



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.

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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 170,000 individuals.

Gaudenzia began as a single facility. Today we operate 141 programs at 77 facilities throughout Pennsylvania, Maryland and Delaware. Now serving over 18,000 individuals annually, Gaudenzia operates residential and outpatient treatment programs, including specialty programs for pregnant and parenting women, individuals with HIV/AIDS, people coping with mental illness in addition to substance abuse issues, adolescents and more.

Gaudenzia continues to improve and expand our services, helping individuals and their loved ones overcome the ravages of addiction to drugs and alcohol.

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