

## **North Carolina Substance Abuse Federation Budget Priority Areas 2008**

The Federation is seeking funding for the following programs. Our vision is to expand programs that maximize communities' capabilities to prevent substance abuse, intervene with high-risk individuals, reduce relapse and promote a healthy recovery using evidence-based programs.

**\$7,500,000 North Carolina Community Substance Abuse Prevention Coalitions Initiative:** Implement Coalition program to engage communities in the process of building drug-free communities. Coalitions will engage every segment of their communities: businesses, schools, parents, law enforcement and youth for 35 counties.

**\$44,135,778 TASC Services and Treatment for Offenders:** Funds are needed to purchase treatment services for substance abusing criminal justice offenders screened and assessed through TASC system.

**\$1,200,000 Adolescent Treatment Services:** Funding to create three new adolescent residential treatment programs for underserved areas.

**\$2,400,000 Community-Based Detox and Referral:** Funding to expand services for non-Medicaid clients. Emphasis on funding programs that have proven linkages with outpatient services following discharge.

**\$1,600,000 Half Way House Service Expansion:** Funds to develop half way houses and other housing options to support recovery. Housing programs must have a partnership with an Intensive Outpatient Program and other Outpatient programs

**\$1,500,000 Substance Abuse Workforce Initiative:** Funding to improve access to care through the development of a Substance Abuse Fellows Program that provides education opportunities for students who will work in underserved communities following graduation and stipends for internships to students in approved training sites.

**\$525,000 planning \$1,650,000 programs Prison Release Programs:** Comprehensive services to reduce recidivism and post prison drug and alcohol use using a Community-Based Participatory Evaluation Model. The first year is for planning funds for 6 sites. The Division funds allocated to coordinate State Agencies, provide technical assistance and to develop a State wide evaluation plan that can clearly demonstrate outcomes and cost saving. Year 2 is for implementation of 3 sites.

**\$575,000 planning and \$1,100,000 programs Substance Abuse Primary Care Program:** Demonstration project to integrate prevention, intervention and continuing care in primary care medical settings, including but not limited to Ryan White medical programs. The programs must be able to access SA specialty care and follow patients for multiple years. The Division funds allocated to coordinate State Agencies, provide technical assistance to local programs and to develop a State wide evaluation plan that can clearly demonstrate outcomes and cost saving. The first year is for planning funds for 10 sites. Year 2 is for implementation funding for 5 sites.

**\$100,000 for National Guard Assessments:** Funding to support the cost of comprehensive assessment for Citizen Soldiers (National Guard) who are struggling with substance use and abuse problems following their return from Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

**\$1,000,000 Community Drop-in Navigation Program:** Demonstration projects in rural, underserved communities that collaborate with local recovery groups to provide drop in centers that have para-professional navigators under the direction of Substance Abuse Professionals. Includes funds for technical assistance and evaluation.