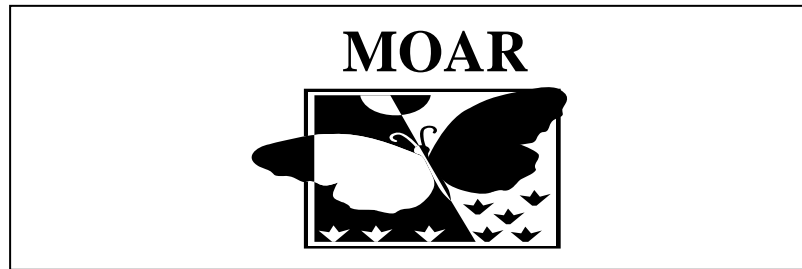


People in Recovery, Families, and Friends
Join The Voices for Recovery;
You are MOAR Wanted



Massachusetts Organization for Addiction Recovery
*Speaking Up for Addiction Recovery,
Life After The End of The Alcohol Tax*

We Will Find a Dedicated Addiction Services Revenue in The Long Run
For Now as MA Coalition for Addiction Services Members, We are

Educating Legislators To Support 2012 Funding for
MA Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Services at House 1
(Governor's Budget Proposal) with no cuts

Recovery Take Action Steps! This is about Saving Lives

- By letter, email, visit - educate your elected House and Senate legislators about the need to level fund substance abuse services at the 2011 level for \$83,485,802.00 to save lives. Give personal perspective in no more than 2 sentences. Use the MA Coalition Fact Sheet.
- Ask your elected legislators, to educate **new House and Senate Ways Means (Committees which prepare the state budgets.)**
Chairmen— Senator Stephen Brewer (Barre) & Rep Dempsey (Haverhill).
- Who is Your Elected Legislator and How to Contact?
Go to **wheredolvotema.com** on the web

What MOAR?

- Main State House Telephone number – 617-722-2000
- Address- Name of Legislator – The State House – Boston, MA 02133

Message:

"Hello – My name is _____. I am a constituent, living at _____
I am calling in regards to the 2012 state budget.

I am asking that MA Bureau of Substance Abuse Services,

MA Department of Public Health be funded at Governor's Proposal of \$83,485,802.00

1. Preserve funding for addiction services in the DPH/Bureau of Substance Abuse Services,
You Can Add
2. Preserve Medicaid and MassHealth Behavioral Health Funding Line Items at Governor's Request.
3. Support Funding for Gambling Services

And I am severely disappointed that we no longer have the alcohol tax which would have brought in \$100 million dollars to save lives from addiction. I know from personal experience about the value of prevention, treatment, and recovery "

You can send the Massachusetts Coalition for Addiction Services Fact Sheet as a reference

Here is a Sample Message for Persons and Families in Recovery

MESSAGING OR LANGUAGE FOR A PERSON IN RECOVERY

"I'm (your name); I am a constituent living at _____. I am in long-term recovery, which means that I have not used alcohol or drugs for more than (insert the number of years that you are in recovery) years. I am committed to recovery because it has given me and my family new purpose and hope for the future, while helping me gain stability in my life (insert concrete examples to personalize). I am now speaking out because long-term recovery has helped me change my life for the better, and I want to make it possible for others to do the same. Please support level funding for addiction prevention, treatment, and recovery."

MESSAGING OR LANGUAGE FOR A FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND OF A PERSON IN RECOVERY

"I'm (your name). I am asking that as you hear my story, you will strongly consider the value of level funding for addiction services. My family and I are in long-term recovery, which means that for the last (insert the number of years that your family member has been in recovery) years my (son, daughter, mom, dad) has not used alcohol or other drugs. In that time, we've become healthier together, enjoying family life in our home (insert concrete examples to personalize). I am committed to recovery because it has given my family and me new purpose and hope for the future. I am now speaking out because long-term recovery helped us change our lives for the better, and I want to make it possible for others to do the same.

Thank you in advance for your willingness to support recovery and for helping us realize our vision of a world where recovery from addiction to alcohol and other drugs is understood, promoted, and embraced and where all who seek it have access to the support, care, and resources they need to achieve long-term recovery. "

MESSAGING OR LANGUAGE FOR A PERSON IN TREATMENT

"My name is _____

I am a constituent, who is currently receiving addiction treatment. Treatment is helping me build a life in recovery. I am learning.....

I am voicing my support for level funding that matches Governor Deval Patrick's substance abuse services budget request with no cuts Some of my friends have died from overdoses. I am fortunate that I am alive today. Treatment needs to be supported to help people recover from addiction, which is an investment to the economy.

Thank you very much!"

What MOAR? - Educate Legislators Now

- Please know that House budget proposal comes out generally in April.
- The Senate Budget usually comes out in May.
- The House and Senate Budget must be reviewed and consolidated as one.
- Differences resolved in a Conference Committee and passed by June 30th.
- The Governor must review, sign, or veto (reject) by line item;
- The State Legislature can decide to reject the vetoes
- The House must decide to override (reject) vetoes first, then the Senate- by a 2/3 vote.

All the way through – Your Voice Counts- Recovery Voices Do Count
**Join MOAR to do MOAR for Recovery – call 617-423-6627, email MOARMellisa@aol.com,
go to www.moar-recovery.org**

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