# Join us... and Let's Make a Difference... TOGETHER!

## Jan. 23rd - Addiction Recovery Legislative Advocacy Skills Training

### WHEN

Saturday, January 23 10:00am - 1:00pm

#### WHERE

Faith Center/XChange Recovery Church 10702 NE 117th Ave Vancouver, WA 98662

### WHAT

Learn how to advocate for recovery at the state capitol! Skills include:

- Telling your story and tailoring it for impact
- Understanding the legislative process
- Tracking a bill
- Effectively writing and communicating with your legislator
- Structuring meetings with your legislator: what do I say?
- Testifying on a bill

Cost: Free

Register here: www.tinyurl.com/VancouverTraining







## Jan. 26th - The Inaugural Addiction Recovery Advocacy Day

### WHEN

Tuesday, January 26, 2016 8:00 a - 4:00p

### WHERE

United Churches of Olympia 110 11<sup>th</sup> Ave SE

Olympia, WA 98501

#### WHAT

Meet with your legislators to advocate for Ricky's law to allow involuntary substance abuse treatment for people with lifethreatening addiction.

Register here: <u>www.tinyurl.com/RecoveryAdvocacyDay</u>.

# Join us for this Historic Day!



Lauren Davis & Ricky Garcia

From 2011-2012, Ricky Garcia endured 75 ER visits, 6 psychiatric hospitalizations, and 3 ICU stays after nearly fatal overdoses, as he battled alcohol and heroin addiction. Ricky was dying. His best friend and primary caregiver, Lauren Davis, was repeatedly told by hospital staff that there was nothing she could do to save him because individuals cannot be involuntarily committed to substance abuse treatment under Washington state law. Miraculously, Ricky survived. Now three years clean and sober, he and Lauren are advocating in Olympia for Ricky's Law, which would allow involuntary commitments for life-threatening addiction and parentinitiated substance abuse treatment for adolescents.