

## Fact Sheet:

# California Association of Alcohol and Drug Program Executives, Inc. (CAADPE)

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### **Mission Statement**

CAADPE is dedicated to empower and encourage the recovery community, including their families and significant others, to contribute to and actively participate in public dialogue about alcohol and other drug (AOD) services.

### **What is CAADPE?**

CAADPE is a non-profit professional association of AOD abuse program directors. CAADPE is the only statewide organization representing all modalities of AOD abuse treatment programs.

CAADPE is the sponsor of AWARE (Always Working toward Advancing Recovery Environments). The AWARE program encourages self-advocacy for those in AOD treatment, persons in recovery, family members, and significant others. The AWARE program hosts conferences, educational programs, and training around the state.

CAADPE sponsors professional education and training programs and conducts public education about the need for quality AOD abuse services to meet community needs. CAADPE's standing committees review policies and make recommendations to the Board of Directors.

### **Services Provided**

**Advocacy:** The Association and its members conduct public education at the county, state, and federal levels.

**Communication:** CAADPE meets regularly with members of the Legislature and officials of the California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs to bring forward the concerns of the Association's members and to participate in AOD public policy discussions.

**Networking:** Promotion of cooperative networks among public and private entities and AOD service providers is accomplished by holding regular meetings, providing telephone assistance and referrals in addition to the annual conference.

### **Benefits of Membership**

- Researches and reviews state legislative bills, and informs members about legislation and its impact on AOD abuse prevention and treatment programs, clients and providers.
- Monitors budget items related to the funding of alcohol recovery and other drug abuse services.
- Analyzes the impact of proposed changes to funding and disseminates the findings.
- Conducts annual membership meeting and public policy conference in Sacramento. The conference addresses major management and public policy concerns facing the substance abuse field.
- Conducts regional chapter meetings to exchange information and review and formulate strategies on local issues.

For more information on CAADPE, you may contact the membership office at (916) 329-7409 or visit CAADPE's Web site at <http://www.caadpe.org>.