



The Drug and Alcohol Addiction Treatment Gap By the Numbers

- **82,000**—The number of Milwaukee County residents who need treatment for an addiction to drugs or alcohol but do not receive it, according to the most recent data (2004). This is enough men and women to fill every seat at Lambeau Field, with nearly 11,000 people left over.
- **23.2 million**—The number of people nationally who needed addiction treatment in 2007, the last year for which we have data, according to the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).
- **90**—The percentage of those 23.2 million people who didn't receive treatment.
- **21**—The percentage of Wisconsin residents age 18-25 in 2005-06 who needed but did not receive treatment for alcohol use, compared to 17 percent nationally, according to a recent SAMHSA report. This was the fourth consecutive year Wisconsin's results were higher than the national average.
- **2,160**—The number of deaths per year in Wisconsin for which drug and alcohol use are responsible, according to a joint statement of the Wisconsin Department of Health Services.
- **\$4.6 billion**—The amount in associated costs per year in Wisconsin for which drug and alcohol use are responsible, according to that same joint statement.
- **1.7 million**—The number of costly emergency department visits per year associated with drug misuse or abuse, according to a 2006 study by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Drug Abuse Warning Network.
- **76**—The percentage of Americans who know someone personally who has been addicted to alcohol or drugs, according to a recent national poll released jointly by MATI and the Closing the Addiction Treatment Gap initiative. Personal experience with addiction spans all demographic groups
- **73**—The percentage of Americans who support including alcohol and drug addiction treatment as part of national health care reform to make it more accessible and affordable, according to that same poll.
- **500,000**—The number of uninsured people in Wisconsin, roughly 8 percent of the population.