

ABOUT TAADAS

TAADAS is a statewide provider association founded in 1976. TAADAS Membership includes over 92 Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Problem Gambling and Co-Occurring Disorder Treatment, Prevention and Recovery Support Service Programs, Drug Courts and Professionals, as well as others interested in addiction issues.

MISSION

“To educate, support and engage our members and public, influence policy and advocate for prevention, treatment and recovery services.”

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2019 Legislative Briefing sheet

Legislative Goals:

Support Funding for Treatment and Recovery

TAADAS encourages budget items for crucial recovery services including:

- Adult and adolescent addiction treatment
- TDMHSAS capacity to address recovery support services
- Expansion of recovery housing, especially in rural communities
- Specialized services for pregnant women
- Re-entry programs for individuals who were previously incarcerated

Expand Access to Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)

- TAADAS supports expanding access to MAT by allowing Nurse Practitioners (APRNs) and Physicians Assistants to prescribe buprenorphine
- Adding additional funding for MAT for uninsured individuals

Prevent Criminalization of Mothers with Addiction - HB1168 / SB0659

- TAADAS opposes sending mothers with opiate addiction to jail. An overwhelming consensus in research shows that this measure endangers children by causing a rise in Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), discourages women from seeking needed prenatal care, and decreases the likelihood of babies being born healthy and drug-free

Regulatory Goals:

TAADAS supports the development of provider guidelines for Medication Assisted Treatment and expansion of protocols for Mental Health Parity Enforcement, to help every Tennessean gain access to recovery services.

TAADAS also seeks to clarify issues affecting Recovery Housing including:

- The impact of the Americans with Disabilities Act and Fair Housing Standards on Medication Assisted Treatment in recovery residences
- Housing First policy ramifications, including loss of recovery residences
- Housing and Urban Development regulations
- Loss of funding for gender-specific programs