

Wisconsin Voices for Recovery: Rally for Recovery on September 22

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MADISON – Wisconsin Voices for Recovery, with support from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, Stop Heroin Now, Connections Counseling and other statewide partners, will host its fifth annual [Rally for Recovery](#) September 22 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Wisconsin State Capitol. This is a free event. All are invited to attend.

“The 2018 Rally for Recovery is focused on encouraging social connectedness through partnerships and building a culture of resilience in order to build a stronger foundation against the current public health crisis,” said Wisconsin Voices for Recovery, Statewide Program Coordinator Jessica Geschke. “As the substance abuse and alcohol epidemic continues to grow, so do the number of those working together to strengthen and build recovery efforts for those individuals struggling with the disease of addiction. We have come together, recovering together, to bring unity and hope.”

The Rally for Recovery is Wisconsin’s largest celebration of National Recovery Month, which is observed every September. The Rally for Recovery provides an opportunity to share the successes of individuals in recovery, learn more about the recovery resources available in Wisconsin, and laud the efforts of treatment providers, peer supporters, and others who help individuals achieve wellness.

The theme for Rally for Recovery 2018 is “Community Resilience: Recovering Together.” In support of this theme, the Rally for Recovery brings together

individuals in recovery, their families, and their friends as well as public officials, treatment providers, and others to further the understanding of the importance of behavioral health and increase awareness of the availability of services for those in need.

Highlights of this year's program include:

- **11:00 a.m.:** Performance by the Ho Chunk Drumming Circle
- **11:25 a.m.:** 11:20-11:25am Governor's Proclamation (Paul Krupski, Director of Opioid Initiatives, WI Dept of Health Services)
- **12:00 p.m.:** Featured Speaker, Joseph Green; spoken word poet and motivational speaker
- **12:35 p.m.:** Presentation of WI Voices for Recovery Award
- **12:40 p.m.:** Moment of silence for those who have lost their life to addiction
- **1:20 p.m.:** Taiko Drumming Group, West High School Student performance

Staff from organizations providing treatment and support to individuals in recovery, along with recovery coaches, will be available throughout the day as part of the annual resource fair. Trainings on the use of naloxone will be held several times during the rally. Naloxone is a medication that can reverse an opioid overdose.

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