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Recovery Support Line Now Available 24/7

*The recovery support phone line, which the State launched last summer,
is now operating 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.*

Cranston, RI – The State’s dedicated recovery support phone line – 401-942-STOP (7867) –now connects Rhode Islanders with treatment and recovery supports at any time, day or night, 365 days a year. The phone line was established last June as a “Warm Line” (available during limited hours) as part of Governor Raimondo’s statewide, multimedia public education campaign to promote treatment and recovery and reduce the stigma of substance use disorders.

The phone line is staffed by licensed chemical dependency counselors and connects individuals in crisis with treatment and recovery supports. Spanish speaking counselors are also available to assist those in need.

“The phone line 401-942-STOP, serves a critical need. Those who suffer from substance use disorders and call the recovery support line want to get help; the ability to reach out 24/7 will make a difference,” said Rebecca Boss, Acting Director of the RI Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities & Hospitals (BHDDH). “We know that addiction is a disease and recovery is possible. We encourage all of our community partners to help raise awareness of this added support for those in need.”

Funding for the 24/7 recovery line has been made available through a joint effort between BHDDH and the RI Department of Health using grants from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), and the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention respectively.

Drug overdose has claimed more than 1000 Rhode Island lives over the last five years. Governor Raimondo’s Overdose Prevention and Intervention Task Force Action Plan aims to save lives from overdose in part by strengthening connections to treatment and recovery services.

For more information about the recovery support line and the prevention campaign visit www.preventoverdoseri.org.

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