



The MARRCH Journal

A closer look at topics of interest to MARRCH members

Recovery at Work!

Minnesota has fallen into a cycle of paying increasingly more money for problems chemical use creates in our state and less on intervention and actual treatment. Once a pioneer in treating those with a chemical dependency (CD) illness, the state's policies of freezing or cutting funding for CD treatment has led to steeply increased public costs in

hospital emergency rooms, law enforcement, and the criminal justice system, in addition to personal tragedies of those who need help who are underserved or not served at all. The cost of chemical dependency to Minnesota businesses is billions of dollars annually.

Minnesota's cost-containment strategies have actually

cost taxpayers and local governments, as well as the state, millions of dollars. The reverse economic impact has been documented by dozens of studies, many by government agencies, including the Minnesota Department of Health. The CD field has had rates cut or frozen in the majority of state budgets for a decade and a half.

What is MARRCH?

Minnesota Association of Resources



2,000+
Members
All 87
Counties
ONE
VOICE

The Minnesota Association of Resources for Recovery and Chemical Health (MARRCH) is a **professional association of state-licensed chemical dependency treatment facilities and individual Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselors (LADCs)**. It is the largest organization in the CD field with facilities or members in all 87 counties.

MARRCH wants to be part of a solution that helps the maximum number of people at the most efficient cost possible. We want to help legislators understand the hard costs to the state and local government, and the multiplier effect of costs that result from cuts to CD treatment funding. MARRCH also wants to provide accurate and documented information and dispel misconceptions wherever possible.



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What You Need to Know

Addiction is an illness

This has been argued for decades, but the debate is over. Alcohol and chemical dependencies no longer are discretionary treatments by insurance companies. The argument that addiction is self-inflicted and that an alcoholic should just stop drinking is hollow, groundless and not well-informed. All scientific research has demonstrated that chemical dependency addiction is a chronic disease of the central nervous system with genetic, lifestyle and environmental causation. Research demonstrates that it is treatable.

Pay now, or pay much more later

The cost NOT treating addiction is more expensive than the cost of treating addiction. One national study demonstrated that \$100,000 spent on treatment avoided \$487,000 in health care costs (hospitals, ER rooms, ambulances, doctors) and an additional \$700,000 in crime costs (police, courts, jails, prisons). An exhaustive California study showed that \$1,500 in treatment costs avoided more than \$10,000 in related costs. The U.S. Department of Human Services wrote: "Even beyond the enormous physical and psychological costs, treatment can save money by diminishing the huge financial consequences imposed on employers and taxpayers."



Minnesota is worse than average

Minnesota is among the top five states in binge drinking. A state study shows that Minnesota beats the national average in marijuana use. The national average has 503 persons in addiction treatment for every 100,000 of population; the number is 389 in Minnesota. States, cities, sports teams all want bragging rights for a variety of things. This is one area we should strive not to lead.

Addiction touches many families, businesses, and communities throughout Minnesota. MARRCH members are in virtually every community statewide. MARRCH stands ready with information and ideas to help achieve the best solution possible. Please feel free to contact us.

\$10

Saved in healthcare costs for every \$1 spent on treatment

24

Years since Minnesota raised the alcohol Fee. This fee is not indexed for inflation

40%

How far the value of the alcohol fee has declined since 1987

75%

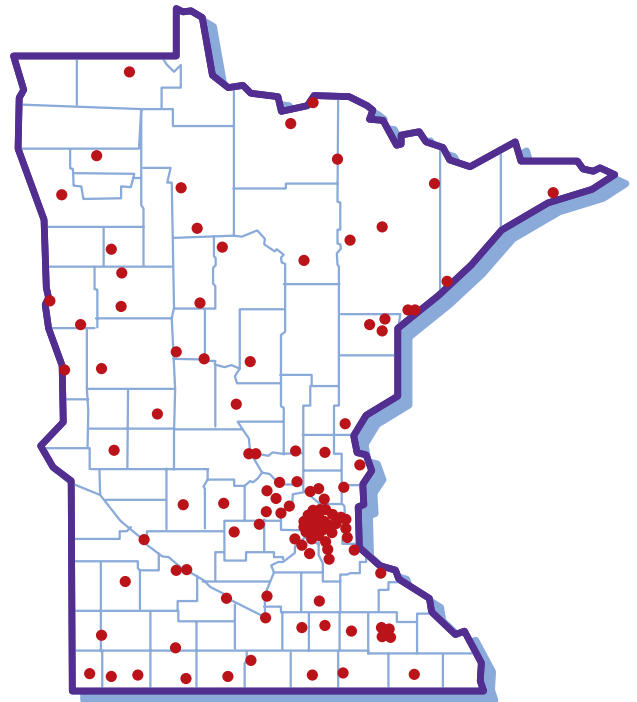
Minnesotans who support increasing the alcohol tax

5 Billion

Amount in dollars that alcohol abuse and addiction costs Minnesota every year

Recovery at Work Throughout Minnesota

Organization	City
Acres For Life, Inc. Center for Growth & Learning	Lindstrom
Addiction Counseling Treatment Services	Gaylord
Addiction Recovery Technologies of Rochester LLC	Rochester
African American Family Services	Minneapolis
Allina Hospitals & Clinics	New Ulm
Amethyst Counseling Services, Inc.	New Brighton
Anthony Louis Center	Blaine
Bob Melson and Associates	Hastings
C.R.E.A.T.E., Inc.	Minneapolis
CARE	Anoka
Center for Alcohol & Drug Treatment	Duluth
Club Recovery LLC	Edina
Common Ground	Rochester
Community Drug & Alcohol Services	Burnsville
Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicio	Minneapolis
Conceptual Counseling, Inc.	St. Paul
Cronin Home, Inc.	Rochester
CTSI - Correctional Transition Services, Inc.	Minneapolis
Dakota County Receiving Center, Inc.	Hastings
Dakota County Social Services	W. St. Paul
DHS- HIV/AIDS Unit	St. Paul
Edens Group, Inc.	St. Paul
Empower CTC	Rochester
Endeavor Place, LLC	Verndale
Evergreen House Inc.	Bemidji
Faith Family Recovery Center	Hastings
First Nation Recovery Center	Minneapolis
Fountain Center of Albert Lea	Albert Lea
Glenmore Recovery Center	Crookston
Haven Road Recovery Center, LLC	Little Falls
Hazelden	Center City
HealthEast/ St. Joseph's Hospital	St. Paul
Hiawatha Valley Mental Health Center	Winona
Hope House of Itasca County	Grand Rapids
House of Charity	Minneapolis
Juel Fairbanks Chemical Dep Services	St. Paul
Loren E. Novak & Associates, Inc.	Prior Lake
Minneapolis Community & Technical College	Minneapolis
MN Alternative LLC	Columbia Heights
MN Certification Board	Wyoming
MN Dept. of Corrections Health Services	St. Paul
MN Prevention Resource Center	Mounds View
MN Recovery Connection	St. Paul
MN Teen Challenge	Minneapolis
New Beginnings at Waverly, LLC	Waverly
New Visions Center	Alexandria
Next Step	Staples
Northland Recovery Center	Grand Rapids



NuWay House, Inc.	Minneapolis
Nystrom & Associates, Ltd.	New Brighton
Park Avenue Center	Minneapolis
Pathway House	Rochester
Pine Manors, Inc.	Nevis
Pioneer Recovery Center	Aurora
Prairielands ATTC	Iowa City
Project Turnabout	Granite Falls
Rapids Counseling	Grand Rapids
Recovery Plus - St. Cloud Hospital	St. Cloud
Recovery Resource Center	Minneapolis
Red Lake Nation Chemical Health Program	Bemidji
Red River Recovery Center	Dilworth
Regions Hospital ADAP/New Connection	St. Paul
Rum River Health Services, Inc.	Princeton
Schmidt & Associates Inc.	Fargo
Senior Recovery Program	Maplewood
Set Free Recovery Services	Wyoming
ShareHouse	Fargo
StepUP Program	Plymouth
The Duluth Bethel	Duluth
The Retreat	Wayzata
The Wayside House, Inc.	St. Louis Park
Transition Homes	St. Paul
UMMC West Adult CD-Fairview Riverside	Minneapolis
Valhalla Place Inc.	Woodbury
Vinland Center	Loretto
We Care Counseling Center	Oakdale
West Hills Lodge, Inc.	Owatonna
Zumbro Valley Mental Health Center	Rochester

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