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The Problem:

- Our federal agency, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSA), estimates 9.5% of Michigan residents, over 800,000 people, age 12 and older have an alcohol or drug abuse problem requiring assistance.
- Untreated abuse causes daily tragedy for families:
 - 35% of traffic fatalities are alcohol or drug related
 - Over 80% of domestic violence involves alcohol or drugs
 - The majority of college accidents and accidental deaths are alcohol or drug connected
 - There is a strong correlation with date rape and unprotected sex for young people.
- Untreated substance abuse costs the state of Michigan more than \$2.7 billion annually in indirect costs:
 - The Michigan Department Of Corrections estimates more than 2/3 of their inmates have been assessed as having a substance abuse problem
 - Approximately 70% of children in protective services come from homes with alcohol or drug problems
 - Over 30% of emergency room visits, including Medicaid members, are alcohol or drug related.

Funding:

- Although the problem touches nearly every individual and family in some way, the state of Michigan ranks 47th in general fund (GF) support with \$20 million going to regional coordinating agencies for services.
- State GF support has declined over the years, from a peak of \$35 million in 1995.
- The public treatment and prevention system is already overloaded and stressed-- the current economic climate is increasing the number of people who abuse alcohol and drugs, increasing the numbers seeking help.

Yet Treatment Works:

- Alcohol and drug addiction have been proven to be a brain disorder amenable to treatment, just like other chronic illnesses, e.g., diabetes, asthma.
- Evidence-based treatment methods, combined with community support, result in lasting sobriety and a productive life.
- 67% of clients (more than 38,000 Michigan residents) admitted to treatment are abstinent at discharge.
- 53% of clients (3,000 individuals) who were homeless at admission had found stable housing by discharge. Stable housing is a key factor in maintaining recovery.
- Treatment saves the state money. For example, Kalamazoo drug court's three year follow-up study reports only 15% criminal recidivism compared to the usual 50% rate, resulting in substantial savings to courts, jails, and prisons.

Your continued support for effective prevention and treatment programs will allow us to continue to make positive differences in the lives of Michigan's individuals and families.