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ADAS Board and providers host Recovery Month events

Hamilton County Proclamation, Reds Recovery Night and co-occurring disorders conference kick off National Recovery Month (September)

CINCINNATI—September marks the 16th annual monthly observance of National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month. This year's theme is *Join the Voices of Recovery...Healing Lives, Families & Communities!*

To celebrate Recovery Month, Hamilton County community service providers are hosting a co-occurring disorders conference September 16th, a Reds Recovery Night September 23rd and numerous other events. To kick off National Recovery Month, Hamilton County commissioners issued a proclamation declaring the month of September National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month throughout Hamilton County, and stating "...recognition and gratitude are to be given to the Hamilton County Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services (ADAS) Board, its providers, and partners for their outstanding services to Hamilton County."

The co-occurring disorders conference, entitled *Integrated Treatment of Co-Occurring Disorders of Substance Abuse and Mental Illness*, will be held at the Children's Hospital Medical Center MERC Auditorium from 8 AM to 5:30 PM. At least 50 percent of persons diagnosed with mental illness will also have a substance abuse diagnosis during their lifetime. The conference will explore culturally-sensitive evidence-based integrated treatment for both mental illness and substance abuse disorders in children, adolescents and adults. Conference registration is \$20. To register or for more information, contact Julia Robertson, Marketing Coordinator, at (513) 636-2804 or julia.robertson@cchmc.org.

Recovery Night with the Reds, organized by the Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration, Faces and Voices of Recovery, Ohio Citizen Advocates, and ADAS-funded agencies, honors those who are finding success in recovery. Prior to the game, the Cincinnati Reds will recognize several area residents currently in recovery. Also, 500 local residents in recovery will be treated to tickets to the game against Philadelphia.

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It is currently estimated that 87 percent of people in Hamilton County in need of treatment for a problem with alcohol and/or psychoactive drugs did not seek or receive treatment.

Consequently, these events will highlight the importance of seeking treatment, validate the effectiveness of treatment services, and serve to reduce the stigma of addiction.

For more information about National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month, contact Tony Martinez at (513) 621-7202.

About the Hamilton County Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services (ADAS) Board

The ADAS Board (www.hamilton-co.org/adas) is Hamilton County's authority for planning, funding and evaluating alcohol, other drug and gambling addiction prevention and treatment services. ADAS-funded services are provided by a local network of 16 not-for-profit providers and offered on a sliding-fee scale, making them affordable for any county resident, regardless of income.

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