



**National Alliance for Medication Assisted Recovery
Press Release**

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**In Recognition of Recovery Month 2011 NAMA Recovery
in collaboration with FAVOR and the ATTC National Office
Announce the 4th Annual “In My Own Words...” Essay Contest
On Medication Assisted Treatment and Recovery**

NEW YORK, NY, August 26, 2011 – The Addiction Technology Transfer Center (ATTC) National Office, in partnership with Faces & Voices of Recovery and NAMA Recovery, announces the 4th annual “In My Own Words...” essay contest. This year the essay is on Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT), such as methadone or buprenorphine for opioid addiction and acamprosate or naltrexone for alcohol addiction, and recovery to share YOUR STORY.

As a person in long-term recovery with the assistance of MAT, you have a unique perspective to share about your own journey. Your story highlights how medication, in combination with counseling and other recovery support, can transform lives.

The contest begins September 1, 2011 and ends October 1, 2011 in recognition of Recovery Month. In your own words, write an essay (250 words or less, typed, double spaced in 12 point font) in which you tell us about your medication-assisted recovery experience. Please use the following statements as the basis for your response:

How MAT has supported my recovery from addiction...
I continue to be committed to recovery because...

The First Place Winner will receive \$500, Second Place \$250 and Third Place \$100.

The top 20 essays will be compiled in a commemorative booklet and available to the public on the ATTC Network (www.ATTCnetwork.org) and Essay Contest Partners' Websites, www.facesandvoicesofrecovery.org and www.methadone.org. Previous contests have focused on behavioral healthcare professionals, High School/ College students in recovery, and families. Essays from these contests can be found at: ATTCnetwork.org

For more information about the essay contest and how to enter it see the attached flyer.

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