

# Ricky's Law and the Road to Recovery: A Community Conversation

**January 6, 2016  
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

Public Service Center Building  
1300 Franklin Street  
6<sup>th</sup> Floor Hearing Room  
Vancouver, WA 98660

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## Questions?

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## Presentation/Panel Discussion

Moderated By: Jim Mains

Representatives from law enforcement, chemical dependency, local government, and treatment providers will be participating in the panel discussion. The focus of the event will be on recovery and advocacy.



*Lauren Davis and Ricky Garcia advocating for Ricky's Law in Olympia*

Ricky Garcia will be presenting on Ricky's Law and his story of recovery.

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 parent-initiated substance abuse treatment for adolescents.

