

FY 12 Cuts Slash Life-Saving Addiction Healthcare Services



Thousands of Illinoisans in need will not have access to services

The FY12 budget cut \$27.5 million in state funding for addiction treatment services.

State funding for addiction prevention services in FY12 was cut by \$1.3 million dollars.

IADDA estimates that **13,400 Illinois residents** will not be able to access prevention, treatment or recovery services as a result of the FY12 budget cuts. In addition, an estimated **600 jobs will be lost** in the addiction healthcare services field.

More than **80% of patients** in the state addiction healthcare system are **NOT Medicaid-eligible**, state funding is critical to ensure that the most vulnerable populations can access services.

Program closures and service reductions

On September 1, 2011, Prairie Center in Urbana closed its detoxification program, which served individuals from 62 Illinois counties. This closure eliminated services for 800 people. Prairie Center lost \$450,000 in state funding in FY12.

On September 23, 2011, Human Services Center in Peoria will close its women's residential treatment program eliminating annual capacity for 125 women and laying off 27 employees. Human Services Center lost \$2 million in FY12.

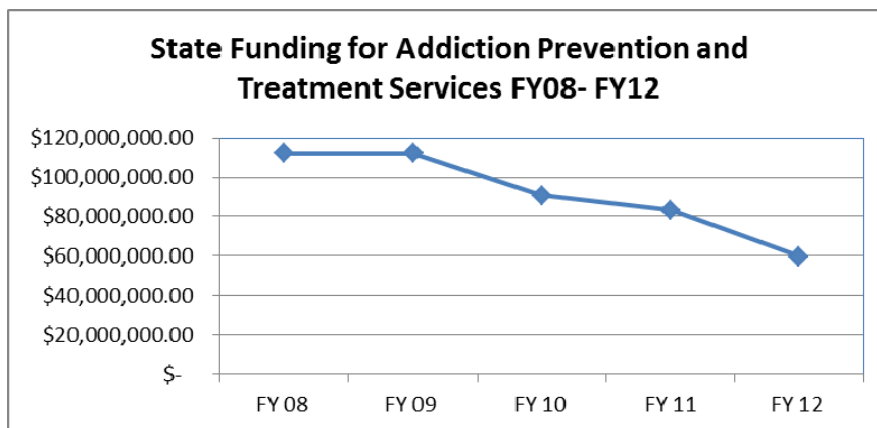
The South Suburban Council in East Hazel Crest anticipates reducing patient admissions to residential and outpatient treatment programs by 300 as a result of \$600,000 cut from the agency's funding. Since FY2008, The South Suburban Council has lost \$1.3 Million in state funding, has eliminated 48 staff positions, and serves 900 fewer patients per year.

The impact of substance abuse on the state budget results in cost shifting

IDHS estimates the annual **Illinois statewide economic costs** associated with alcohol, other drug, and tobacco-related mortality is in **excess of \$3.5 billion** (Accessed at: <http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=31787>).

\$907 million (73%) of the total spending on child welfare is spent as a result of untreated addiction (*Shoveling up II, CASA, 2009*). 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**.

Of the estimated **\$4.85 billion** spent annually in Illinois on issues related to untreated addiction, **only \$129 million is actually spent on the prevention and treatment of alcohol and drug use and addiction**.



Between FY09 and FY12, 47% of Non-Medicaid State funding for addiction services was eliminated. During that same time, client services decreased by more than 30%!



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