

MOAR and Friends 33rd Recovery Month Celebration Day 2023

Recovery Advocacy Poster Contest

Sponsored by REC Community Engagement & Outreach Workgroup

Description and Guidelines

Objectives of Recovery Advocacy Poster:

1. Increase visibility to special populations impacted by barrier to substance use recovery supports.
2. Increase understanding of the needs of populations negatively impacted by substance use barriers to sustained recovery supports.
3. Increase knowledge of policies hindering the progress of recovery for individuals and families seeking a life in recovery.
4. Amplify the value of Harm Reduction strategies and how it plays a role in support of the progress of recovery in said population.
5. Develop a visual communication that would motivate others to advocate.
6. Develop an understanding of agency, organization, provider, and peer role in advocating.

2023 Recovery Advocacy Poster Instructions:

Your Recovery Advocacy Poster will demonstrate an understanding of a population impacted by substance use disorder, their current needs, and barriers to and in recovery, as well as recommendations to support the removal of said barrier in their journey of recovery. The poster will be displayed digitally on the big screen in the Great Hall at Faneuil Hall on Recovery Day. Posters by individuals will not be accepted and personal stories are not a focus.

- Assign a title
- Include the supporting organization / agency name, name of authors, and role of authors.
 - **Author requirements:** a supervisor, a clinician / counselor, a peer worker, a peer participant.
- Describe / identify the population of focus in 1-2 sentences.
 - BIPOC
 - Cultural / Ethnic diversity
 - Women
 - LGBTQIA +
 - Elder Adults
 - Youth
 - Gestational and post-partum individuals
 - Deaf and hard of hearing
 - Individuals with diverse abilities
 - Speakers of languages other than English
 - Native American
 - Immigrants / foreign residents to MA
 - Individuals in CJ commitments / reentering community from CJ commitments
 - Peer recovery coaches, and other peer workers
 - Family recovery
 - Individuals managing symptoms of a dual diagnosis
 - Families supporting individuals with a substance use disorder
 - Allies

- Other
- Include three to five points about what the needs are of population of focus.
- Include three to five points about the barriers to having needs met.
- Identify any current legislative policy or bill that may be supporting or hindering recovery of population of focus.
 - *Optional*: include examples of how other states have addressed similar needs through policies or bills.
- State three to five action recommendations to improve removal of barriers and support of meeting needs. These recommendations should incorporate recovery efforts on all recovery spaces (i.e., inpatient, outpatient, outreach, harm reduction, peer recovery support centers), and encompass all provider roles (i.e. leadership, supervisors, clinical, direct care, peer workers).
- The recovery advocacy poster must be presented as a digital poster that can be displayed on a digital slide reproduction.
- Must consider accessibility issues for attendees with disabilities. Ex: Lighter background with dark font.

Considerations:

- Think about your audience in attendance at MOAR and Friends 33rd Recovery Month Celebration Day.
- How will you attract attention; visual, creative / artistic, color, narration

Only 17 posters submission will be accepted, one per each population of focus. Each supporting organization / agency must submit an abstract of recovery advocacy poster and identify interest of population of focus (first come first serve basis) by **September 15, 2023**. Submission approval emails will be sent out via email by **September 22, 2023**.