honorary chairs of this year's event. For more information, call 410-664-4300.

What is Recovery Month?

Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), **Recovery Month** is an annual celebration of the millions of men and women nationwide who have made the commitment to enter treatment for drug or alcohol addiction, and the family members and treatment providers who have helped them. This year's theme is *"Join the Voices of Recovery: Real People, Real Recovery."* All over the country, members of the recovery community will be reaching out to share their stories and show others that it is possible to overcome drug and alcohol disorders. Anyone can fall victim to addiction – and anyone can recover.