



Please Lend A Hand

Volunteers are the lifeblood of LIRA. Even if you only have a few hours to spare, please consider joining us to help end discrimination and spread the word that recovery works.

I am interested in helping with:

- Membership/Activities
- Legislative Initiatives
- Public Relations
- Resource development
- I am interested in e-mail updates. I will help when I can.

Add your voice as a friend of recovery and support our efforts to educate and inform.

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IN ACTION!

LIRA is a well-respected community organization that has developed key relationships with government agencies, treatment providers, legal authorities, the business and religious communities and the public at large.

- LIRA was the major force behind passage of the family addiction treatment bill in New York;
- LIRA is member of the Timothy's Law Campaign and helped to pass this important legislation;
- LIRA hosts an annual National Recovery Month event each fall with community partners;
- For three consecutive years (2005-07) a LIRA member was named Advocate of the Year by the Association for Addiction Professionals of New York;
- LIRA spearheaded the federal parity movement in NY bringing together over 20 stakeholders representing 15 organizations from across NY State
- LIRA is a founding member of Friends of Recovery NY
- LIRA members serve on many community advisory boards, state and local task forces.

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LIRA was founded in January 2000 to give a voice and visible presence to Long Island's recovery community. LIRA celebrates recovery, and the reunification of families.

Numbering in the tens of thousands, individuals in recovery on Long Island — and their family members — need representation in the public arena to ensure fairness, respect and consideration in matters of public policy and community affairs.

For too long stigma, shame and discrimination have kept us underground, resulting in legal barriers preventing our families and friends from being treated equally. It is time to put an end to substandard, unregulated recovery housing; inequity in educational opportunities and discriminatory insurance policies that prevent access to medically indicated treatment services.

Having devoted great energy to many issues of importance of the recovery community, LIRA continues to focus on the many remaining injustices affecting our families and friends:

- We demand a full repeal of the Uniform Policy Provision (UPPL) laws.
- We support increased funding for treatment and Drug Court initiatives
- We believe that treatment authorization decisions should be made by addiction treatment professionals.
- We seek an inpatient addiction treatment provision in NY State insurance law
- We support statewide efforts to hold insurers accountable for providing necessary treatment coverage
- We seek an increase in treatment opportunities and access to treatment.
- We support further repeal of the Rockefeller Drug Laws and support for those re-entering society;
- LIRA supports quality standards for recovery homes with increased financial support for reputable operators.