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In Celebration of **RECOVERY MONTH 2008**



## “In My Own Words...”

Essay Contest Sponsored by the  
**ATTC National Office**

### > **The ATTC National Office wants to hear your story!**

In recognition of Recovery Month 2008, the Addiction Technology Transfer Center (ATTC) National Office would like to honor **YOU** - the hard working and dedicated professionals in the addictions treatment and recovery services field. Each and every day, you play an integral part in transforming lives and guiding people to the miracle of recovery. What better way to share these stories of dedication and commitment than by allowing you to tell your own story in your own words!

As addictions treatment and recovery services professionals, we have taken a variety of pathways and have worked in diverse circumstances to begin and grow into our careers. It makes sense, then, that the reasons we stay in the field are just as varied. In order to learn more about the many career paths of addictions treatment and recovery services professionals, the **ATTC National Office wants to hear your story!**

#### **AWARD**

**First Place: \$500**

**Second Place: \$250**

**Third Place: \$100**

\*Each entrant will also receive a certificate and special thank you gift.

### > **Guidelines**

In your own words, write an essay in which you tell us about your experience in the addictions treatment and recovery services field. Please use the following statements as the basis for your response:

1. The path which lead me to join the addictions treatment and recovery services field...
2. Throughout my journey, I have stayed in the addictions treatment and recovery services field...

Your essay should be no more than 250 words, typed, double-spaced in 12 point font.

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## >Rules and Regulations: “In My Own Words...” Essay Contest

### Judging Criteria

Essays will go through two rounds of judging. First, the ATTC National Office will select the top 20 essays. Those essays which make it through the first round will be judged by an Executive Review Board composed of ATTC Network Steering and Advisory Group members. All essays will be judged on three unique criteria: (1) quality of writing; (2) thoroughness of response to each open-ended statement as outlined previously; and (3) overall impression and impact of essay. Essays should be no more than 250 words, typed, double-spaced in 12 point font.

### Submission Guidelines

The “In My Own Words...” Essay Contest opens September 1, 2008 and closes October 1, 2008. **All entries must be received by midnight, Central Standard Time, on October 1, 2008.** Please send your entry, along with your name, phone number and e-mail address, to Deann Jepson at [jepsond@ATTCnetwork.org](mailto:jepsond@ATTCnetwork.org) or fax to 816-235-6580. If faxing your submission, please include the signed Registration Form below. For questions contact Deann at 816-235-6981, ATTC National Office, UMKC, 5100 Rockhill Road, Kansas City, MO 64110.

### Notification

The ATTC National Office will notify winners by phone no later than November 30, 2008. Essay winners will be announced in the December 2008 electronic publication of *Eye on the Field* and on the ATTC Network Web site. In addition, a compilation of essays will also be shared at the 2008 ATTC Network Meeting in Baltimore, MD, on December 2-3, 2008, as part of the ATTC Network’s 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration activities.

### Release

By submitting an entry to this essay contest, entrants give the ATTC National Office permission to use their name, credentials, picture, and essay submission in the electronic publication, *Eye on the Field*, on the ATTC Network Web site, and in any other ATTC Network marketing materials or publications deemed appropriate by the ATTC National Office.

### Eligibility

Anyone currently employed in a position which provides addictions treatment and/or recovery services or a closely related field is eligible to enter. Former and/or current ATTC Network staff and/or consultants are ineligible to participate in the “In My Own Words . . .” Essay Contest.

## REGISTRATION FORM

### “In My Own Words...” Essay Contest

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_