Wisconsin is proud to announce a new statewide addiction recovery project: Wisconsin Voices for Recovery (WI VFR). Historically, people in addiction recovery have not had a place at the table for policy changes or policy making. So, as a statewide movement, the goal is to bring together people both in and seeking recovery, their family members and allies, and be active as a Recovery Community Organization (RCO). WI VFR will be a Voice and collectively advocate for public policy change, more access to treatment and other recovery resources, and help to reduce the stigma associated with addiction and recovery. We envision Wisconsin as a state that values people in or seeking recovery and recognize the opportunities recovery creates for wellness, both individually and collectively.

History:
In the last 10 years, statewide and local Recovery Community Organizations (RCOs), representing people in recovery from alcohol and other drug addiction, their families, friends and allies, have formed around the country to create a growing advocacy force. Under the guidance of Faces & Voices of Recovery, which is the national advocacy organization, the RCOs have promoted for the right and resources to recover from addiction through advocacy, education and demonstrated the power and proof of long-term recovery. With resources from the Bureau of Prevention, Treatment and Recovery, Wisconsin Voices for Recovery seeks to work in partnership with Faces & Voices of Recovery to create a viable state wide RCO.

As a Project, we will:
● Help our friends, families and neighbors overcome alcohol and drug addiction by building strong, organized recovery communities.
● Foster advocacy skills in the tradition of American advocacy movements.
● Let the public know, through a collective voice, that recovery is real.
● Help promote positive changes in our treatment and recovery programs.
● Participate in recovery events that foster “putting a face and a voice to addiction recovery” with people from around the State.
● Encourage public policy debate.
● Increase public awareness of the stigma surrounding addiction and recovery.

To Become a Member of Wisconsin Voices for Recovery:
If you want to become a member of WI VFR, or if you are interested in becoming an Advisory Council member, please go to www.wisconsinvoicesforrecovery.org/ for membership forms.