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**TN Association of
Alcohol, Drug &
other Addiction
Services
-TAADAS-**

TAADAS is a statewide advocacy and provider's association founded in 1976. TAADAS Membership includes over 62 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 who are interested in addiction issues.

Mission Statement

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

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TAADAS supports expanded funding of addiction treatment services.

ISSUE 1: Oppose criminal penalties for pregnant drug addicted women

SB 1629 Sen. Reginald Tate / HB 1660 Rep. Terry Lynn Weaver

- Prosecuting and jailing women for delivering babies that have NAS does not prevent NAS.
- Fear of prosecution reduces access to medical & addiction treatment while pregnant.
- Funding access to treatment will ensure access to care.

ISSUE 2: Oppose opting out food stamp program for person convicted of drug felonies

SB 623 Sen. Steve Southerland / HB 665 Rep. David Hawk

- Treatment programs can receive food stamps on behalf of clients to pay for their food while they are in treatment.
- Clients in treatment and insurers will pay more for services limiting access to treatment for those who cannot afford it.

ISSUE 3: Support Diversion to Alcohol & Drug Treatment

SB 1981 Sen. Becky Massey/ HB 2081 Rep. Andrew Farmer

- Diversion programs that provide treatment and not jail will keep court costs lower and address drug charge recidivism.
- Addiction is a medical issue to be addressed in a treatment setting.

ISSUE 4: Support Addiction Treatment as a Condition of Probation

SB 2276 Sen. Sara Kyle/ HB 2044 Rep. Andrew Farmer

- Promotes access to treatment for pregnant women while ensuring that jails do not become default treatment programs
- Keeps families intact
- Addresses addiction as a medical issue not a criminal issue

Support:

- SB 2206/HB 2070 Students seeking assistance for drug overdoses
- SB 587/HB 1344 Impact of Chapter 820
- SB 1394/HB 1353 Plan to Provide Access to Prenatal Care
- SB 1466/HB 1731 Licensure Requirements on Pain Management Clinics