

# RECOVERY ADVOCACY DAY

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**SEPTEMBER 24, 2019**

**PENNSYLVANIA STATE CAPITOL  
HARRISBURG, PA**

## What is Recovery Advocacy Day?

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

### Schedule of Events\*

<b>10:00 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.</b>	Legislative Visits
<b>1:45 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.</b>	Gather in Main Rotunda
<b>2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.</b>	Media Event
<b>3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.</b>	Departure

*\*There is no set time of arrival as participants will be on their own schedule for legislative visits.*

## Arrival

On the day of the event, participants are asked to sign the Courage to Change Poster located at the Information Table in the East Wing Rotunda. This poster will be on display during the media event. Organizers will be on hand from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. to answer any questions. A map of the Capitol Complex can be found [here](#). 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 schedule an appointment in advance. 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, including talking points, please see the [Legislative Visit Guide](#). If you are a county employee, please see information regarding the [Hatch Act and Civil Service Act](#).

## Special Notes

Both the House and Senate will be in session on September 24 so please allow for extra time to find parking and get through security. Also, other groups will be present in the capitol to advocate for their own causes. Should you have any questions, please visit the Recovery Advocacy Day Information Table.

## Media Event

To further promote Recovery Advocacy Day, there will be a media event at 2:00 p.m. in the Capitol 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.

## Other Information

**Bus Parking:** Bus parking as 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 located on Commonwealth Avenue.

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

**Lunch:** Lunch is on your own with many choices nearby. The Capitol Building has a cafeteria located in the East Wing near the Visitor's Center. Seating is available beneath the escalators. 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 an event organizer at the information table.

**Social Media:** When posting on social media, participants are welcome to use #PArecovers, #RAD2019, and/or #RecoveryMonth to further promote this event.

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

**Photo and Video Disclaimer:** Attendance at Recovery Advocacy Day constitutes an agreement by the attendee to allow Recovery Advocacy Day to use and distribute at any time the attendee's image or voice in photographs, videotapes, electronic reproductions, and audiotapes.

If you have any questions, please contact us at [recoveryadvocacy@gmail.com](mailto:recoveryadvocacy@gmail.com), or visit [facebook.com/recoveryadvocacy](https://facebook.com/recoveryadvocacy)



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## Featured Speakers

**John Fabiseski** is a person in long term recovery since January 26, 2014. John is a State Certified Recovery Specialist, State Certified Peer Specialist, and works as a Primary Therapist at Banyan Clearbrook Treatment Centers. John is a 2019 graduate of Luzerne County Community College with his Associates in Applied Science. John is passionate in educating others and works with the Pennsylvania Recovery Organizations Alliance in training Certified Recovery Specialists. John is the Chapter Lead of Young People in Recovery Northeast Pennsylvania and was recognized as 2018 YPR's National Advocate of the Year.

**Samantha Osterlof** is a woman in sustained recovery from substance use issues. Samantha is currently a clinical outreach representative for Summit Behavioral Health. Samantha has a master's degree in Criminal Justice from St. Joseph's University and received her bachelor's degree from Elizabethtown College. Samantha has worked in the addiction space for over 6 years and is active in her own recovery.

**William Stauffer** is the Executive Director of Pennsylvania Recovery Organization Alliance, the statewide recovery organization. He is in long-term recovery and has over 30 years clinical and administrative experience. He has been actively engaged in public policy in the recovery arena for many years. In 2018 he testified in front of the US Senate Special Committee on Aging on the opioid epidemic and older adults, and in 2019, he helped set up a hearing with the PA House Human Services Committee to expand recovery opportunities for young people. He is the 2019 recipient of the Vernon Johnson Award presented at the America Honors Recovery dinner on June, 17th, 2019.

**Other** speakers will include Secretary Jennifer Smith, DDAP, along with several members of the General Assembly.