



CAM Chronicles

Community Forum Planned for Recovery Month

September marks the 20th Anniversary for National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month, and as a part of this celebration, Citizens Against Meth is hosting a Community Forum. The event will be held on Tuesday, September 1, 2009 from 6:00-8:00 PM at the Depot in downtown Calhoun. This year's theme *"Join the Voices for Recovery: Together We Learn, Together We Heal"*, encourages people to educate themselves and others about the new tools available on the Internet that can help people who suffer from substance use disorders and their families.

Since addiction is a problem that has impacted everyone, either directly or indirectly, we are inviting the general public to come out and participate in this event. A panel of experts in the field of treatment and recovery will be on hand to field questions and to share information and resources. CAM will also kick off its public awareness campaign on Prescription Drug Abuse. Our *"Drop the Drugs"* Campaign will educate the public about the increasing trend of teen prescription drug abuse, and provide the community with a safe alternative to rid their medicine cabinets of un-used and/or expired prescription drugs.

Addiction is a health problem, so please do your part to let those who suffer from it know that help exists. By supporting someone who is affected, you are making a positive change in the way substance use disorders, treatment, and recovery are perceived in your community. If you would like to volunteer to help CAM during Recovery Month, please call us.

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Community Partner Spotlight



Recovery Month Activities

Sept 1 - **Community Forum**
6:00-8:00 PM @ Depot

All Month: **Youth Blog**

All Month: **Community Presentations** (If you'd like CAM to speak to your organization, please give us a call)

In 2007, an estimated 23.2 million people aged 12 or older needed treatment for a substance use disorder in the US.

Community Partner Spotlight: Linda Picon

Linda Picon (featured above in uniform) has been a dedicated CAM volunteer since its inception four years ago. She has represented CAM at countless community events, including the annual 4th of July Celebration at the Fairground. She attributes her dedication to substance abuse prevention to her personal family experiences and her 12 years in Law Enforcement as a Deputy Sheriff in Bartow County. She is also a Soldier in the US Army Reserves, in which she enlisted a year and a half ago.

Linda has resided in Gordon County for the past twenty years, where she is the proud mother of two children. CAM is proud to salute Linda Picon as our Community Partner of the month. Please join us as we congratulate her for her tireless efforts and say **THANK YOU!**

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