

# Governor Quinn's Budget Decimates Addiction Healthcare:

## Proposed FY12 cuts eliminates state funding for Addiction Prevention and Treatment



### Thousands will lose services; system will virtually disappear

Quinn's budget cuts 84% of state treatment funding. At least **55,830 clients will be thrown out of care**; more than **1500 treatment counselors will lose their jobs**.

The Governor's budget also eliminates 100% of state prevention funding. The loss of prevention funding means **229,536 youth will go without prevention services** that help them stay away from drugs and alcohol while **almost 350 prevention workers will lose their jobs**.

Because 69% of African Americans and 76% of Latinos rely on the publicly funded addiction healthcare system, **the Governor's proposed cuts will disproportionately affect minority communities**.

### Emergency rooms will overflow; Local jail populations will increase; Number of homeless will go up

According to the Illinois Hospital Association, Illinoisans with no access to treatment will turn to local **hospital emergency departments**, flooding emergency rooms, increasing wait times, and swelling costs.

Local law enforcement will bear the burden for Illinoisans who need treatment but have nowhere to turn, and instead end up in local jails or on the streets, homeless. **Already overburdened local justice and social service systems will become overwhelmed with people locked out of critical treatment services**.

The average cost of treatment \$4425/person; the average cost of one year of incarceration in an IDOC facility is \$21,911.

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.

### Cuts will escalate domestic violence, child abuse, accidents, and fatalities; Increase state costs

According to DHS, between 9,000 and 10,000 Illinois residents die each year from accidental injuries. About 40% of these deaths are related to the use of alcohol.

\$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.

DHS estimates the annual **Illinois statewide economic costs** associated with alcohol, other drug, and tobacco-related mortality is in **excess of \$3.5 billion**.

More than 80% of patients in the state addiction healthcare system are not Medicaid-eligible, thus thousands of individuals will be denied life-saving treatment services. Additionally, numerous facilities will close if the Governor's proposed budget is implemented.

Without state funding for addiction services, non-Medicaid eligible Illinoisans will end up in the already overburdened criminal justice and medical systems where they will NOT get the help they need, resulting in a never-ending cycle of use and incarceration and/or hospitalization.

**GOVERNOR QUINN'S PROPOSED BUDGET FAILS TO ACHIEVE HIS OWN STATED PRIORITIES  
OF HEALTHCARE AND PROTECTION FOR ILLINOIS' MOST VULNERABLE CITIZENS!**



# Illinois' Prevention and Treatment System Work; Studies Demonstrate System Effectiveness and Cost-Benefit of Adequately Funded Services

## Addiction prevention has been reporting positive outcomes for over 10 years

Over **60% of all programs implemented through this system are classified as evidence-based.**

Illinois' prevention system has demonstrated success through the following outcomes (reported on the IDHS website):

- *Increased alcohol and other drug resistance skills among program participants*
- *Increased perceptions that alcohol and other drug use is harmful*
- *Delayed alcohol use*
- *Delayed intent to use alcohol and inhalants*
- *Decreased perceptions that peers are using illicit drugs*
- *Decreased perceptions that adults are using illicit drugs*

## Illinois' addiction treatment system has demonstrated success

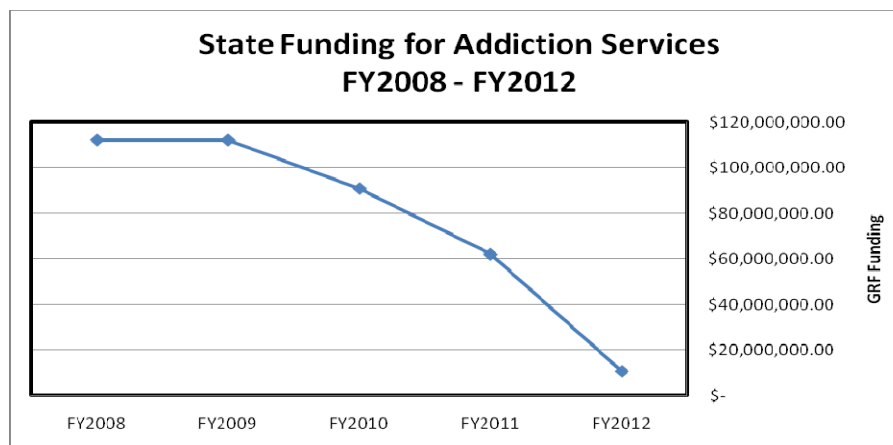
**In FY11, DASA implemented a system of performance-based contracts focusing on client engagement, retention in treatment and continuity of care. The following patient outcomes have recently been reported by DASA:**

- More than 97% of all clients discharged from Illinois' treatment system are arrest-free as opposed to the national average of only 89% at discharge!
- More than 81% of all clients discharged from Illinois' treatment system are alcohol-free at discharge as compared to the national average of 80%.
- More than 74% of all clients discharged from Illinois' treatment system are drug-free at discharge, which is the same as the national average.

## Prevention and treatment SAVE Illinois taxpayers money; Cuts increase state costs

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

For every dollar spent on treatment, **states saves up to \$14 in healthcare, criminal justice and child welfare costs.**



**Between FY09 and FY11, nearly 45% of Non-medicaid State funding for addiction services was eliminated.** During that same time, client services decreased by more than 30%!

**When factoring in the Governor's proposed FY12 budget for addiction services, nearly 96% of all Non-medicaid State funding for addiction prevention and treatment will be eliminated.**

