



# No Cost Savings in FY 10 Budget Cuts:

*Cuts result in taxpayers paying more than \$213 million in untreated addiction, related costs*

- ❖ The Governor's FY 10 budget cuts addiction healthcare services by \$24.1 million.
- ❖ Addiction Prevention services are projected to lose more than \$1.6 million, a **22 percent cut to the statewide prevention system.**
- ❖ Addiction Treatment services are projected to lose more than \$22.5 million, a **22 percent cut to non-Medicaid treatment services.**
- ❖ **Illinois' addiction healthcare system has become increasingly sophisticated, yet is still being supported at 1980's funding levels.**
- ❖ **A \$24.1 million funding cut will add an additional 8,926 people to the statewide waiting list.** Currently more than 7,500 Illinois citizens need addiction treatment services statewide and cannot be treated because of a lack of funding. (Source: University of Illinois-Chicago, April 2008)
- ❖ Historically, as unemployment grows and the economy weakens, demands for critical healthcare services, including addiction prevention and treatment, increase dramatically.
- ❖ Illinois spends over 14 percent of its budget, **nearly \$5 billion**, dealing with the consequences of untreated addiction: increased crime, domestic violence, foster care placement, hospital emergency department expenditures, lost worker productivity, etc.
- ❖ Less than **one-tenth of 1 percent** of all state spending is dedicated to addiction healthcare services.
- ❖ Without adequate treatment funds, the justice system often has no option but to release non-violent addicted offenders to the community, hold them indefinitely in already-overcrowded jails, or send them to prison (~\$32,400/person), at greater costs to Illinois than supervised treatment (~\$4,425/person).
- ❖ Budget cuts also will result in a loss of a dollar for dollar match in federal maintenance of effort funds.

## **An adequately funded addiction healthcare system saves lives and ultimately saves the State money.**

1. The \$1.6 million cut to addiction prevention will cost the state \$32 million. (CADCA estimates that for every dollar spent on prevention, the state saves \$20.)
2. The \$22.5 million cut to treatment services will ultimately cost the state \$157.5 million. (SAMHSA estimates that for every dollar spent on treatment services, the state saves \$7.)
3. Waiting lists in Illinois will grow to an estimated 16,466.
4. Illinois will also lose an estimated \$24.1 million in federal matching (MOE) dollars.

### **THE RESULT –**

**Illinois taxpayers will pay more than \$213 million as a result of a \$24.1 million budget cut.**

