



Story Angles for Addiction Recovery Month

- **Interview someone in recovery from addiction** and learn the struggles of getting—and staying—clean and sober. Interview a local addiction treatment provider who has beaten drug and alcohol addiction or visit a treatment program to talk with counselors who help people beat addiction.
- **Countless scientific studies have proven addiction to be a disease, however stigmas remain that stereotype people with addiction as weak-willed.** Talk with scientists who specialize in the disease of addiction to learn how addiction changes brain chemistry to create a craving as powerful as for food and water. Talk with counselors to learn how treatment works to counteract addiction’s powerful effects.
- **Explore successful Milwaukee County programs that divert low-level, non-violent offenders with addiction away from the criminal justice system and into treatment.** A UW study estimated that 83 percent of Wisconsin prisoners suffer an addiction treatment need. Interviews include Milwaukee County District Attorney John Chisholm, Deputy District Attorney Jeff Altenburg and others working to send non-violent, addicted offenders where they belong: to drug treatment.
- **The Milwaukee Addiction Treatment Initiative is a cutting-edge collaboration of more than 80 statewide organizations working together to close the treatment gap in Milwaukee County.** The collaboration is full of unusual partnerships working closely together -- the District Attorney’s Office sits at the same table as the Public Defender’s Office and criminal justice advocates, recovery advocates work with public health officials, treatment providers, academics and health care providers – to make treatment-on-demand a reality. For a full list of partners visit <http://www.ca-ppi.org>.