

## Gray Matters Behavioral Health Caucus

**2010 Legislative Session:**  
*Replace Stigma with Resources*

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## Addiction Prevention, Treatment & Recovery Collaborative



GEORGIA ADDICTION  
COUNSELORS ASSOCIATION



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• GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF RECOVERY RESIDENCES •  
*Committed to Setting the Standards for Quality Recovery Residence Services in Georgia*



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### **2010 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA RELATING TO SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND RECOVERY SERVICES**

#### **1- PROTECT ADDICTIVE DISEASE SERVICES FROM ANY ADDITIONAL BUDGET CUTS.**

A- STATE FUNDING FOR ADDICTION SERVICES WAS  
CUT BY 24% IN THE 2010 BUDGET.

B- ANY MORE CUTS WILL DEplete CRITICAL  
SERVICES IN THE STATE.

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### ***Substance abuse ranks among the top 10 health problems in the United States***

State governments bear the financial burden of the consequences of drugs and alcohol. *Nationally, over 13% of state budgets are spent on problems related to drug and alcohol use.*

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#### 2- REALLOCATE RESOURCES TO INCLUDE BOTH RECOVERY AND LEGAL OPTIONS

\$1 spent on addiction treatment reduces the  
cost of drug-related crime by \$4-\$7

Re-arrest rates drop 27% to 75% when inmates  
received addiction treatment

For every dollar spent on prevention programs,  
an average of **\$18** per student would be saved over  
their lifetime

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## Georgia Facts



- 9th most populated state yet 4th largest state prison population
- Of the 16,000 inmates released each year **14%** return to prison within 3 years
- Addiction prevention & treatment services were **cut 24%** in the 2010 Budget

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-Children whose families receive appropriate drug and alcohol treatment are less likely to remain in foster care

-Families receiving addiction treatment spent \$363 less a month on regular medical care than untreated families

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#### **3- CREATE AND FUND A LEGISLATIVE ADDICTION STUDY COMMITTEE!**

Create and fund a a committee to develop and implement recommendations that reduce the % of Georgians with alcohol and other drug problems, utilizing Join Together's 2006 Blueprint For States.

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