PCPA’S BUDGET REQUEST
Pennsylvania State Budget
For Fiscal Year 2002-03

PENNSYLVANIA’S DRUG AND ALCOHOL PROGRAMS NEED A 2% COLA AND ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR UNMET NEED!

- because substance abuse is the nation’s #1 health problem... Pennsylvania needs to be strong in its response!

- because successful prevention and treatment of addiction leads to reductions in traffic fatalities, violence, unwanted pregnancy, child abuse, sexually transmitted diseases, cancer, heart disease, and lost productivity... More lives will be saved in Pennsylvania!

- because there continue to be treatment waiting lists and therefore unmet needs in the drug and alcohol community... Pennsylvanians with addictions must receive treatment!

- because 72% of those going into Pennsylvania prisons have a drug and/or alcohol addiction... As was discussed at the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections Senate Appropriations hearing – Pennsylvania must do more in the community.

- PCPA joins Rep. Gene DiGirolamo (R-Bucks), Rep. Linda Bebko-Jones (D-Erie), and other statewide associations in support of additional funding to address the unmet need. Additional dollars must be available for the full continuum of care to assure that the funding follows the treatment needs of the client.

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