

State Advisory Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse



What is the State Advisory Council?

The State Advisory Council serves as an advisory body to the Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse (ADA) and the division director on policy, prevention and treatment activities in the state of Missouri. The council is comprised of up to twenty-five members appointed by the Director of ADA. Members have professional, research, and/or personal interests in the division's purpose.

Community Participation in Policymaking

Being a member of an Advisory Council provides opportunities to:

- Work collaboratively with individuals, families, agencies, providers and diverse communities.
- Play a role in determining how government works for you - and for all of us.
- Be part of the solution and raise awareness to prevent and reduce substance abuse.
- Reduce stigma, myths, and misconceptions about substance abuse and addiction.
- Exchange information and promote public understanding about substance abuse, prevention, treatment, and recovery.
- Improve the alcohol and drug abuse service delivery system.

How Can You Make a Difference?

Advisory Council members help to ensure that prevention, treatment and recovery needs are identified and plans for addressing those needs are developed. The State Advisory Council assists in educating public policy-makers and community leaders and strives to change community attitudes about alcohol and drug abuse. In this way, new policies and laws are created and public health and safety problems related to addiction/abuse are reduced.

Working for Healthy Bodies and Safe Communities

The Department of Mental Health, Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse, is responsible for:

- Ensuring that quality alcohol and drug abuse prevention, evaluation, treatment, and rehabilitation services are accessible.
- Providing outpatient treatment services to compulsive gamblers and their families.
- Overseeing the Substance Abuse Traffic Offenders Program (SATOP).



For more information

To obtain more information about how you can become involved, please visit our web site at www.dmh.mo.gov or call 1-800-575-7480 and ask for information about the State Advisory Council.

*Department of
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Mission Statement

*“Prevention, treatment and
promotion of public
understanding for
Missourians with mental
illnesses, developmental
disabilities, and
addictions.”*



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