

# *Massachusetts Coalition for Addiction Services*

The **Massachusetts Coalition for Addiction Services** is a group of advocacy organizations that have come together to speak with one voice to strengthen support for the expansion of funding for addiction prevention, treatment and recovery support services, and increased access to these services for people with alcohol and other addictive disorders. Our **Coalition** is composed of the following organizations:

**AIDs Action Committee (AAC):** AIDS Action Committee is New England's largest AIDS service organization working with and on behalf of people infected with, affected by, and at risk for HIV/AIDS. AIDS Action's mission is to stop the epidemic by preventing new infections and optimizing the health of those already infected. Our clients' average annual income is \$8,600 a year and 10 percent of them are homeless; 40 percent of them are LGBT; and 60 percent are people of color. AIDs Action advocates for better HIV/AIDS policies that empower our clients to live better lives and, as a result, they are more likely to know their HIV status, stay connected with health care and keep themselves and their families safe from HIV infection. Contact: Deborah Silva, 617-450-1315.

**Association for Behavioral Healthcare (ABH):** ABH is a statewide association representing the primary providers of community-based mental health and addiction prevention and treatment services. Its 84 members provide services to youth, adolescents, adults and elderly individuals and their families who suffer with mental health and substance use disorders. ABH members employ about 22,000 staff and serve approximately 117,000 Massachusetts citizens on any given day. Contact Vic DiGravio or Connie Peters, 508-647-8385

**Massachusetts Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors:** MAADAC is a statewide organization of addiction-focused professionals who enhance the health and recovery of individuals, families and communities. Its mission is to lead, unify and empower addiction-focused professionals to achieve excellence through education, advocacy, and knowledge, standards of practice, ethics, professional development and research. Contact Sue O'Connor, 413-739-2440, extension 6259

**Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance:** MHSA is a statewide public policy advocacy organization with the singular mission of ending homelessness in the Commonwealth. Its membership includes 87 organizations which have created over 250 programs to serve homeless individuals. Due to the high rates of homeless individuals and families who have mental health and/or substance use disorders, it is imperative that these health concerns be addressed as a critical component of its mission to end homelessness. Contact Joe Finn, 617-367-6447

**Massachusetts Organization for Addiction Recovery:** MOAR represents and organizes over 1,000 recovering individuals, families and friends across the state into a collective voice to educate the public about the value of recovery from alcohol and other drug addictions. MOAR provides peer recovery support services to build a strong voice for recovery; and seeks to enhance the continuum of care services with an emphasis on youth and families. MOAR is building prevention and recovery informed communities. Contact Maryanne Frangules, 617-423-6627

**Recovery Homes Collaborative of Massachusetts:** The Recovery Homes Collaborative of Massachusetts is a statewide group of more than 35 long-term residential treatment programs whose goal is to help the sick and suffering alcoholic/drug addicts to help themselves find a way of life free of the use of alcohol or other drugs. We represent over 2000 clients and 400 staff members as well as many thousands of graduates and their family members who support our efforts. You can contact us at [www.rhcmass.org](http://www.rhcmass.org)

**The Boston Public Health Commission:** The BPHC protects, promotes and preserves the health and well-being of all residents of Boston, particularly the most vulnerable. It strives to fulfill its mission through a wide range of health initiatives that target preventable disease and injury, including the provision of prevention and treatment services for people with substance use disorders. It sits on the Coalition as representative of all Public Health Commissions across the state. Contact Lisa Conley, 617-534-2288

*The greatest predictor for recovery from alcohol and other addictive disorders is length of stay in treatment*