

RECOVERY ADVOCACY DAY



SEPTEMBER 20, 2016

**PENNSYLVANIA STATE CAPITOL
HARRISBURG, PA**

What is Recovery Advocacy Day?

Recovery Advocacy Day aims to raise awareness of substance use disorders, celebrates individuals in long-term recovery, and acknowledges the work of prevention, treatment, and recovery support services. In order to do this, participants are invited to meet with legislators, share their story and convey a message of hope.

Schedule of Events

- 9 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.** Registration/Legislative Visits
- 1:45 p.m. to 2 p.m.** Gather in Main Rotunda
- 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.** Media Event in Main Rotunda
- 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.** Departure

Registration

To pre-register click [here](#). On the day of the event, participants are asked to sign in at the Courage to Change table located in the East Wing Rotunda. Staff will be on hand from 9 a.m. until 1:45 p.m. A map of the Capitol Complex can be found [here](#). Upon registration, participants will receive an event button and are invited to sign a poster which will be on display throughout the day. Large groups are encouraged to use the East Wing entrance. Please see the [Capitol Security Screening Procedures](#)

Legislative Visits

We ask that you spend your time in Harrisburg visiting with members of the General Assembly and/or their staff. Try to set up an appointment. If you cannot make an appointment, let them know that you plan on dropping by. If possible, please coordinate your visits with other participants from your region. A listing of House and Senate Members can be found [here](#)

For more tips, see [How to Make Your Legislative Visit a Success](#). Also, if you are a county employee, please see information regarding the [Hatch Act and Civil Service Act](#)

Talking Points

When visiting a member of the General Assembly, or their staff, you are welcome to use the following talking points:

- **Share Your Story:** Be brief and focus on recovery rather than addiction.
- **Recovery is Possible:** Convey a message of hope and the fact that people can and do get better. Feel free to talk about recovery events or special things happening in your area.
- **Thank Legislator:** Be sure to thank the legislators you encounter for their efforts and continued support.

Media Event

To further promote Recovery Advocacy Day, we will be hosting a media event at 2 p.m. in the Main Rotunda. For those interested in participating in this media event, we ask that you gather in the Main Rotunda at 1:45 p.m. for a group photo.

Media Event Schedule

Emcee: Judy Rosser, Chairperson, PACDAA

Remarks	Lieutenant Governor Mike Stack
Event Overview	Ashley Potts, Supervisor, SPHS
House Resolution	Representative Thomas Murt
Remarks	Representative Gene DiGirolamo
Remarks from Persons in Recovery	Bill Stauffer, Executive Director, Pro-A Cheryl Dondero, D&A Administrator, Dauphin County Jason Snyder, Press Secretary, DDAP
Closing	Mike Krafick, CRS Supervisor, AICDAC

Other Information

Bus Parking: Bus parking is available at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex. Drivers are permitted in the North Lot of the complex. Please avoid areas designated for the PA Farmers Open Air Market. For more information contact the complex at 717-787-5373. Also, please instruct your driver to drop you off at the East Wing Entrance of the Capitol.

Vehicle Parking: Parking garages for smaller vehicles are conveniently located in areas surrounding the Capitol Building. More information can be found [here](#)

Lunch: Lunch is on your own, and there are many choices nearby. The Capitol Building has a cafeteria onsite and it can be found in the East Wing near the Visitor's Center. A short walk through Capitol Park will bring you to Strawberry Square, which features a food court on the second floor. There are also a number of restaurants near the capitol. If you would like suggestions, please ask a staff member.

Dress Theme: Event organizers have selected the color purple as a dress theme. You are welcome to incorporate any variation of this color into your outfit.