

KEEP THE DEPARTMENT OF DRUG & ALCOHOL PROGRAMS

WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

The Administration is proposing to eliminate the Department of Drug & Alcohol Programs and bury it back in a giant new bureaucracy. The Administration advises that this merger will save no money – NONE. No money saved.

WHY MAINTAIN THE DEPARTMENT OF DRUG & ALCOHOL PROGRAMS?

LEADERSHIP!

THE DEPARTMENT OF DRUG & ALCOHOL PROGRAMS IS A SILO-BREAKER

Since its start, the Department of Drug & Alcohol Programs has led a vigorous, high-visibility, collaborative, cross-disciplinary campaign to address PA's drug and alcohol abuse and addiction problem. The Department of Drug & Alcohol Programs is a leadership organization – a silo-breaker and source of life-saving, cross-departmental work:

- Established the Overdose Task Force comprised of law enforcement, emergency medicine, coroners, addiction treatment, prevention, county & state government and individuals and families in recovery
- Catalyzed the development of opiate prescribing guidelines by the Department of Health
- Raised \$500,000 to purchase Narcan for our police (over 3,000 lives saved)
- Funded and placed over 500 drug take-back boxes in 60 counties (over 200,000 pounds of drugs collected)
- Implemented warm hand-off procedures between counties and hospital emergency rooms to get overdose survivors into treatment
- Worked with Medicaid, the Single County Authorities and county officials to ensure that people coming out of county jail get directly into addiction treatment
- Established a DUI Treatment Compliance Oversight Committee with the Department of Transportation, law enforcement, county government, addiction treatment and others to work on enforcement of DUI and addiction treatment laws

THESE EFFORTS CAN'T BE LED FROM THE BOTTOM