



5 of 6 Southwest Floridians are unable to get critical services due to funding disparity

*Lee County's tremendous growth has resulted in an increased demand for services, yet this region of Florida continues to be the worst funded region for adult substance abuse services, **receiving 74% of the average state funding.***

Southwest Florida Addiction Services (SWFAS) is seeking \$550,000 in increased Adult Substance Abuse funding to support expanded detoxification services to residents of Charlotte, Lee, Hendry and Glades Counties. This is part of a joint agency request sponsored by Lee County government that includes the Ruth Cooper Center, Salvation Army, SWFAS and Lee County Human Services to respond to overwhelming needs in the region.



Residents in Lee County are 2.2 times more likely to die from a lethal overdose than residents of Volusia County; Volusia County receives 2.5 times as much adult substance abuse from the state government!

Youth in need of services are facing waiting lists of 60 to 120 days for treatment. The average cost to provide evidence-based treatment and supervision services from these five programs is approximately \$1,306 per youth and family. The average cost to house one youth in a Department of Juvenile Justice residential program is \$34,083.

TREATMENT GAPS

Adults needing treatment

871,052

Adults served by DCF

112,449

ADULT TREATMENT GAP

758,603

Youth needing treatment

353,159

Youth served by DCF

76,064

YOUTH TREATMENT GAP

277,095

Source: Florida Substance Abuse and Mental Health Corporation, *A Year Of Change And Renewed Priorities*, Annual Report of the Florida Substance Abuse and Mental Health Corporation, December 31, 2004. www.samhcorp.org

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