

# Road to Recovery



## NCADD-NJ's Road to Recovery Campaign

NCADD-NJ's **Road to Recovery** campaign is a grassroots effort to highlight public policies that help individuals overcome addiction through life-saving intervention, education, and treatment, as well as remove common barriers to living healthy lives in recovery. Addiction is a disease that touches many lives in New Jersey. Taking a comprehensive public health approach to this growing problem is urgent.

NCADD-NJ successfully launched its Road to Recovery campaign in 2015, which saw **victory in its first year** when **A.471** was signed into law permitting automatic expungement for individuals completing drug court; saw three **victories in its second year** when **S.372** was enacted which requires review of core curriculum standards to include substance abuse instruction for public school students, **S.384** became law to require jails and prisons to supply medication to inmates with chronic illnesses, and **S383** was adopted to train certain doctors in jails and prisons on dealing with people with addictions. These victories and others including the Overdose Prevention Act and Opportunity to Compete Act are due to the endless support of grassroots advocates working with decision makers.

NCADD-NJ has identified legislation that, with your grassroots support, can save lives and encourage those struggling with addiction to get well and become, like many in recovery, productive members of our communities. Finding and sustaining recovery can be hard, so focusing on public policies that make the recovery process easier is a cause worth fighting for.

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## **ROAD TO RECOVERY VICTORIES!**

NCADD-NJ's Advocates already have grassroots victories for the Road to Recovery Campaign. The following bills have become law with the work our dedicated advocates have provided.

***A.471** permits automatic expungement for individuals completing drug court.*

***A.2292/S.372** mandates substance misuse instruction developed in the state Department of Education for the core curriculum.*

***S.384** requires jails and prisons to supply medications to inmates for chronic illnesses*

***S.383** trains certain doctors in jails and prison on dealing with people with addictions*

**Here is a list of bills advocates are working on in the ongoing Road to Recovery Campaign**

### **Naloxone (Narcan) Expansion:**

New Jersey has made strides in making Naloxone, a drug that reverses overdose, more readily available for first responders and family members. We can continue to work together to get this life saving drug into as many hands as possible to get more individuals on the **Road to Recovery** by advocating for these bills.

***A.2334/S.295** allows anyone to get Naloxone without a prescription.*

***S.1051** requires insurance payers to cover the costs of Naloxone and Buprenorphine*

***S.2635/A.4177** requires high schools to stock Naloxone, authorizes school nurses to administer, and provides them with legal indemnification*

### **Treating Addiction as a Health Issue:**

NCADD-NJ believes that addressing addiction as a health issue can be the beginning of anyone's **Road to Recovery**, regardless of their circumstances or health insurance status.

***A.4498/S.2919** Expands health insurance coverage for behavioral health care services and enhances enforcement and oversight of mental health and addiction parity laws.*

### **Remove Barriers to Sustain Recovery:**

Once an individual is on the **Road to Recovery**, there are many obstacles. These bills will help remove some of these common barriers and establish environments in which recovery can thrive.

***A.3684** facilitates the establishment of four new peer-to-peer Recovery Community Centers*

***A.4645/S.2950** Requires sending district to allow student to transfer to recovery high school alternative education, provided placement is considered clinically appropriate by alcohol and drug counselor.*

***S.1687** provides for issuance of certificate of rehabilitation to certain offenders with Substance Disorders.*

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