



Fact Sheet:
**California Department of
Alcohol and Drug Programs**



Background

The Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs was established in 1978 and leads the state's drug prevention, treatment and recovery efforts.

The key functions of the Department are to:

- Administer funding to counties who provide alcohol and other drug treatment and prevention services.
- Certify, license, monitor and audit alcohol and other drug programs.
- Develop and implement prevention programs and strategies.
- Ensure that clients receive a consistent and acceptable level of service.
- Develop a plan to address problem gambling in California and develop a problem gambling prevention program.
- Implement Public Awareness Campaigns to inform about alcoholism, drug addiction, and problem gambling.

Strategic Plan

Vision

Healthy individuals and communities free of alcohol and other drug problems.

Mission

To lead California's strategy to reduce alcoholism, drug addiction, and problem gambling by developing, administering and supporting prevention, treatment, and recovery programs.

Core Programs

Prevention

- Abstinence from alcohol and other drug use.
- Reduction of illicit drug use and high-risk alcohol use by Californians.

Treatment

- Accessible, available treatment and recovery services for all Californians in need of treatment.
- Improvement in the core life domains of alcohol and other drug (AOD) clients.

Quality Assurance

- Safe, effective, efficient, and consistent prevention and treatment services that are responsive to client needs.
- Implementation of audit findings leading to program compliance and improvement resulting in effective use of resource.

Information/Education

- Understanding by Californians that alcoholism, drug addiction and problem gambling are chronic conditions that can be successfully prevented and treated.

Key Strategic Areas

- Provide ongoing leadership in identifying and addressing emerging and priority issues.
- Enhance prevention, treatment, and recovery systems.
- Increase knowledge, skills and abilities in the in alcohol and other drugs (AOD) prevention and treatment workforce.

2007/08 Current Budget

The Department's current budget is \$679.9 million. Funding includes:

- Federal Funds (41.2 %);
- California Methamphetamine Initiative (1.47 %)
- Substance Abuse Treatment Trust Fund (Proposition 36) (14.7%);
- State General Fund (28.5%);
- Drug Medi-Cal (12.9%); and
- Other (1.23%).

Employees

335.5 Authorized positions.

Department Organization

The Department is organized around four program areas:

- Program Services Division – Prevention and Treatment
- Licensing and Certification Division
- Office of Criminal Justice Collaboration
- Office of Problem Gambling

The four program areas receive support from:

- Administration
- Applied Research and Analysis
- Communications
- Information Management Services
- Internal Audits
- Legal Services
- Legislation and External Affairs