



NCADD-NJ's Road to Recovery Campaign

NCADD-NJ's Road to Recovery Campaign is a grassroots effort to highlight public policies that help individuals overcome addiction or mental illness through life-saving intervention, education, and treatment, as well as remove common barriers to living healthy lives in recovery. Addiction is a disease that touches many. Taking a comprehensive public health approach to this growing problem is urgent.

NCADD-NJ has identified legislation that can save lives and encourage those struggling with addiction or mental health issues to get well and become, like most in recovery, productive members of our communities. Finding and sustaining recovery can be hard, so focusing on policies that make long term recovery easier is a cause worth fighting for with your grassroots support.

Advocates already have had victories for the Road to Recovery Campaign. The following bills have become law with the work of our dedicated Advocates.

ROAD TO RECOVERY CAMPAIGN VICTORIES!

- ✓ Requires high schools to stock naloxone, authorizes school nurses to administer, and provides them with legal indemnification.
- ✓ Permits automatic criminal record expungement for individuals completing drug court.
- ✓ Mandates substance misuse instruction developed in the state Department of Education for the Core Curriculum.
- ✓ Requires jails and prisons to supply medications to inmates for chronic illnesses.
- ✓ Trains certain doctors in jails and prison on dealing with people with addictions.
- ✓ Allows anyone to get naloxone without a prescription.
- ✓ Provides for issuance of certificate of work suitability to certain offenders including those with substance use disorders.
- ✓ Ensures that medication assisted treatment benefits under the Medicaid program are provided without the imposition of prior authorization strictures.
- ✓ Ensures health insurance coverage for behavioral health care services and enhances oversight and enforcement of mental health and addiction parity laws.
- ✓ Requires prescription opioid medications include warning sticker advising patients of the risk of addiction and overdose.



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Here is a list of bills Advocates are working on in the ongoing Road to Recovery Campaign

Addressing Addiction in Young People:

A.4546/S.491 requires public and non public secondary schools to annually conduct written or verbal substance use screening on all students using a particular program, Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT).

Removing Barriers & Expanding Recovery Support in our Communities:

S.2330 allows persons who complete a drug court program to qualify for a casino employee's license.

A.3456/S.210 removes prohibition on voting by persons convicted of indictable offense who are on parole, probation, or incarcerated.

A.4652/S.3198 Allows certain Drug Court participants who successfully complete the program, to reduce the amount they owe on court-ordered fines and some other financial obligations

Addressing Addiction Recovery and Mental Health Together:

S.938/A.3064 Mandates that nursing homes provide training to staff in behavioral health issues

A.5506/S.3808 Mandates Essential Health Benefits (behavioral health) coverage in insurance plans sold in the state

S.3802/A.5501 Requires continuation of health benefits dependent coverage until child turns twenty-six years of age

Treating Addiction as a Health Condition:

A.4638/S.3293 Authorizes Overdose Prevention Centers (safe injection sites)

S.3515/A.5104 Requires pharmacies to maintain a minimum stock of an opioid overdose antidote



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