



*Do you know...
the impact of substance abuse on the workplace?*

- ✓ Alcohol and drug abuse costs the American economy an estimated \$366 billion per year in lost productivity, health care expenditures and crime. ¹
- ✓ More than 70 percent of the estimated costs of alcohol abuse are attributed to lost productivity (\$134.2 billion), including losses from illness (\$87.6 billion), premature death (\$36.5 billion), and crime (\$10.1 billion). ²
- ✓ Alcoholism causes 500 million lost workdays each year. ³
- ✓ Thirty-five to 50 percent of all workers compensation claims are alcohol and other drug related. ⁴
- ✓ After completing treatment, there is a 19% increase in employment and an 11% decrease in the number of clients who receive welfare. ⁵

Help make substance abuse treatment available for Florida workers.

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