

Weekly Memo

Call to action: support federal funding

It is critical in these difficult economic times that the community-based organizations that provide essential addiction prevention, treatment, and recovery services be adequately funded. Tell elected officials that investing in programs that prevent and treat alcohol and drug addiction saves lives and improves the health, safety and well-being of our communities; ask them to please increase funding for alcohol and drug programs in the



House and Senate Labor HHS spending bills by supporting the field's-recommended funding levels.

Now is the time to call California's two U.S. Senators, Senators Diane Feinstein and Barbara Boxer. Senator Feinstein is a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee. In the House of Representatives, California seven representatives are on the House Appropriations committee. Representative Jerry Lewis, REP-Riverside, is also the ranking Republican on the committee (this is equivalent to being the Vice-chair of the committee). Other California members are Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard (DEM-Los Angeles; Rep. Sam Farr (DEM-Santa Cruz); Rep. Barbara Lee (DEM-CA Oakland); Rep. Adam Schiff (DEM-Pasadena); Rep. Michael Honda (DEM-San Jose; and Ken Calvert (REP-Riverside/Orange Counties). Ask them to increase funding for drug and alcohol programs.

Call, fax, or email California's Congressional members who are on the Appropriations Committee and ask them to support the field's funding request for the alcohol and drug programs. The funding list and list of programs is listed in an attachment at the end of this *Weekly Memo*, along with a sample letter. Find your representative in Congress by visiting www.congress.org and click on the "Officials" tab or call the U.S. Capitol Switchboard at (202) 224-3121.

Founding CAADPE member honored by Assembly

Corrine Sanchez, Executive Director of El Proyecto del Barrio and a founding board member of CAADPE was honored as part of the Women's History Month celebration of the Sate Assembly. Each year the members of the Assembly honor extraordinary women from each of their districts. She was named women of the year for the San Fernando Valley, 39th Assembly District.



Assembly Floor ceremonies included a presentation of certificates to the honorees by Speaker of the Assembly Karen Bass and an address by U.S. Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis. The event also included a reception hosted by the Assembly Women's Caucus and Lt. Governor John Garamendi.

Corrine served on the CAADPE board during its first years as a statewide organization. In 1974, she became the Associate Director of Chicana Service Action Center and remained there for four years until she went to law school. She first joined El Proyecto

del Barrio in 1992. El Proyecto Del Barrio is a not-for-profit organization that provides primary medical care, drug rehabilitation and prevention programs, and job training services to low income populations. She was recognized for far-ranging service to economically disadvantaged youth and adults in the San Fernando Valley. She is a member of the California Bar Association and the Latino Coalition Against AIDS.

She is a co-founder of the San Fernando Unity Coalition.

CAADPE joins the Assembly in congratulating Ms. Sanchez for her long and varied contributions to her community and for her effort to provide treatment for those affected by addiction and to their families.

President Obama recognizes Substance Abuse as preventable and treatable chronic condition

President Obama is proposing a number of increases in substance abuse services in his 2010 budget, now being reviewed by Congress.

In the document submitted to the Congress the President relates his official stance, calling substance addiction "a preventable and treatable chronic condition," It is unclear what California's share of the funds will be until Congress completes its "mark-up" of the appropriations bills.

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House passes bill to prevent spread of HIV/AIDS

The U.S. House of Representatives has passed the *Stop AIDS in Prison Act* (H.R. 1429), legislation introduced by Congresswoman Maxine Waters (D-CA, Los Angeles), a longtime leader of Congressional efforts to confront the HIV/AIDS epidemic. An original cosponsor of the *Stop AIDS in Prison Act* is Rep. Robert C. Scott (D-VA), Chairman of the Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, which has jurisdiction over federal prisons.

If enacted, the law would require the Bureau of Prisons to test all Federal prison inmates for HIV upon entering prison, and again prior to release from prison, unless an inmate opts out of taking the test. The bill also requires HIV/AIDS prevention education for all inmates and comprehensive treatment for those inmates who test positive. Currently, HIV testing is not required upon entry and prior to release from Federal prisons, nor is testing required in most state prisons.

Waters noted that HIV prevention programs are not available in a consistent or complete fashion throughout the entire correctional system. "That is why we need to pass the *Stop AIDS in Prison Act* today . . . [the bill] requires the Federal Bureau of Prisons to develop a comprehensive policy to provide HIV testing, treatment,

Legislature plans spring recess

The state Legislature will adjourn on April 2 for its 10-day spring recess, returning on Tuesday, April 13. Most of the elected officials will return to their districts. Before the recess is the time to contact their district offices to plan a meeting and/visit to your program. . Invite them to visit programs, to meet staff and clients, to see the human face of addiction, and to help them understand that treatment saves lives, reunites families, and saves tax dollars.

and prevention for inmates in Federal prisons."

The Department of Justice reported in 2005 that the rate of confirmed AIDS cases in prisons was three times higher than in the general population. This legislation is designed to prevent the transmission of HIV/AIDS within prison as well as reduce the spread of the disease in the general community following the release of infected prisoners.

To become law, the bill would also have to be approved in the U.S. Senate and be signed by the President.

CADA sets 2009 Public Policy Conference — calls for sponsors

The Coalition of Alcohol and Drug Associations has set May 5-6 for its 2009 Public Policy Conference. The annual event will be held, once again, at the Sacramento Sheraton Grand, within walking distance to the Capitol.

Participants will hear the latest developments on issues like AOD funding and realignment; Counselor Certification and Licensing; and Re-entry programs for individuals released from the corrections system. On day two, participants will take the most critical issues to the Capitol where they will meet with their Senators and Assembly Members.

CADA is actively recruiting conference underwriting, CAADPE members can help keep the registration costs of the conference affordable and insure an effective conference by referring vendors to CADA. CADA staff will follow up and invite vendors to participate. Vendors may set up a display table, advertise in the program, and network with prospective clients. Contact caadpe@pacbell.net for rate sheets and additional information.

Save the Date

April 17-19 23rd Annual CAADPE Conference The Politics of Addiction Treatment and Prevention. Doubletree Hotel Sacramento Lori Phelps 805-641-1677 caadpe@sbcglobal.net <http://www.caadpe.org>

April 17-19 Community Addiction Recovery Association (CARA) Conference Annual Conference "Brain Repair for Addictive Disorders: Successful, Cost Effective, Drug-Free Therapies" Hilton Arden West, Sacramento; www.carasac.org/Conference/index.shtml , Carolyn Reuben, 916-485-2272, carolynreuben@aol.com

April 22-23 Ninth Annual National Information Management Conference and Exposition: Addressing the Needs of Mental Health, Alcohol and Other Drug Programs The program features a faculty of over 40 experts, including nationally prominent speakers. Software vendors serving the California behavioral health care market will exhibit. Attendees represent all areas of behavioral health including clinical operations, information technology, quality management, consumer and family member advocacy, data analysis and evaluation. Crowne Plaza Hotel, Anaheim. Information about the program, CEUs, registration is at: <http://elearning.networkofcare.org/CIMH/EventOverview.asp?id=171694>.

May 5-6, CADA Annual Public Policy Conference, The conference will focus on the pressing issues of the day including the state budget, the proposed licensing and certification, and workforce developments. Participants will meet with their legislators and deliver packets of information at the Capitol. Sheraton Grand, Sacramento. Registration available online soon. For information, caadpe@pacbell.net. Register for the conference at www.caadpe.org and click on CADA conference button.

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FY 2010 FEDERAL FUNDING ALERT

PLEASE CONTACT YOUR U.S. SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES TODAY AND ASK THEM TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR DRUG AND ALCOHOL PROGRAMS

MESSAGE:

Investing in programs that prevent and treat alcohol and drug addiction saves lives and improves the health, safety and well-being of our communities; please increase funding for alcohol and drug programs in the House and Senate Labor HHS spending bills by supporting the field-recommended funding levels listed below. It is critical in these difficult economic times that the community-based organizations that provide essential addiction prevention, treatment and recovery services be adequately funded.

ACTION:

Please call, fax or email your U.S. Senators and Representatives, especially Members of the Appropriations Committees (lists attached), and ask them to support the field funding requests for the alcohol and drug programs listed below. A sample model letter is copied below; please feel free to insert information specific to your area. Find your Members of Congress by visiting www.congress.org or by calling the U.S. Capitol Switchboard at (202) 224-3121.

BACKGROUND:

The Appropriations Committees in the House and Senate are now crafting the FY 2010 spending bills. Members will be making decisions about funding priorities over the next few weeks. **In these challenging economic times, critical programs will not receive increased funding without your support.** Below are the field funding requests for drug and alcohol prevention, treatment, education and research programs:

Program	FY 2009 Funding Level	Field Request for FY 2010
Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant	\$1.7786 billion	\$1.929 billion (\$150 million increase over FY 2009)
Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT)	\$414.3 million	\$489.3 million (\$75 million increase over FY 2009)
Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP)	\$201 million	\$276.3 million (\$75 million increase over FY 2009)
Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities (SDFSC) State Grants Program	\$294.76 million	\$349.7 million (\$55 million increase over FY 2009)
National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA)	\$450.23 million	TBD, please request highest possible funding
National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)	\$1.003 billion	TBD, please request highest possible funding

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Gabrielle de la Gueronniere at Legal Action Center, (202) 544-5478. Thanks for your help!

Sample Letter

DATE

When addressing your Senators or Representative, use one of the formats indicated below:

The Honorable (Full Name)
The United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable (Full Name)
The United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Senator _____:

Dear Representative _____:

Thank you for your continued support for alcohol and drug treatment, prevention, education and research programs. I am writing to ask your support for the funding levels listed below, which would provide increased funding for these critical programs through the FY 2010 appropriations process.

Prevention pays off and is a critical part of the continuum of care. Data from the National Institute on Drug Abuse's most recent Monitoring the Future survey indicates that youth attitudes about substance use are beginning to soften, which generally precedes an increase in drug use. Although rates for non-medical prescription drug use among adults are largely unchanged the past year, youth rates of prescription drug abuse have risen. We must continue to invest in the best treatment and prevention options and provide services that are evidence-based. Adequate drug and alcohol prevention services, including those provided by the Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities State Grants program, need to be available for all young people to reduce their risks of poor health, diminished academic performance, and involvement in the juvenile justice system.

The unmet need for alcohol and drug treatment services in America is overwhelming. According to SAMHSA, in 2007, 23.2 million people, or 9.6 percent of the population, were classified with substance dependence or abuse. However, only 2.4 million, or just over 10 percent of those who needed treatment, received it at a specialty facility. Therefore, there were 20.8 million people, or 8.4 percent of the population, who needed treatment for an illicit drug or alcohol use problem but did not receive it. Over 40 percent of those who tried to get help for their addiction were denied treatment because of cost or insurance barriers. Such barriers mean that for many people, federal- and State-funded programs are the only means available to obtain treatment and prevention services. In many States, public spending accounts for more than 60 percent of the annual support for treatment and prevention services. The shortage of addiction treatment services results in waiting lists in many places, sometimes as long as six months.

As the current financial situation worsens, drug and alcohol use is likely to increase as well. As unemployment rates and other pressures increase, people at risk for substance use disorders will have even greater needs for life-saving prevention, treatment and recovery support services. Additionally, with hundreds of thousands of American service men and women currently on active duty in Afghanistan, Iraq and other areas of conflict, it is expected that the need for alcohol and other drug addiction treatment services for veterans will increase significantly. However, the community-based care system is not receiving funding proportionate to this on-going, increasing need.

The funding levels for which I am requesting your support include:

- \$1.929 billion for the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant, the foundation of the publicly supported prevention and treatment system in this country.
- \$489.3 million for the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT)
- \$276.3million for the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP)
- \$349.7 million for the Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities State Grants program
- Highest possible funding for research at the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) and the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA)

Your support of this entire continuum of programs is essential because all fronts of the battle against alcohol and drug addiction must be sufficiently funded to be successful. Investment in alcohol and drug treatment, prevention, education, and research will save lives and resources nationwide, and it will help America protect its health in challenging times. Thank you for your support of these essential programs.