



National Advocacy Campaign: Goals and Accomplishments

The National Advocacy Campaign of the Legal Action Center and the State Associations of Addiction Services achieved tremendous success in expanding and improving the full continuum of substance use disorder (SUD) treatment, recovery, prevention, and research through national healthcare reform. Our Goals and Accomplishments include:

| Goals | Accomplishments | Grade |
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| Ensure healthcare reform requires SUD coverage | Health reform requires small business & individual plans and new Medicaid coverage to include SUD services | A+ |
| Ensure SUD coverage is equal to other illnesses | Health reform requires all plans and Medicaid expansion to comply with Wellstone/Domenici parity requirements | A+ |
| Include SUD prevention and screening in health reform | Health reform law includes SUD prevention and screening in wellness and chronic disease prevention initiatives | A |
| Include SUD in workforce development initiatives | Health reform includes SUD workforce in workforce development initiatives | B+ |
| Increase federal funding for SUD services and research | President's budget includes substantial increases for CSAT, CSAP, NIAAA and NIDA but flat Block Grant – we will advocate for increases in the new Congress | B+ |
| Ensure health reform maximizes SUD services | Off to good start helping run Coalition for Whole Health and commenting on 3 proposed regulations | A- |
| Strengthen relationships with key policymakers | Established strong relationships with Drug Czar, others in Administration and key members of Congress | A |
| Build network of key contacts | Built strong network of key contacts to Congress that made our successes possible | A- |
| Ensure safety net (block grant, etc.) remains for those who need it | This critical work just beginning | ?? |

We welcome your support and encourage you to join us in this campaign. You can email us at sboyd@lac.org if you would like to join our advocacy efforts and/or receive regular news bulletins and alerts.



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