



Do you know...
The impact of substance abuse on healthcare?

- ✓ In Florida, for each dollar spent on substance abuse treatment and prevention, \$39.33 is spent to clean up the burden of substance abuse, i.e.; crime; diseases like cancer, heart disease, cirrhosis; child abuse and neglect; domestic violence; chronic welfare; teen pregnancy. ¹
- ✓ Nearly one-fourth of all persons admitted to general hospitals have alcohol problems or are undiagnosed alcoholics being treated for the consequences of their drinking. ²
- ✓ During 2005, chronic liver disease/cirrhosis ranked 11th out of the 25 selected leading causes and other significant causes of deaths in Florida. ³
- ✓ Untreated addiction is more expensive than heart disease, diabetes and cancer combined. ⁴

A vote for substance abuse treatment is a vote to improve healthcare for Floridians.

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