

## **Recovery Month Celebrations**

Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs Secretary, Dr. Latika Davis-Jones, invites you to join her and the DDAP Team to celebrate <u>National Recovery Month</u> throughout Pennsylvania during the entire month of September.

The goal of National Recovery Month is to come together, celebrate individuals in recovery, and offer hope to those who are struggling with a substance use disorder. It reinforces the positive message that behavioral health is essential to overall health, prevention works, treatment is effective, and people can and do recover from the disease of addiction.

DDAP will be hosting the following events:

- Recovery Month Kickoff Event Share the Hope: A Recovery Story
  - Thursday, September 12, 10 AM 2 PM
  - Soldiers and Sailors Grove,
    - Capitol Complex, 531 Commonwealth Avenue, Harrisburg
  - Wellness activities and demonstrations, speakers, food trucks, mobile clinic tours, and more!
  - No RSVP needed.
- Documentary Screening: Our American Family
  - Thursday, September 18, 6 PM 8 PM
  - Penn State Harrisburg Campus
    - Mukund S. Kulkarni Theatre, 777 West Harrisburg Pike, Middletown
  - Our American Family is an honest portrait of five Philadelphia family members grappling with the legacy of generational addiction as they fight to heal resentments and pull each other out of the deepest depths.
  - Panel discussion to follow the screening.
  - o RSVP
- Recovery Transformation: "The Phoenix"
  - Thursday, September 26, 5 PM 7:30 PM
  - Main Capitol Rotunda
  - Meet two individuals who are on their recovery journey who will share their story of hope and then show off their new look!
  - o RSVP
- Recovery in Nature: DDAP/DCNR Walks and Waterways
  - All month long
  - Collaboration with Secretary Dunn and her team at DCNR who have identified nine regional trails or waterways within Pennsylvania's state parks to take advantage of during Recovery Month.
  - o Interested in participating? Please contact jessicolon@pa.gov.

You are encouraged to help celebrate our fellow Pennsylvanians whom we all serve by attending one or more of these events.

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