



Addiction Healthcare Cuts Yield Increased Costs:

Additional Cuts in FY 11 to Addiction Prevention and Treatment Services Result in \$280 million in Related Costs

Failure by the State to adequately fund alcohol and drug prevention, treatment and recovery services results in the State paying out billions in costs associated with untreated addiction. Annually, the State of Illinois spends only \$1 on addiction healthcare services for every \$33 that is allocated to pay for the consequences of substance use disorders and addiction.

Lost services and lost jobs a result of additional cuts

Proposed FY 11 cuts result in more than **2500 clients without critical addiction treatment services** and more than **170 treatment counselors will lose their jobs**.

Cuts also mean that almost **1,000 youth will go without prevention services** that help them stay away from drugs and alcohol while **12 prevention workers will lose their jobs**.

Cuts to addiction prevention services costs billions

For every dollar spent on prevention, **states save up to \$10 in treatment and recovery costs** alone.

The social costs of addiction-related medical care, other resources, and lost productivity over a lifetime could be reduced by an estimated **\$33.7 billion** through implementation of effective nationwide school prevention programming.

Providing adequate funding for women with addictions can prevent unnecessary costs

\$907 million (73%) of the total spending on child welfare is spent as a result of untreated addiction. If only 5% of these funds were spent on treatment instead of the consequences of substance use it could **generate a cost savings of approximately \$318 million**.

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) costs the State of Illinois an estimated **\$329 million** dollars annually or **\$27 million per month**.

Treatment versus incarceration for alcohol and drug related offenses

The average **monthly** cost of addiction treatment in Illinois is \$1200 per person; the monthly cost of incarceration is \$1949 per person. **One month of treatment generates approximately \$8400 per person in cost savings annually**.

Treatment together with corrections decreases recidivism

Individuals released from Sheridan Correctional Facility had a **44 percent lower risk of re-incarceration** than offenders not receiving treatment while incarcerated. Without adequate funding for substance abuse treatment, costs associated with corrections will drastically increase.

Of the estimated **\$4.85 billion** spent annually in Illinois on issues related to substance use and addiction, **only \$147 million is actually spent on the prevention and treatment of alcohol and drug use and addiction**.

By cutting Addiction Prevention and Treatment state funding by 8% in FY11, on top of cuts already imposed in FY10, the State will need to add an additional **\$280 million to cover the expenses** that will be incurred in Criminal Justice, Education, Healthcare, Child Welfare, and Public Safety as a result of untreated addictions.

