



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

## NEWS ADVISORY

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### COUNTY URGES PUBLIC, AGENCIES TO PARTICIPATE IN RECOVERY HAPPENS 2008

*Resource Fair Takes Place Friday, Sept. 12, 2008 at 10 a.m.*

**WHAT:** More than 50 local agencies and community organizations will showcase resources, treatment programs and services available throughout the county. County officials urge the public to “Join the Voices for Recovery” and enjoy music and entertainment.

Agencies and organizations wishing to participate in Recovery Happens 2008 are encouraged to visit [www.recoveryhappens-sandiego.org](http://www.recoveryhappens-sandiego.org) or call (760) 233-4533 or (760) 745-8478.

**WHEN:** 10 a.m.—2:00 p.m. Friday, September 12, 2008

**WHERE:** Spreckels Organ Pavillion—Balboa Park

**WHY:** Recovery Happens is an annual multi-cultural fair designed to create and increase public awareness of substance abuse issues and recovery.

This year’s event is sponsored by the County’s Health and Human Services Agency—Alcohol and Drug Services, Recovery Homes of San Diego, The City of San Diego Park and Recreation Department, and the Therapeutic Recreation Services Program.

In 2007, more than 13,000 people were admitted into County treatment centers.

It is estimated that more than 22 million Americans, 12 years of age and older, are dependent or abuse alcohol or illicit drugs.

Typically, about one third of people who enter treatment complete their program, one third drop out, and one third make significant progress toward recovery.

People with substance abuse problems can call the County’s Access and Crisis Line at (800) 479-3339.

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