



FACTS ABOUT HIGH-QUALITY, EFFECTIVE ADDICTION TREATMENT:

Quality addiction treatment needs to be both multi-faceted and flexible to meet individual needs.

- Addiction to alcohol and other drugs is recognized as a disease, requiring comprehensive treatment through a continuum of services.
- Services needed during treatment and recovery span healthcare, job readiness, housing and education.
- Recovery from drug and alcohol abuse begins in treatment, where the affected individual embraces the tools to embark upon a lifetime of sobriety.
- A growing number of individuals who are addicted to drugs and alcohol also experience mental health disorders, such as depression and anxiety. Quality, addiction treatment modalities are adaptable to address these realities.
- Every \$1 invested in addiction treatment saves \$7 in reduced crime and criminal justice costs. When health care savings are factored in the figure jumps to \$12.
- Research indicates that addiction treatment significantly reduces emergency room use, inpatient hospital stays and total health care costs.
- Untreated addiction incidence in the work place yields increases in tardiness, absenteeism and on-the-job-conflicts, coupled with decreased employee productivity.

SOURCE: OPEN SOCIETY FOUNDATIONS

ABOUT GAUDENZIA:

In 1968 in Philadelphia, a group of business, political, and community leaders, as well as people in recovery from drug and alcohol use, recognized a serious problem: a growing number of people affected by addiction were unable to find help. Gaudenzia was founded to help meet this need. Since then, it is estimated that Gaudenzia has admitted into treatment over 250,000 individuals.

Gaudenzia began as a single facility. Today we operate 161 programs at 90 facilities throughout Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware and Washington DC. Now serving about 17,500 individuals annually, Gaudenzia helps individuals and families affected by drug and alcohol dependency, mental illness and related conditions to achieve a better quality of life and become accountable individuals.

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