



Community Catalyst Substance Use Disorder Goals

Community Catalyst believes treatment should be readily available to everyone who needs it, and should include the sustained care and life supports proven to help recovery from this chronic illness. With advocates across the country we work to:

- Expand coverage of, and access to, treatment for substance use disorders
- Protect and expand the safety net, including Medicaid, community health centers, and addiction programs funded by federal grants
- Support integrated care that includes treatment of mental illness and substance use disorders; incorporate these treatments into reforms to the way health care is paid for and provided
- Ensure the broadest possible scope of services for substance use disorders is included in federal definitions of “essential health benefits”
- Ensure full implementation of federal and state mental health parity, which was passed into law in 2008
- Promote consumer involvement in policy decisions about treatment for substance use disorders

Our national partners in this work include:

- Faces and Voices of Recovery www.facesandvoicesofrecovery.org
- Legal Action Center www.lac.org
- State Associations of Addiction Services www.saasnet.org
- The George Washington University – Department of Health Policy www.gwumc.edu/sphhs/departments/healthpolicy