

Fact Sheet:

**County Alcohol and Drug Program  
Administrators Association of California  
(CADPAAC)**

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**What is CADPAAC?**

CADPAAC is a statewide organization of alcohol and drug program administrators that represent California's 58 counties. As specified by California law, all county alcohol and drug administrators are required to meet on a quarterly basis to consult with representatives of the California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP) on issues of statewide significance. To facilitate this process, the county alcohol and drug administrators established CADPAAC, a nonprofit corporation.

**CADPAAC's Vision and Goals**

CADPAAC works in partnership with other institutions, service providers, and consumers to create healthy communities by reducing alcohol and other drug (AOD) problems of individuals, families, and communities. CADPAAC's primary goals are to achieve:

- A comprehensive continuum of services coordinated at the county level responding to local needs and representing the cultural diversity of California;
- Programs based on strategies that research proves are effective; and
- Full funding of AOD prevention and treatment services.

**CADPAAC's Role**

Alcohol and drug program administrators are responsible for the delivery of prevention and treatment services at the county level. CADPAAC works in collaboration with ADP to ensure quality programs statewide. Principles for prevention and effective treatment established by the National Institute on Drug Abuse are used to guide best practice standards. CADPAAC operates within a strategic framework.

Highlights of current efforts include the following activities:

- Supporting the establishment and growth of the Alcohol and Drug Policy Institute;
- Promoting collaborative partnerships with the criminal justice and mental health fields and others to improve the coordination of services and, when applicable, to develop integrated approaches to service delivery;
- Establishing a full continuum of care for California's youth, including a comprehensive financing plan;
- Participating in outcome studies that document the cost effectiveness of prevention and treatment programs; and
- Promoting the efficacy of AOD services as a community health and public safety strategy through public education and legislative advocacy.

To receive a complete copy of CADPAAC's strategic framework and for further information, please contact:

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