

Rally for Recovery a Success!

As part of National Recovery Month, approximately 5,000 people attended the 14th annual Rhode Island Rally4Recovery. Community leaders, advocates, individuals in recovery, their families and friends celebrated recovery. SAMHSA official Tom Coderre served as emcee and presented Senator Sheldon Whitehouse the Jim Gillen Advocacy Award for his work in sponsoring the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA) of 2016. Rally speakers included Allison Bologna of NBC10, Congressman Langevin, State Senator Josh Miller, BHDDH Acting Director Rebecca Boss, DOH Director Dr. Nicole Alexander-Scott, and others who shared their stories of recovery. There was entertainment, children's activities, as well as free HEP-C and HIV testing and naloxone distribution. The day ended with the lighting of candles and a serenity prayer.