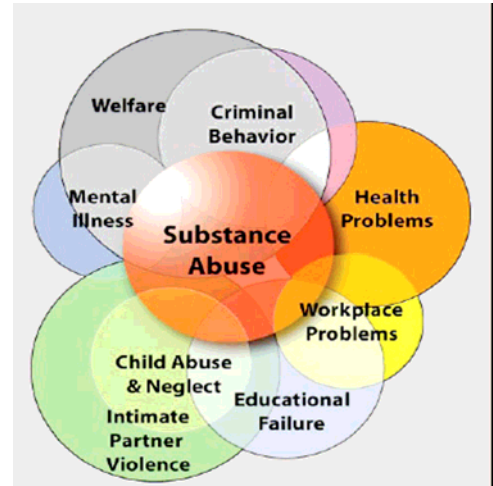


# SUBSTANCE ABUSE: IMPACT OF UNMET NEED IN KANSAS

## Substance Abuse Is Everybody's Problem

Recent Statistics:

- 35,622 arrests for substance use
- 16,645 adult substance abuse hospitalizations
- 3,393 alcohol-related motor vehicle accidents
- 965 alcohol and drug-related deaths
- 408 substance related involuntary commitments
- 9,131 youth in out-of-home placements
- 1,679 HIV/AIDS cases



## Most Substance Abusers Do Not Receive The Services They Need

The Kansas Comprehensive Needs Assessment estimated that 63,500 adults and 7,000 adolescents needed treatment and were eligible for SRS/AAPS-funded services. In Fiscal Year 2005 Addiction and Prevention Services served 12,791 people.

## Substance Abuse Is Costly

<i>Guest Check</i>		
Server	Table	Number Guests
State Budget	Kansas	225,155
<i>Health</i>		\$88 M
<i>Adult and Juvenile Corrections</i>		\$185 M
<i>Child Welfare</i>		\$56 M
<i>Income Assistance</i>		\$12 M
<i>Education</i>		\$161 M
<i>Mental Health Treatment and Support</i>		\$50 M
<i>Public Safety</i>		\$6 M
<i>State Workforce</i>		\$5 M
<i>Prevention, Treatment, and Research</i>		\$8 M
<i>Other</i>		\$12 M
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$583 M</b>

"No other single issue impacts more areas of government than alcohol and other drug problems and none is more destructive to state budgets."

Luceille Fleming, former Director, Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services, *Blueprint for the States*, 2006.

The cost to the Kansas state budget is over \$583 million per year.

Source: *Shoveling Up: The Impact of Substance Abuse On State Budgets*. The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University, 2001.

## Treatment Works And It Saves Money

- Treatment reduces drug use, criminal activity, and psychiatric distress by 50% (SAMHSA, 2006).
- Every \$1 invested in substance abuse treatment saves \$7 (Ettner et al., 2006).
- Incarceration is nearly 1.8 times as expensive as residential treatment (Daley et al., 2004).

## How Can We Reduce The Cost Of Substance Abuse To Society?

- Keep mandating and funding treatment
- Intervene early, treat families, and help those who are not in the treatment system
- Change "kids will be kids" culture to delay onset of drinking and drug use