

Recovery Outreach

Do Latinos define recovery from drug or alcohol problems differently than other groups? Does a high school drop out student define recovery the same way a college graduate does?

These are some of the questions that our nationwide "What is Recovery" research project hopes to answer with a completely anonymous online survey at <http://www.whatisrecovery.org>. The study also aims at dispelling myths (such as "once an addict, always an addict"), misconceptions (such as "the recovering individual is damaged goods"), and prejudices (such as "let's not hire someone who has had a substance use problem") that exist among employers, insurers, policy makers, and the general public.

We need to hear from everyone who has overcome an alcohol or drug problem. The greater the numbers that complete the survey, the greater the diversity of the people completing the survey, the more our results will be comprehensive and credible. Currently, over 89% of the people who have completed the survey are white. Without adequate minority participation, an inclusive definition of recovery from drug or alcohol problems cannot be developed. In addition, most importantly, education about this pressing issue cannot be addressed.

The survey will be available online through Halloween (Wednesday, October 31, 2012) and we urgently need more people to complete the survey. If you have overcome a drug or alcohol problem, or know someone else who has, we urgently need your participation. If you have overcome a drug or alcohol problem and are member of ANY minority, we desperately seek your help.

To complete the survey, please visit <http://www.whatisrecovery.org>. Let's make sure that everyone is represented in this study.

Thank you,

Alcohol Research Group