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Wolf Administration Kicks off National Recovery Month

Harrisburg, PA – Today, Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP) Secretary Jen Smith was joined by individuals in recovery, stakeholders, advocates, and community members in the Capitol Rotunda to kick off statewide September celebrations of individuals in recovery.

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) recognizes the month of September as National Recovery Month. This year's theme is *Join the Voices of Recovery: Invest in Health, Home, Purpose, and Community*.

"Today's event signifies hope for individuals battling addiction," said DDAP Secretary Jennifer Smith. "This year's national theme touches on a key component for individual's seeking treatment – a strong community. All Pennsylvanians have an obligation to come together, as a community, to break stigma associated with this disease. In doing so, I encourage everyone to attend their local recovery month celebrations in support of our loved ones, neighbors, coworkers, and friends."

Since taking office, Governor Wolf has made combatting the opioid crisis a top priority. On January 14, 2018, Governor Wolf signed a 90-day opioid disaster declaration to form the Opioid Command Center. The Command Center brings together state agencies to meet weekly to coordinate efforts and to plan and implement initiatives that are making a difference in this fight. The governor renewed the 90-day declaration again in April and July.

Individuals seeking recovery resources for themselves or a loved one can call the toll-free PA Get Help Now helpline at 1-800-662-HELP (4357). A live chat option is also available online or via text message at 717-216-0905 for those seeking help who may not be comfortable speaking to a helpline operator.

For more information on statewide events happening during the month of September, visit the [SAMHSA website](#) and the Pennsylvania Recovery Organizations Alliance calendar [here](#).

For more information on the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs and treatment options around the commonwealth, visit www.ddap.pa.gov and <https://apps.ddap.pa.gov/gethelpnow/>.

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