



# Human Services

## DIVISION OF ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

The Division of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse (DASA) is the state’s lead agency for addressing the profound personal, social and economic consequences of alcohol and other drug abuse. DASA administers a network of community-based alcohol and other drug treatment and recovery support services located throughout the state of Illinois. The system provides evaluation, diagnosis, intervention, treatment, rehabilitation and recovery support to alcohol and other drug-abusing persons and their families. DASA also provides services for individuals with problem or pathological gambling disorders.

### SERVICES .....

The DASA system enables individuals to be assessed and treated as close to their home communities as possible, allows communities to take ownership of their services and facilitates public information and other adjunct services. Treatment services are delivered through a continuum approach, with individual patients moving from one level of care to another, based upon their assessed needs. Alcohol and other drug abuse services in Illinois consist of: Detoxification, Early Intervention, Case Management, Outpatient Counseling, Intensive Outpatient Counseling, Medication Assisted Treatment, Residential Rehabilitation and Residential Aftercare, which is offered in two levels: halfway houses and recovery homes. Recovery support services are available at all levels of care. DASA works with community groups in establishment of Oxford Houses, which are peer developed and peer managed living arrangements for sober individuals seeking support through a home environment with their peers.

### PRIORITY ADMISSIONS .....

DASA has identified populations for priority admission to substance abuse treatment services. These populations are given priority status because of their impact on families and society. Priority is currently given to the following populations in rank order:

1. Pregnant injecting drug users
2. Pregnant and post-partum women
3. Injecting drug users and known Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) infected persons
4. Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) referred persons
5. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) eligible persons
6. Women with children, Department of Corrections (DOC) releases and Treatment Alternatives for Special Clients (TASC) referrals

### INTERNET AND TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE .....

Treatment and other services within Illinois can be located through the following web link:

(<http://dasis3.samhsa.gov/PrxInput.aspx?STATE=Illinois>).

A 24-hour hotline is available at: 1-800-662-4357 or 1-866-213-0548.

DASA maintains the following TTY number: 1-866-843-7344.

## TREATMENT WORKS – THE FACTS .....

Alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse and dependence costs the state of Illinois approximately \$6 billion annually. Treatment decreases this cost by reducing criminal recidivism and health care expenses, while supporting employability and financial stability.\*

Alcohol and other drug treatment is cost effective. Each \$1 invested in treatment equals \$4 to \$7 in savings on crime and criminal justice costs alone.\*\*

Treatment reduces drug use by 40 to 60 percent, which is comparable to success rates of treatments for other chronic diseases, such as asthma and hypertension.\*\*

\* Illinois Department of Human Services, Division of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse. *Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Use in Illinois: Prevalence and Need for Treatment, 2004.*

\*\* National Institute on Drug Abuse. *Principles of Drug Addiction Treatment, 2012.*

\*\*\* Illinois Department of Human Services, Division of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse. *DASA Automated Report System Data (DARTS), State Fiscal Year 2014.*

IDHS-DASA performance management data\*\*\* from State Fiscal Year 2014 shows that:

- 57.5% of those who entered alcohol and other drug services completed treatment
- 72.1% of those receiving treatment for alcohol problems were abstinent from alcohol use at discharge
- 67.8% of those receiving treatment for drug problems were abstinent from drug use at discharge

## For more information call or visit your local Illinois Department of Human Services office.

If you have questions about any Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) program, call or visit your local IDHS office. We will answer your questions. If you do not know where your local IDHS office is or if you are unable to go there, you may call the automated helpline 24 hours a day at:

**1-800-843-6154 (Voice)**

1-800-447-6404 (TTY)

You may speak to a representative between:

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Monday - Friday (except state holidays)

For answers to your questions, you may also write:

**Illinois Department of Human Services**  
Office of Customer and Support Services  
100 South Grand Avenue East, 2nd. Floor  
Springfield, Illinois 62762

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