

May 10, 2007

The Honorable Tom Harkin, Chairman
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services (HHS),
Education and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
131 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Harkin:

We are writing to respectfully request that the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant remain a priority as the Subcommittee considers the FY 2008 Labor, Health and Human Services (HHS), Education appropriations bill. In particular, please support the SAPT Block Grant by providing the program with \$1,858,600,000 for an increase of approximately \$100 million over last year. This modest investment is desperately needed to protect and sustain lifesaving treatment, prevention and recovery services nationwide.

Over 23.2 million Americans Need Substance Abuse Treatment: According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH), approximately 23.2 million Americans were in need of services for an alcohol or drug problem in 2005. During the same year, approximately 3.9 million people received treatment for alcohol or illicit drug use. As a result, approximately 19.3 million people needed but did not receive addiction treatment services in 2005.

SAPT Block Grant Yields Results: In S.Rept. 109-208, the Senate Appropriations Committee noted "...the data demonstrate the efficiency and effectiveness of services funded by the SAPT block grant...programs funded by the SAPT block grant help people remain abstinent from alcohol and other drug use; find employment; find stable housing; stay away from criminal activity; and live productive lives in recovery." The House Appropriations Committee noted in H.Rept. 109-515, "The Committee expresses its strong support for the SAPT block grant, an effective and efficient funding stream that is directed to every state and territory."

SAPT Block Grant – Addresses Each State's Unique Needs: The SAPT Block Grant serves as the backbone of our publicly funded substance abuse service system in every State and Territory. This flexible funding stream is designed to help States and communities address their own unique needs related to addiction – whether the primary problem is alcohol, methamphetamine, prescription drug abuse or persons using multiples substances. The SAPT Block Grant also supports over 10,500 community-groups, including faith-based organizations, to help our nation's most vulnerable populations: those with HIV/AIDS, pregnant and parenting women, youth, veterans and their families, and others.

SAPT Block Grant Includes Vital Prevention Resources: Twenty percent of the SAPT Block Grant is dedicated to funding much needed substance abuse prevention programming. The prevention set-aside has helped produce demonstrable results. The Monitoring the Future (MTF) Survey found a 23 percent decline in any illicit drug use in the past month by 8th, 10th and 12th graders combined between 2001 and 2006. As a result, there were 840,000 fewer teens using drugs in 2006 compared to 2001. A strong commitment to the SAPT Block Grant will ensure a strong commitment to much needed prevention services for our youth.

Current Status of Proposed SAPT Block Grant Funding: The SAPT Block Grant has been cut by approximately \$20 million over the last three years (a cut of \$3,591,280 in FY 2005; a cut of \$16,973,720 in FY 2006 and level funding in FY 2007). In FY 2008, the Administration again

proposed level funding for this important program. As a result, please work to ensure an increase of \$100 million for the SAPT Block Grant in FY 2008 – an effective and efficient program that saves lives and resources.

Thank you for your consideration.

National Organizations

The AIDS Institute
Alliance for Children and Families (ACF)
American Association for the Treatment of Opioid Dependence (AATOD)
American Correctional Association (ACA)
American Counseling Association (ACA)
American Probation and Parole Association (APPA)
American Psychiatric Association (APA)
American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM)
Association of Jewish Family & Children's Agencies
Association of State Correctional Administrators (ASCA)
Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO)
Child Welfare League of America (CWLA)
Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA)
Faces and Voices of Recovery
Hazelden Foundation
Johnson Institute (JI)
Legal Action Center (LAC)
NAADAC, the Association for Addiction Professionals
National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors (NASTAD)
National Association for Children of Alcoholics (NACoA)
National Association of Addiction Treatment Providers (NAATP)
National Association of County Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability Directors (NACBHDD)
National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP)
National Association of Social Workers (NASW)
National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors (NASADAD)
National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors (NASMHPD)
National Consortium of TASC Programs
National Council on Alcoholism & Drug Dependence, Inc. (NCADD)
National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare (NCCBH)
National Criminal Justice Association (NCJA)
National HIRE Network
National Narcotic Officers' Associations' Coalition (NNOAC)
Partnership for a Drug-Free America (PDFA)
State Associations of Addiction Services (SAAS)
The Rebecca Project for Human Rights
Therapeutic Communities of America (TCA)
Title II Community AIDS National Network (TII CANN)

State and Local Organizations

Bradford Health Services (AL, FL, GA, TN)
Substance Abuse Directors Association of Alaska
National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (NCADD)-Juneau (Juneau, AK)
Arizona Council of Human Service Providers
National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (NCADD) – Phoenix (Phoenix, AZ)
Arkansas Association of Substance Abuse Treatment Programs

California Association of Addiction Recovery Resources
Betty Ford Clinic (CA, TX)
California Association of Alcohol and Drug Program Executives
Californians for Drug-Free Youth, Inc. (San Diego, CA)
California Therapeutic Communities
Center Point, Inc. (San Rafael, CA)
Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, Santa Barbara (Santa Barbara, CA)
County Alcohol and Drug Program Administrators Association of California
Mental Health Systems, Inc. (San Diego, CA)
National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence of the South Bay (Torrance, CA)
National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Sacramento Affiliate (Sacramento, CA)
National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (NCADD) - San Diego (San Diego, CA)
National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (Van Nuys, CA)
National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence – Northwest Florida (Navarre, FL)
Parents for Addiction Treatment & Healing (Spring Valley, CA)
Colorado Association of Alcohol & Drug Service Providers
Community Alliances for Drug-Free Youth, Inc. (Monument, CO)
Connecticut Association of Nonprofits
Connecticut Community for Addiction Recovery (CCAR)
Delaware Association of Rehabilitation Facilities
Florida Alcohol and Drug Abuse Association (FADAA)
Georgia Council on Substance Abuse
Illinois Alcoholism & Drug Dependence Association
The Advantage Group Foundation (Crystal Lake, IL)
Behavioral Health Services of Central Dupage Hospital (Winfield, IL)
Breaking Free (Aurora, IL)
Campaign for a Drug Free Westside, Inc. (Chicago, IL)
Chestnut Health Systems, Inc. (Bloomington, IL)
Community Behavioral Healthcare Association of Illinois (Springfield, IL)
Community Resource Center (Centralia, IL)
Duane Dean Behavioral Health Center (Kankakee, IL)
Elmhurst Memorial Hospital (Elmhurst, IL)
Franklin-Williamson Human Services, Inc (Marion, IL)
Gateway Foundation, Inc. (Chicago, IL)
Guildhaus (Blue Island, IL)
Haymarket Center (Chicago, IL)
Heartland Health (Chicago, IL)
TASC-Illinois (Chicago, IL)
Human Resources Center of Edgar and Clark Counties (Paris, IL)
Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (Des Plaines, IL)
Laretto Hospital Addiction Center (Chicago, IL)
Nicasa (Round Lake, IL)
Perry County Counseling Center, Inc. (Du Quoin, IL)
A Safe Haven (Chicago, IL)
El Rincon Community Clinic (Chicago, IL)
Resurrection Behavioral Healthcare (Melrose Park, IL)
Riverside Resolve Center/Riverside Medical Center (Manteno, IL)
Rosecrance Health Network (Rockford, IL)
Serenity House, Inc. (Addison, IL)
Youth Outreach Services, Inc. (Chicago, IL)
Alcohol & Addictions Resource Center (South Bend, Indiana)
Iowa Substance Abuse Program Directors' Association
Employee & Family Resources, Inc. (Des Moines, IA)

The Adanta Group (Somerset, KY)
 Mountain Comprehensive Care Center (Prestonsburg, KY)
 Pathways, Inc. (Ashland, KY)
 Transitions, Inc. (Bellevue, KY)
 Centerpoint Community Services (Shreveport, LA)
 Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse of NW LA (Shreveport, LA)
 HOPE for the Homeless (Shreveport, LA)
 Maine Association of Substance Abuse Programs
 Maryland Addictions Director's Council
 Second Genesis (Maryland, Virginia, Washington, DC)
 National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence – Maryland (Baltimore, MD)
 Mental Health and Substance Abuse Corporations of Massachusetts
 Boston Alcohol and Substance Abuse Programs (ASAP), Inc. (Boston, MA)
 Boston Medical Center (Boston, MA)
 Mass. Association of Behavioral Health Systems (MA)
 Massachusetts Organization for Addiction Recovery (MOAR) (Boston, MA)
 Mental Health and Substance Abuse Corporations of Massachusetts, Inc. (Natick, MA)
 Nantucket Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention, Inc. (Nantucket, MA)
 Michigan Association of Licensed Substance Abuse Organizations
 National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (NCADD) - Greater
 Detroit Area (Detroit, MI)
 Self Help Addiction Rehabilitation Inc. (Detroit, MI)
 Minnesota Association of Resources for Recovery & Chemical Health
 Communities Partnership Inc., Minnesota Affiliate of the National Council on Alcoholism & Drug
 Dependence (NCADD)
 National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (NCADD) - Northeast MS (Tupelo, MS)
 Missouri Association of Alcohol & Drug Abuse Programs
 Hannibal Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (Hannibal, MO)
 Mission Missouri (Sikeston, MO)
 Missouri Recovery Network (MRN) (Jefferson City, MO)
 National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (NCADA) (St. Louis, MO)
 National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence of Greater Kansas City --
 (Kansas City, MO)
 TwentyFourSeven (Poplar Bluff, MO)
 Montana Addiction Service Providers
 Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organizations
 Keck Counseling (Grand Island, NE)
 Nevada Alliance for Addictive Disorders Advocacy, Prevention and Treatment Services
 NOVA Therapeutic Community (Omaha, NE)
 New Hampshire Alcohol and Other Drug Service Providers Association
 Addiction Treatment Providers of New Jersey
 Integrity House (Newark, N.J.)
 National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (NCADD) (New Jersey)
 National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (NCADD) of Middlesex
 County (East Brunswick, NJ)
 Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Providers of New York State
 Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council of Delaware County, Inc (Delhi, NY)
 Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention Council of Saratoga County, Inc. (Saratoga Springs, NY)
 Council on Addictions of New York State, Inc. CANYS (Cooperstown, NY)
 Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse of Sullivan County, Inc. (Monticello, NY)
 County of Oswego Council On Alcoholism & Addictions, Inc. (COCOAA) (Oswego, NY)
 DePaul's National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (Rochester, NY)
 LEAF Council on Alcoholism and Addictions (Oneonta, NY)

Long Island Council on Alcoholism & Drug Dependence (LICADD) (Williston Park, NY)
New York State Conference of Local Mental Hygiene Directors (New York)
Odyssey House, Inc. (New York, NY)
Prevention Focus, Inc. (Buffalo, NY)
Prevention Network/OCAA (Syracuse, NY)
Seaway Valley Prevention Council (Canton, NY)
The Prevention Team (Ticonderoga, NY)
The Burke Council on Alcoholism & Chemical Dependency, Inc. (Morganton, N.C.)
NC Substance Abuse Providers Association
Coastal Horizons Center, Inc. (Wilmington, N.C.)
Division of Alcohol and Chemical Dependency Programs, North Carolina DOC
North Carolina Department of Correction
Partnership for a Drug-Free NC (Winston-Salem, N.C.)
North Dakota Addiction Treatment Providers Coalition
Ohio Council of Behavioral Healthcare Providers
Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Association of Ohio
Drug Free Alliance (Columbus, OH)
National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (NCADD) of Cincinnati (Cincinnati, OH)
Statewide Prevention Coalition Association (Columbus, Ohio)
Oklahoma Substance Abuse Services Alliance
Oregon Prevention, Recovery, and Education Association
Oregon Partnership (Portland, OR)
Drug & Alcohol Service Providers Organization of Pennsylvania
Drug and Alcohol Treatment Association of Rhode Island
Behavioral Health Services Association of South Carolina
South Dakota Council of Substance Abuse Providers
Tennessee Association of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services
Association of Substance Abuse Programs of Texas
Utah Behavioral Healthcare Network
Utah Addiction Center (Salt Lake City, UT)
Vermont Association of Drug & Alcohol Programs
Abuse and Addiction Recovery Alliance (SAARA) of Virginia, Inc. (Glen Allen, VA)
McShin Foundation (Virginia)
Richmond Behavioral Health Authority (Richmond, VA)
Washington Association of Alcoholism & Addiction Programs
[Washington Association of Counties and Human Services](#)
[Alliance for Recovery \(Seattle, WA\)](#)
God Heals (Tacoma, WA)
Haven Ministries (Yakima, WA)
Tacoma Christian Coalition (Takoma, WA)
[Washington State Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction](#)
Regional Addiction Prevention (RAP), Inc. (Washington, D.C.)
Peer Recovery Network (Charleston, WV)
The Rainelle Medical Center Inc. (Ranielle, West Virginia)
Addiction Resource Council, Inc. (Waukesha, WI)
Focus on Community (Racine, WI)