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**Hamilton County Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Board**
**Awards More than $16 Million in Contracts**
**Annual Meeting Marks 10-Year Anniversary**

CINCINNATI -- (June 23, 2000) The Hamilton County Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services (ADAS) Board has awarded more than $16 million in contracts to 13 local agencies to provide alcohol and other drug addiction treatment and prevention services for the citizens of Hamilton County. This annual meeting marks the Hamilton County ADAS Board's 10-year anniversary. In 1990, the first year the ADAS Board allocated funds, it awarded less than $1 million to treatment and prevention services.

Much of the funding will go for the continuation and expansion of existing services; however, $529,878 is being awarded to fund the start-up of the Hamilton County TASC program. Treatment Alternatives to Street Crime (TASC) links treatment resources to the courts and other elements of the criminal justice system. The program identifies non-violent offenders who are chemically-dependent, provides assessment and makes referrals for the most appropriate drug treatment. The source of these funds is a special grant from the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services.

"Recognizing that alcoholism and other drug dependence is a treatable illness, the Hamilton County ADAS Board funds a comprehensive network of treatment agencies to provide needed services," said Dr. Sherry Knapp, chief executive officer of the Hamilton County ADAS Board. "In the ten years since the Board was established, we have been able to exponentially increase the numbers of people receiving services, reach out to underserved populations, and attract additional sources of financial support. Despite our successes, we cannot afford to rest on our laurels. We still have people on waiting lists for treatment and increasing numbers of people addicted to alcohol and other drugs."

"We have a strong commitment in Hamilton County to treat addictions, but we must always remember the importance of prevention services. The ADAS Board also strongly supports prevention services as this is key to decreasing the initiation of alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use by young people, and thus, decreasing future addiction and other health and social problems," said H. Randall Garland, president of the Hamilton County ADAS Board of Directors.

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The Hamilton County Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Board plans, funds and evaluates public alcohol and drug treatment, prevention and education services for the citizens of Hamilton County. The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners established it as a separate alcohol and drug addiction services board in 1989, following the passage of House Bill 317. The ADAS Board began operating in 1990.

The ADAS Board fulfills its responsibilities through contracts with a network of certified provider agencies for prevention, education and treatment, each serving various segments of the community. The ADAS-funded providers and their maximum funding levels are:

| **AGENCY/SERVICES** | **Maximum Funding Level** |
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| Alcoholism Council of the Greater Cincinnati Area | $ 829,768 |
| Center for Chemical Addiction Treatment | $ 978,708 |
| Central Community Health Board | $ 950,213 |
| Coalition for a Drug-Free Greater Cincinnati | $ 58,415 |
| Crossroads Center | $1,892,544 |
| Drug & Poison Information Center | $ 345,087 |
| Drop Inn Center | $ 321,934 |
| First Step Home | $ 294,332 |
| G.L.A.D. House | $ 39,366 |
| Hamilton County Family and Children First Council | $ 90,080 |
| Hamilton County TASC Program | $ 529,878 |
| Prospect House | $ 346,367 |
| Talbert House | $2,936,318 |
| NORCEN Behavioral Health Systems | $ 240,000 |
| Urban Minority Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Outreach Program | $ 332,227 |

**SPECIAL FUNDS:**

**Indigent Drivers Alcoholism Treatment** $ 205,627
(available to all ADAS treatment providers)

**ADAS Expansion Fund** $1,317,000
(available to Alcoholism Council of Greater Cincinnati, Center for Chemical Addictions Treatment, Central Community Health Board, Crossroads Center, First Step Home, Talbert House)

**IMPACT** $ 800,000
(available to treatment providers upon referral)

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