
Governor's Council on Alcohol & Drug Abuse Programs

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The Governor's Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs, in the Office of the Governor, was created in 1985. Statutes creating the Council and establishing its duties include ORS 430.250, 430.255, and 430.257. These statutes also contain the following legislative policy:

Legislative Policy

- Dependence on alcohol or other drugs is treatable and preventable,
- The Legislative Assembly has a responsibility to the citizens of the state to insure that all related services and resources are provided in an effective and efficient manner, and
- State agencies are accountable to coordinate all related services to the maximum extent possible.

Council Duties

The Council is charged with implementing the legislative policy by:

- Describing the need for prevention and treatment services and strategies, and the method by which state and federal resources shall be prioritized,
- Setting forth principles guiding the purchase of services and strategies from local community providers,
- Identifying outcomes and a method for monitoring those outcomes,
- Identifying consistent standards for measuring prevention and treatment provision/success,
- Outlining a process for providing training and technical assistance to local providers, including special populations,
- Identifying how prevention and treatment link to other services and supports for children and families,
- Assessing the economic and social impact of alcohol and drug abuse on Oregon and report the findings and recommendation to the Governor by January 1st of each even-numbered year,
- Reviewing and make recommendations to the Governor on the goals, financing, priorities and a state plan for prevention, intervention and treatment of alcohol and drug abuse problems, which encompasses all appropriate state agencies by January 1st of each even-numbered year,

- Reviewing alcohol and drug abuse programs and making recommendations to the Governor on the effectiveness and priorities for improvements of all such prevention and treatment programs for alcohol and drug problems engaged in or financed through state agencies by January 1st of each even-numbered year,
- Ensuring that each state agency or other entity responsible for a component of the local coordinated comprehensive plan shall ensure that a biennial evaluation of the plan component is conducted according to a consistent framework,
- Working to ensure broad-based citizen involvement in the planning and execution of the alcohol and drug prevention and treatment plans at both the state and local level,

The Council is also directed by statute to:

- Assess the economic and social impact of alcohol and drug abuse on the State of Oregon and reporting the findings and recommendations to the Governor by January 1 of each even-numbered year.
- Review and making recommendations to the Governor on the goals, financing, priorities and a state plan for prevention, intervention and treatment of alcohol and drug abuse problems, which encompasses all appropriate state agencies, by January 1 of each even-numbered year.
- Review alcohol and drug abuse programs and making recommendations to the Governor on the effectiveness and priorities for improvements of all such prevention and treatment programs for alcohol and drug problems engaged in or financed through state agencies by January 1 of each even-numbered year.

Participating State Agencies

Some 15 state agencies are specifically charged with the duty of assisting the Council in carrying out these responsibilities.

- The Council looks at the current and proposed efforts of each of the agencies to deal with problems caused by alcohol and other drug misuse and addiction.
- The Council also looks horizontally across all 15 of the agencies for the purpose of identifying gaps in needed services, duplications of services, and opportunities for multi-agency cooperation in less costly or more effective services.
- Taken together, the agencies expend over \$185 million per biennium on alcohol and other drug related problems. The members of the Council take pride in the uniqueness of

their position since normal program and budget review is done over small groups of agencies and does not look to see what all of state government is (or is not) doing to address a particular problem.

The participating state agencies are:

Department of Corrections • Department of Education
• Department of Employment • Department of Human Services • Children Adults and Families • Public Health • Office of Mental Health and Addiction Services • Office of Medical Assistance Programs • Seniors and People with Disabilities • Oregon Youth Authority • Department of State Police • Department of Transportation • Motor Vehicles Division • Traffic Safety Division • State Commission on Children and Families • Liquor Control Commission

Council Membership

The Council consists of 11 voting members who are appointed by the Governor for terms of four years and two non-voting members, including one member appointed by the House Speaker and one member appointed by the Senate President. Members are eligible for one reappointment. Members must be without conflicting interests and as representative as possible of:

- Geographic regions of the state,
- At-risk populations, including among others, youth, the elderly, minorities and women,
- Knowledgeable professionals, such as pharmacists, physicians, attorneys, and the like who are not necessarily representatives of professional organizations, but who may be recovering,
- Knowledgeable nonprofessionals who may represent advocate groups and who may be recovering, and
- Local advisory groups.

Currently there are members from the Juvenile Crime Prevention Advisory Committee (JCPAC) and Oregon State Police that serve on the council in a liaison capacity.

Council Awards

From time to time the Council, in cooperation with the Governor, makes awards for outstanding efforts to prevent or to deal with the problems caused by alcohol or other drug misuse and addiction. Awards

have been made for the efforts of members of the media, of local communities, and of particular individuals. The awards to individuals are made in the name of Thomas R. Dargan, the first chairperson of the Council.