

May 19, 2010

The Honorable David Obey, Chair  
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services (HHS),  
Education and Related Agencies  
Committee on Appropriations  
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Washington, DC 20515

We are writing to request increased funding for the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant within the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies FY 2011 appropriations bill. The Administration's FY 2011 proposed budget includes no increase for this vital funding stream – the only federal safety-net program distributed to all States and Territories for lifesaving alcohol and drug abuse prevention, treatment and recovery services. As a result, please work to secure an increase of \$210 million for the SAPT Block Grant in FY 2011.

According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH), approximately 23.1 million Americans aged 12 or older needed treatment for an alcohol or illicit drug problem in 2008. During the same year, only 2.3 million received of treatment for a problem related to the use of alcohol or illicit drugs at a specialty facility. As a result, approximately 20.8 million people needed but did not receive services in 2008 in a specialty facility.

The SAPT Block Grant has been shown to be an effective and efficient program. According to SAMHSA's proposed FY 2011 budget justification, individuals receiving services from SAPT Block Grant funded programs demonstrated high abstinence rates at discharge from both illegal drug (73.7 percent) and alcohol (78.2 percent) use. An independent and comprehensive evaluation of the program released in June 2009 (see <http://www.tie.samhsa.gov>) found that the SAPT Block Grant ensures accountability through State-federal communication, program monitoring, and data reporting – including information on the impact services have on jobs, housing, criminal justice activity, and more.

Twenty percent of the SAPT Block Grant is dedicated to funding much needed substance abuse prevention services. On average, the SAPT Block Grant set-aside represents the single largest source of prevention funding – 64 percent – for State substance abuse agencies across the country. In twenty-one States, the set-aside represents 75 percent or more of the agency's prevention budget.

The proposed FY 2011 budget includes no increase for the SAPT Block Grant, which was funded at approximately \$1.79 billion in FY 2010. While the Appropriations Committee should be commended for its work to ensure a \$20 million increase to this program in FY 2010, an additional \$403.7 million above the FY 2009 funding level was needed simply to maintain substance abuse services at FY 2004 levels (estimate by NY Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services [OASAS]). As a result, please work to secure an increase of \$210 million for the SAPT Block Grant in FY 2011.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Signed

### **National Organizations**

The AIDS institute

American Association for the Treatment of Opioid Dependence (AATOD)

American Corrections Association (ACA)

American Probation and Parole Association (APPA)

American Psychiatric Association (APA)

American Psychological Association (APA)

American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM)

Association of State Correctional Administrators (ASCA)

Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO)

Child Welfare League of America (CWLA)

Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA)

Faces and Voices of Recovery

The Friends of SAMHSA

Gateway Foundations

Hazelden Foundation

Institute for Research, Education and Training in the Addictions (IRETA)

International Certification and Reciprocity Consortium (IC&RC)

International Community Corrections Association (ICCA)

The Jewish Federations of North America

Methadone Support Org.

NAADAC, the Association for Addiction Professionals

National Alcohol Beverage Control Association (NABCA)

National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors (NASTAD)

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI)

National Association of Drug Court professionals (NADCP)

National Association for Children of Alcoholics (NACoA)

National Association of County Behavioral Health Directors (NACBHD)

National Association of State Units on Aging (NASUA)

National Association of Social Workers (NASW)

National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors (NASADAD)

National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disability Services (NASDDDS)

National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors (NASMHPD)

National HIRE Network

National Narcotics Officers Association (NNOA)

National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (NCADD)

National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare (NCCBH)  
National Criminal Justice Association (NCJA)  
National Organization on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (NOFAS)  
National TASC  
Partnership for a Drug Free America (PDFA)  
Regional Addiction Prevention (RAP), Inc.  
Therapeutic Communities of America (TCA)

### **State and Local Organizations**

Jefferson County Community Corrections Program (TASC) (AL)  
Substance Abuse Directors Association of Alaska, Inc.  
TASC, Inc. (Phoenix, AZ)  
WestCare Foundation (AZ, CA, NV, IL, KY, GA , FL and TN)  
Arkansas Association of Substance Abuse Treatment Programs  
California Association of Addiction Recovery Resources  
California Association of Alcohol and Drug Program Executives, Inc.  
California Association of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Counselors (CAADAC)  
California Foundation for the Advancement of Addiction Professionals (CFAAP)  
County Alcohol and Drug Program Administrator's Association of California  
Mental Health Systems, Inc. (San Diego, CA)  
National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Sacramento Affiliate (San Diego, CA)  
Tarzana Treatment Centers Inc (Tarzana, CA)  
Colorado Association of Alcohol and Drug Service Providers  
Connecticut Association of Nonprofits  
Connecticut Community for Addiction Recovery (CCAR)  
Delaware Association of Rehabilitation Facilities  
Florida Alcohol and Drug Abuse Association  
GA Association of Community Providers  
Illinois Alcoholism & Drug Dependence Association  
Community Outreach Intervention Projects (Chicago, IL)  
The H Group (formerly Franklin-Williamson Human Services, Inc) (Marion, IL)  
Jefferson County Comprehensive Services, Inc.(IL)  
Iowa Behavioral Health Association  
Youth & Shelter Services, Inc (IA)  
Indiana Association of Substance Abuse Providers  
Alcohol & Addictions Resource Center (IN)  
Midtown CMHC (IN)  
Kansas Family Partnership (KS)  
Southwest Kansas Regional Prevention Center  
PAR-People Advocating Recovery (KY)  
Transitions Inc. (KY)

Coalition of Louisiana Addition and Prevention Service Providers  
Maine Association of Substance Abuse Programs  
Phoenix Academy of Maine  
Maryland Addictions Director's Council  
Association of Behavioral Healthcare of Massachusetts  
Bay Cove Human Services, Inc. (MA)  
Boston Public Health Commission (MA)  
CASPAR, Inc. (MA)  
Chestnut Health Systems (MA)  
Clinical and Support Options, Inc. (MA)  
Family Service of Greater Boston (MA)  
High Point Treatment Center (MA)  
hopeFound (MA)  
Institute for Health and Recovery, Inc. (MA)  
Learn to Cope (MA)  
Massachusetts Organization for Addiction Recovery  
The Recovery Homes Collaborative of Massachusetts  
Somerville Mental Health Association, Inc. (MA)  
Southeast Regional Network (MA)  
South Shore Recovery Home (MA)  
Spectrum Health Systems, Inc. (MA)  
Michigan Association of Licensed Substance Abuse Organizations  
622 Communities Partnership, Inc. / Minnesota Affiliate of the National Council on Alcoholism  
and Drug Dependence, Inc. (NCADD)  
Minnesota Association of Resources for Recovery & Chemical Health  
Missouri Addiction Services Providers Association  
ACT Missouri  
Missouri Recovery Network  
Mississippi Association of Addiction Services  
Montana Addiction Service Providers  
Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organizations  
Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Omaha (NE)  
Nova Therapeutic Community (Omaha, Nebraska)  
Nevada Alliance for Addictive Disorders Advocacy, Prevention and Treatment Services  
Bristlecone Family Resources (NV)  
New Frontier Treatment Center (NV)  
STEP2, Reno, NV  
New Hampshire Alcohol & Other Drug Service Providers Association  
Addiction Treatment Advocates of New Jersey  
Integrity, Inc. (Newark, N.J.)  
New Jersey Association of Mental Health Agencies, Inc.  
New York State Association of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Providers

Basics/Promesa Inc. (N.Y.)  
Council on Addictions of New York State  
DePaul's National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence-Rochester Area  
(affiliate of NCADD, Inc.) (NY)  
Friends of Recovery of Delaware and Otsego Counties (NY)  
Outreach (Richmond Hill, N.Y.)  
Partnership for a Drug-Free NC, Inc. (N.C.)  
Recovery Network Foundation (NY)  
Samaritan Village, Inc. (Briarwood, N.Y.)  
Seaway Valley Council for Alcohol/Substance Abuse Prevention, Inc. (Canton, N.Y.)  
North Carolina Association for Behavioral Health Care  
FIRST at Blue Ridge, Inc.(N.C.)  
North Carolina TASC  
Region 3 TASC Services, an Affilliate of PDFNC (N.C.)  
North Dakota Addiction Treatment Providers Coalition  
Heartview Foundation (ND)  
Ohio Council of Behavioral Healthcare Providers  
Alcoholism Council of the Cincinnati Area, NCADD (OH)  
Catholic Charities Services (OH)  
Drug Free Alliance (Columbus, OH)  
Ohio TASC Association  
Stark County TASC, Inc. (OH)  
Oklahoma Substance Abuse Services Alliance  
Oregon Prevention, Education, and Recovery Association  
Oregon Partnership  
Drug & Alcohol Service Providers Organization of Pennsylvania  
House of the Crossroads (Pittsburgh, PA)  
Drug and Alcohol Treatment Association of Rhode Island  
Behavioral Health Services Association of South Carolina  
South Dakota Council of Substance Abuse Directors  
Tennessee Association of Alcohol, Drug & other Addiction Services  
Association of Substance Abuse Programs of Texas  
Aliviane, Inc. (El Paso, TX)  
Utah Behavioral Healthcare Network  
Odyssey House of Utah (Salt Lake City, UT)  
Vermont Association of Addiction Treatment Programs  
Centerpoint Adolescent Treatment Services (South Burlington, VT)  
Spectrum Youth & Family Services (Burlington, VT)  
Virginia Association of Drug and Alcohol Programs  
Washington Association of Alcoholism and Addiction Programs  
Addiction Resource Council, Inc. (WI)

Coalitions for a Better West Virginia (Bluefield, W.V.)  
Community Connections, Inc. (Bluefield, W.V.)