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The Legal Action Center is the only non-profit law and policy organization in the United States whose sole mission is to fight discrimination against people with histories

of addiction, HIV/AIDS, or criminal records, and to advocate for sound public policies in these areas.

For three decades, LAC has worked to combat the stigma and prejudice that keep these individuals out of the mainstream of society. The Legal Action Center is committed to helping people reclaim their lives, maintain their dignity, and participate fully in society as productive, responsible Americans.

Founded in 1987, the State Associations of Addiction Services is the leading national organization that advocates on behalf of state associations of addiction prevention, treatment and recovery providers.

Through member associations across the country, SAAS has a direct link to thousands of prevention, treatment and recovery programs that are the core of the publicly-funded substance use disorder system, as well as millions of individuals and families who access these services.

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**A national campaign
to end discrimination
against people in
recovery from addiction
and to expand services
and research**



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Thank you for your contribution to the national campaign to raise \$1,000,000 to advocate to treat 1,000,000 more Americans people. Your support is appreciated!

The National Advocacy Campaign to Eliminate Discrimination Against People in Recovery from Addiction and to Expand and Improve the Full Continuum of Treatment, Recovery, Prevention and Research

The Problem

Drug and alcohol addiction is a reality that afflicts millions of Americans each year. In communities large and small, everyone is affected either directly or indirectly by addiction and its consequences.

Increasing crime rates, involvement in the child welfare system, lost worker productivity, accidents on the job, high numbers of emergency room visits, traffic fatalities and rising insurance rates are just a few of the nationwide affects of alcohol and drug addiction.

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The Need

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Health care services for those struggling with alcohol and drug addiction, including treatment and recovery support services, must be increased to meet the demand.

Prevention programs proven effective at eliminating underage alcohol and drug use reach far too few youth. Effective programs must be enhanced and made available to all communities.

Discrimination continues to pervade the lives of individuals in recovery and their families. Discrimination must be eliminated to support people in recovery as they strive to reenter society.

The Solution

The advocacy power of the Legal Action Center in Washington, D.C. has joined with the nationwide network of the State Associations of Addiction Services to create an unprecedented national advocacy and education campaign to expand the continuum of prevention, treatment, recovery, and research and to eliminate discrimination.

**Act now to make a difference!!
Become a Founding 500 member
to help raise \$1,000,000 to
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**By pledging your support of \$1,000 or more,
you can become a Founding 500 member to
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As a founding member of this Campaign, you will receive regular updates and the satisfaction of being part of a national effort to improve our country's policies toward alcohol and drug problems and those it afflicts.

***Join the solution! Become a Founding 500 in the National Advocacy Campaign.
Help make a difference in the lives of millions of people and families.***