



Fact Sheet:

**Licensing and Certification
Division**



The Licensing and Certification Division licenses and certifies alcohol and other drug treatment programs, Driving-Under-the-Influence and Narcotic Treatment Programs. Division staff inspect facilities and conduct complaint investigations as required by law. Licenses are renewed annually or biannually.

As of March 31, 2005, in California there were:

- 146 narcotic treatment programs
- 469 Driving-Under-the-Influence programs
- 843 residential treatment programs and
- 923 certified outpatient programs

Treatment facilities may obtain voluntary certification signifying that a program meets a certain level of service quality and is in substantial compliance with state standards. Certification may be necessary for insurance reimbursement.

Following a 25-year effort, ADP adopted Counselor Certification Regulations in April 2005. Counselor certification offers consumer protections while raising the expectations for counselors in the state. The Counselor Certification Regulations reflect the importance of the health and safety of individuals who seek treatment and recovery services in certified facilities.

Counselor Certification Regulations apply to all individuals providing counseling services in an alcohol and other drug program licensed or certified by the Department.

ADP investigates complaints that deal with violations of the law, regulations, and/or certification standards, including facilities which are alleged to be operating without a license. ADP will initiate an investigation within ten working days of receipt of the complaint which may be filed as indicated below:

by telephone

(916)322-2911
(916)322-6682
(916)322-2964

by fax at

(916)322-2658
(916)323-5086

by mail at

Alcohol and Drug Programs
Licensing and Certification
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1700 K Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

A complaint may also be filed through our website at www.adp.ca.gov by clicking on the Comments/Complaints section.