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New National Technical Assistance Center Opens to Address the Opioid Epidemic

National organization aims to increase recovery support services.

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For many individuals with substance use disorders, the support of someone who has been there increases their chances of success. Currently, drug overdoses claim 174 lives every day and a powerful new workforce of people in recovery has come forward to use their recovery experience to help others navigate the challenges of early recovery. Evidence of the effectiveness of peer recovery support services is promising. Yet, many states and communities still lack the capacity to implement effective peer recovery support services.

Launched by Faces & Voices of Recovery, the National Recovery Institute (NRI) will increase the knowledge, capacity, and accountability of recovery support providers throughout the United States and territories. This groundbreaking new center will be operated exclusively by subject matter experts, senior level trainers, and consultants with personal experience of recovery from alcohol/drug addiction. The regionally-based training team has decades of experience designing and delivering effective recovery support services across the nation and internationally.

The National Recovery Institute delivers training, technical assistance, evaluation, research, translation, and capacity building products and services to support individuals, organizations and states on topics related to recovery support services and policy development. The expert team provides consultation to local and state governments and agencies on policies and practices that meet the national standards of the Council on Accreditation of Peer Recovery Support Services (CAPRSS). Ongoing technical assistance helps agencies design curricula that meet the education requirements of the International Credentialing & Reciprocity Consortium (IC&RC) and NADAAC Peer Recovery credentials.

Recovery support services are wide-ranging and should be provided based on the needs of individuals and their families. They include non-clinical social supports and services such as individual peer support, group peer support, employment coaching, housing, substance-free social activities and more. Often these services are delivered by recovery community organizations in multiple settings such as emergency departments, drug courts and recovery community centers.

“Our team is always working on the next round of groundbreaking offerings for recovery support providers and other related entities. Our global focus, along with the changing national landscape, as it pertains to recovery from addiction, requires Faces & Voices of Recovery,

including the Institute, to innovate and pave the way for future recovery support services providers,” said Patty McCarthy Metcalf, Executive Director of Faces & Voices of Recovery.

To learn more about how the National Recovery institute can help in your state or local community, contact Hannah Rose, Director of Training and Technical Assistance, at hrose@facesandvoicesofrecovery.org or call 1.202.737.0690. Visit the Faces & Voices of Recovery website at www.facesandvoicesofrecovery.org for more information.

About Faces & Voices of Recovery

Faces & Voices of Recovery, a grassroots 501c3 organization based in Washington, D.C., has led the recovery advocacy movement since 2001. Their mission is to organize and mobilize the over 23 million Americans in recovery from addiction to alcohol and other drugs, our families, friends and allies into recovery community organizations and networks, to promote the right and resources to recover through advocacy, education and demonstrating the power and proof of long-term recovery.