



About NACoA...

The people hurt most by alcohol and drugs don't even use them; they are the CHILDREN of addicted parents. NACoA believes that none of these vulnerable children should grow up in isolation and without support and works to bring hope and help to them. NACoA is the national nonprofit membership and affiliate organization working on behalf of children of alcohol and drug dependent parents. Its mission is to advocate for all children and families affected by alcoholism and other drug dependencies. In a word, NACoA helps kids that are hurt by parental alcohol and drug use.

Facts about alcohol and other drug dependencies...

- Affects some 43 percent of American families
- Severely disrupts family life
- Hinders children's physical, emotional, and intellectual development
- Runs in families, thereby harming future generations

Children in families with alcohol and other drug dependencies:

- Are more likely to develop alcoholism or drug dependencies themselves
- Have more physical and mental health problems than other children
- Incur higher health care costs
- Are vulnerable to violence and child abuse
- Often have difficulties in school and other areas of life

Backed by the leading experts in the field, NACoA:

- Works to raise public awareness
- Provides leadership in public policy at the national, state, and local levels
- Advocates for appropriate, effective and accessible education and prevention services
- Facilitates and advances professional knowledge and understanding

To do this, NACoA:

- Works with teachers, physicians, clergy, and community coalitions to develop specific tools to provide hope and support to children affected by alcoholism in their families
- Partners with federal agencies and other national child advocacy organizations to develop programs and products that can directly help children of alcoholic parents
- Has affiliate organizations throughout the country, and Great Britain, Germany and Canada
- Publishes a bi-monthly newsletter
- Creates videos, booklets, posters and other educational materials to assist natural helpers to intervene and support these children
- Hosts a Web site on the Internet with information about children of alcoholics and other drug dependent parents and tools to help them
- Distributes information packets to all who ask

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About Faces & Voices of Recovery

Faces & Voices of Recovery is a national 501(c)(3) non-profit organization committed to organizing and mobilizing the millions of Americans in long-term recovery from addiction to alcohol and other drugs, our families, friends, and allies to speak with one voice. The organization is working to change public perceptions of recovery, promote effective public policy in Washington, D.C. and in all 50 states, and demonstrate that recovery is working for millions of Americans. It is our mission to bring the power and proof of recovery to everyone in the nation.

Faces & Voices of Recovery is America in all its diversity: moms and dads, sons and daughters, brothers and sisters, husbands and wives, and friends of people regaining their health and lives through freedom from addiction. By organizing and speaking out together, we support and give hope to individuals who are still struggling with addiction and to those who have found the power of long-term recovery.

Faces & Voices of Recovery is supported in this effort by a growing membership, foundations, government agencies and the many friends of addiction recovery around the nation.

Recovery Facts

There are millions of Americans in long-term recovery from addiction to alcohol and other drugs, improving the lives of individuals, families and communities. Faces & Voices advocates for a recovery research agenda to provide policymakers, the media and citizens with more information on the pathways that these people have taken on their recovery journeys, as well as their numbers and experiences. Taxpayers have invested millions of dollars in understanding addiction. It is time to understand recovery – so that the 21 million Americans who still need help can experience long-term recovery from addiction.

- Almost two-thirds of Americans have friends or family members who have struggled with addiction.
- Over 21 million Americans suffer from addiction or dependence on alcohol and drugs and have yet to experience recovery.
- Nearly two-thirds of Americans (66%) view addiction as a form of illness and something individuals cannot remedy alone.
- One in four people in recovery from alcoholism and drug addiction say they have been discriminated against when trying to obtain employment or insurance.
- Addiction, left untreated, costs Americans more than 100,000 lives and \$400 billion each year.
- Every dollar spent on drug treatment in the community is estimated to return \$18.52 in benefits to society in terms of reduced incarceration rates and associated crime costs to taxpayers.

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