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Cleveland, OHIO – Recovery Resources, a nonprofit organization that helps people triumph over mental illness, alcoholism, drug and other addictions, will be awarded the Prevention and Education Meritorious Award from the National Council on Alcohol and Drug Dependence on September 8, 2011 at their Annual Conference in Arlington, Virginia. This award recognizes innovative prevention and education programs for addiction; this year, Recovery Resources’ Gambling Prevention Program was the only recipient of this national award.

“We are indeed honored to receive this award,” states Debora Rodriguez, President and CEO of Recovery Resources. “We’ve provided gambling addiction treatment and prevention services to the community since 2006, and are currently one of the only providers of these services in Northeast Ohio. Gambling addiction, like other addictions, can have devastating outcomes. Recovery Resources’ gambling awareness and prevention programs are designed to change the way people view gambling behavior – and direct them to the additional resources they need.”

Recovery Resources’ Gambling Prevention Program serves adolescents and adults, but because adolescents have a higher rate of problem gambling than adults, the program targets middle and high school students, college students, and incarcerated youth. In addition to on-site prevention outreach, the agency created an advertising campaign and website ([www.facetheodds.org](http://www.facetheodds.org)) to better reach this population. The program uses evidence-based best practice tools and is overseen by nationally certified gambling counselor, Jennifer Clegg.

Recovery Resources has also provided education about gambling addiction to staff of local agencies like Y-Haven, Hitchcock Center for Women, Cuyahoga County Jail and the Ohio Juvenile Correctional Facility, to help agencies better meet client need. Last year, over 1,000 people received Gambling Prevention services from Recovery Resources. The agency is actively

engaged with the management of Caesars Entertainment, the ownership company of the Cleveland casino, discussing how a collaborative relationship may best benefit the community.

For more information, visit [www.recoveryresources.org](http://www.recoveryresources.org) or [www.facetheodds.org](http://www.facetheodds.org) , or call 216.431.4131. Recovery Resources is a nonprofit, 501(c)3 organization.

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Founded in 1956, Recovery Resources delivers outpatient mental health, alcohol, drug and other addiction treatment, education and prevention services to residents of Northeast Ohio. Its holistic philosophy of treating mind, body and spirit helps clients heal physically, emotionally, spiritually, and psychologically. Recovery Resources is accredited by CARF, The Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Board and The Ohio Department of Mental Health.