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Illinois Alcoholism and
Drug Dependence Association

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IADDA is a statewide organization established in 1967 representing more than 50 prevention, treatment and recovery agencies, as well as over 200 individuals who are interested in the substance abuse field. The Association advocates for sound public policy that will create healthier families and safer communities. IADDA members educate government officials in Springfield and Washington, and work to increase the public's understanding of substance abuse and addiction.

Mission

The mission of the Illinois Alcoholism and Drug Dependence Association is to advocate on behalf of its members in support of their efforts to prevent and treat addictions.

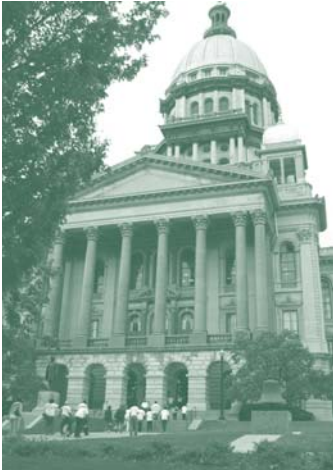
Vision

A healthy society where everyone benefits because alcohol/drug abuse occurs rarely, addicted people have access to effective treatment, more people are in recovery, everyone participates in prevention and health promotion, and our laws, public policies and cultures enhance everyone's well-being.

2008 Legislative Session Summary

IADDA and its legislative representatives encountered a tough second year with the 95th Illinois General Assembly 2008, as very few bills passed both chambers. Of the 283 total that did pass both the House and Senate, one significant to IADDA was SB2472, the Alcoholic Energy Drinks Bill. Nearly one hundred bills were tracked during 2008, many of them potentially affecting the Association's membership. These pieces of legislation consisted of 67 House Bills, 24 Senate Bills, and 7 other bills — House Resolutions, Senate Resolutions, and House Joint Resolutions.

IADDA Advocacy Day



On Tuesday, May 13, 2008, over 200 representatives of prevention, treatment and recovery from across Illinois met in Springfield for IADDA's annual Advocacy Day. Event participation included: registration at The Nelson Center; orientation to the legislative process with IADDA's lobbying team, Consulting4Biz; and a keynote presentation by IADDA's Government Relations Chair, Anthony Cole. All participants enjoyed lunch together before their afternoon meetings began with legislators at the Capitol Complex. Many participants influenced public policy on this day, as they shared their stories and concern over the growing

waiting list for treatment. Advocates called on the General Assembly to increase funding for substance abuse services in Illinois. The Association heard from several legislators who indicated that the needs of the system were clearly communicated. Thank you to all who participated!



Photos courtesy of Sharon Sheridan of TASC.

The Waiting List Crisis

The Association again commissioned the University of Illinois-Chicago, Survey Research Lab, to conduct a survey of Illinois providers to determine the number of people in need of treatment on waiting lists in Illinois. The 2008 report surveyed 106 Illinois community treatment providers in December 2007 and revealed 7,541 people were waiting for some form of treatment, up from 6,467 in March 2007. The estimated number of Illinois residents waiting for alcohol and drug abuse assessment and treatment at state-financed facilities in 2008 rose 17 percent. While the numbers alone are discouraging, obtaining this data is part of IADDA's continuing advocacy plan to increase funding in the system.

The Association held a press conference on Thursday, May 1, 2008 in the Blue Room of the Capitol to release the results of the Wait List study to the press. We were very fortunate to have State Senator Jeff Schoenberg (D-Evanston) as a key speaker at the press conference. His support strengthened our budget advocacy efforts.



James Duncan, a client of Gateway Foundation (an IADDA member agency), participated in the press conference on May 1, 2008. He discussed how the absence of immediate substance abuse services would have led to his relapse and return to jail, as well as the importance of reducing the waiting list for substance abuse treatment. From left to right are: James Duncan, Sen. Jeff Schoenberg (D-Evanston), Sara Howe (CEO, IADDA), and Craig Stallings (Rosecrance Health Network).

Major Substance Abuse Related Bills - Supported by IADDA

HB3286

Creates the Illinois Health Policy Center Act. Creates the Illinois Health Policy Center within the University of Illinois, to be sponsored by the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Medicine and the University of Illinois Institute of Government and Public Affairs. Provides that the goals of the Center are to support legislators and other government officials in developing and implementing health policy to address critical issues facing the State of Illinois and to focus on identifying “best practices” appropriate for Illinois through careful and objective review of the latest scientific research and through comparative analyses of other states’ policies. Sets forth duties of the Center, including: responding to requests from State government officials and agencies requiring analytical support and guidance in matters related to the development and implementation of health policy; identifying critical issues in health policy in need of timely action; developing and sponsoring educational programs; and pursuing a research agenda that focuses on State health care policy. Creates the Illinois Health Policy Center Advisory Panel, appointed by the legislative leaders and the Governor, to provide advice and oversight concerning the creation and operation of the Illinois Health Policy Center.

(Passed Both Houses, Sent to the Governor - June 20, 2008)

HB4456

Creates the Commission on Children and Youth Act. Provides for appointments, goals, recommendations, and reports. Provides that the Commission shall develop a 5-year strategic plan in collaboration with other children and youth experts and service providers as needed. Provides that the Illinois Early Learning Council shall have primary responsibility for development of the strategic plan pertaining to children birth to 5 and shall collaborate with the Commission on creation of the final plan. Provides that the Commission may establish committees that address specific issues or populations and may appoint individuals with relevant expertise who are not appointed members of the Commission to serve on committees as needed. Provides that a draft strategic plan shall be submitted to the Governor and to the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2010. Provides that the final strategic plan shall be submitted to the Governor and to the General Assembly on or before June 1, 2011. Provides that, under the leadership of the Office of the Governor, the Department of Human Services shall provide administrative support to the Commission, subject to appropriations. Effective immediately.

(Passed Both Houses, Sent to the Governor - June 20, 2008)

Major Substance Abuse Related Bills- *Supported by IADDA*

SB2012

Creates the Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Task Force. Provides that Task Force shall, at a minimum, make recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on the following: reforming the delivery system for chronic disease prevention and health promotion in Illinois; ensuring adequate funding for infrastructure and delivery of programs; and on the role of health promotion and chronic disease prevention in support of State spending on health care. Requires that the Task Force convene within six months after the bill's effective date and makes convening subject to appropriation; designates the Director of Public Health as Task Force chair; and includes addressing health disparity among the topics on which the Task Force must make recommendations to the Director of Public Health. Effective immediately.

(Passed Both Houses, Sent to the Governor June 27, 2008)

SB2042

Amends the School Code and the Juvenile Court Act of 1987. Makes changes relating to the residency of students in residential facilities and the payment of educational costs in provisions of the School Code concerning tuition for non-resident pupils, determining the resident district with respect to children with disabilities, and special education classes for children from orphanages, foster family homes, children's homes, or in-State housing units and a provision of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 concerning sentencing orders. Adds a Section to the School Code that provides that for any student with a disability in a residential facility placement made or paid for by an Illinois public State agency or made by any court in this State, the school district of residence is responsible for the costs of educating the child and shall be reimbursed for those costs in accordance with the School Code, with payments made by the resident district to the entity providing the educational services, whether the entity is the residential facility or the school district wherein the facility is located, no less than once per quarter unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the parties. Provides that the changes made to the Section of the School Code concerning tuition for non-resident pupils apply to all placements in effect on July 1, 2007 and all placements thereafter. Makes changes concerning the involvement of the State Superintendent of Education when a dispute arises over the determination of the district of residence under certain of these School Code provisions. Effective immediately.

(Passed Both Houses, Sent to the Governor - June 17, 2008)

Major Substance Abuse Related Bills - Supported by IADDA

SB2472

Amends the Liquor Control Act of 1934. Provides that “alcopop” includes alcohol malt beverages containing caffeine, guarana, taurine, or ginseng, where the beverage constitutes 0.5% or more of alcohol by volume. Creates specific labeling requirements for alcoholic energy drinks. Makes minor changes concerning the advertising provisions. Effective January 1, 2009.
(Passed Both Houses, Sent to the Governor – June 20, 2008)

HR940

Urges the United States Congress to support a ban on the sale of novelty cigarette lighters that resemble toys.
(Resolution Adopted – May 14, 2008)

HR988

Urges the Governor to take prompt and effective steps to ensure that those entities providing crucial services to Illinois’ vulnerable populations under a State contract or grant receive prompt payment for those services.
(Resolution Adopted – April 2, 2008)

HR1006

Urges the Illinois congressional delegation to propose federal legislation that provides funds to colleges, universities, or other State institutions that conduct research on the development of an additive to anhydrous ammonia that makes it inert in the production of methamphetamine.
(Resolution Adopted – May 14, 2008)

HR1125

Honors Henry Tews, founder of Serenity House in DuPage county, on his lifetime achievements. (*Serenity House is an IADDA member.*)
(Resolution Adopted – April 3, 2008)

**Editor’s Note: Last action of summarized bills is current as of June 30, 2008.*

Major Substance Abuse Related Bills - Neutral by IADDA

SB2295

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Sets fees for the issuance of a monitoring device driving permit (MDDP). Provides that an offender who opts out of having an MDDP issued may, during the drug or alcohol-related statutory summary suspension of his or her driving privileges, petition the court for an order directing the Secretary of State to issue an MDDP. Provides that a court shall not direct the Secretary to issue an MDDP if the offender has previously been convicted of aggravated driving under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or intoxicating compounds, involving death. Provides that the \$30 administrative fee paid by the offender when an MDDP is issued shall be deposited into the Monitoring Device Driving Permit Administration Fee Fund. Deletes language providing that the court order directing the issuance of the MDDP shall specify the vehicle in which an ignition interlock device is to be installed. Provides that the MDDP shall be cancelled if the offender is convicted of or placed on court supervision for specified offenses or if the offender attempts to remove the ignition interlock device from his or her vehicle without the Secretary's authorization. Provides that, under specified circumstances, additional violations may result in the extension of the offender's statutory summary suspension or vehicle impoundment or forfeiture. Makes other changes regarding the issuance and cancellation of an MDDP and monitoring services to offenders found to be indigent. Effective January 1, 2009.

(Passed Both Houses, Sent to the Governor – June 20, 2008)



Community Forums

The 20th Annual Community Forums on Substance Abuse were a great success. Thank you to all the organizations that partnered, scheduled, planned, and implemented a Community Forum in 2008. We received great support and attendance from Legislators and various other public officials at the Forums. From Rockford clear down to Marion, we acquired significant media attention surrounding the need for increased prevention and treatment dollars as well as the problems associated with underage drinking.

Our message has been heard. Thank you to the following organizations that hosted and/or partnered with other local providers:

Stepping Stones, Southwest Coalition, Franklin-Williamson Human Services, Chestnut Health Systems, Breaking Free, South Suburban Council on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse, Aunt Martha's Youth Service Center, Southwest YMCA, Family Guidance Center, Kendall County Network Project, Operation Snowball (Kendall County), Renz Addiction Counseling Center, Elgin Drug and Gang Task Force, Maine Community Youth Assistance Foundation, Prairie Center Health Systems, Robert Young Center, Center for Alcohol and Drug Services, Martin Luther King Center, Rosecrance Health Network, and TASC.



Alcoholic Energy Drinks - SB2472

SB2472, an IADDA initiative in 2008, was introduced by Senator Heather Steans (D-Chicago). There was much debate between IADDA and both Anheuser-Busch and Miller Breweries regarding the labeling and packaging of their alcoholic energy drinks. Sen. Steans devoted a considerable amount of time and energy to work cooperatively with both parties to ensure that a reasonable agreement was negotiated. In the end, alcoholic energy drinks were classified under alcopops with the following definition, *“alcohol malt beverages containing caffeine, guarana, taurine, or ginseng, where the beverage constitutes 0.5% or more of alcohol by volume.”* Also established was the product would clearly state that the alcohol content and the words *“contains alcohol”*.

The Senate Democrats held a press conference at the James R. Thompson Center in Chicago, Illinois on March 24, 2008. Sen. Heather Steans lead the media event and spoke on the dangers of alcoholic energy drinks, such as Sparks and Tilt, which appeal to minors. Joining Sen. Steans was fellow state Sen. Jacqueline Collins, whose own piece of legislation, SB2825, would ban the sale of flavored cigarettes in Illinois. Several other participants from various social service and community agencies, including IADDA Board Chair Allen Sandusky, spoke on their concern regarding these products directed toward Illinois youth.

As a result of much expended effort toward both community and legislator education on the topic of alcoholic energy drinks, SB2472 passed unanimously out of both houses on May 22, 2008. The bill now moves on to the Governor’s desk to be signed into law. IADDA recognizes the significance of this bill’s passage, as it is one of few that were passed out of both chambers during this legislative session.



What the Legislators are saying. . .



“The Illinois Alcoholism and Drug Dependence Association and its members have done an excellent job during the recent legislative session of educating legislators regarding the importance of substance abuse prevention, treatment, and recovery support services, as well as the need for additional funding for these services in our state.”

State Senator
Maggie Crotty (D-Oak Forest)
Human Services Committee
Vice-Chairperson



“IADDA influenced and expanded the parameters of the Illinois health care debate in the Illinois General Assembly this year. Substance abuse is clearly part of the health care agenda in Springfield.”

State Senator
Mattie Hunter (D-Chicago)
Appropriations III Committee
Chairperson



“In a very tough legislative year where only a third of bills passed both houses, IADDA was a force in getting SB2472 passed to better regulate energy drinks with alcohol in them. This legislation will both improve labeling in those drinks and prevent them from getting marketed to youth.”

State Senator
Heather Steans (D-Chicago)
Human Services Committee



“If Illinois is to improve its health care system, the state must significantly invest in the substance abuse prevention and treatment system to reduce the growing number of people forced on to waiting lists.”

State Representative
Rosemary Mulligan (R- Des Plaines)
Appropriations Committee-Human Services
Republican Spokesperson

This year, IADDA participated in the Downtown Banner Program through Downtown Springfield. Twelve banners on six different poles are visible on Second and Monroe Streets surrounding the Capitol from May through September 2008. This was a great opportunity to brand IADDA with legislators and community members alike.



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