



National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors, Inc.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
STATE ALCOHOL AND DRUG AGENCIES**

(Washington, DC, August 2, 1994) The National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors (NASADAD) has named John S. Gustafson as its Executive Director. Mr. Gustafson will supervise a staff of over 30 professionals and an operating budget of over \$6 million. Single State Agencies are responsible for managing over \$3.4 billion of alcohol and other drug (AOD) programs funded through Federal and State Governments. In 1993, public programs reported treatment admissions of over 1.8 million, including 1.1 million alcohol treatment admissions and 654,399 other drug admissions. NASADAD advocates for States on health care reform issues, crime, Drug-Free Schools and Communities, and the Substance Abuse Block Grant. NASADAD also conducts research and provides training and technical assistance on AOD issues.

Mr. Gustafson brings with him more than 20 years of experience in the prevention and treatment of alcohol and other drug problems. He also is an expert on issues related to substance abuse such as AIDS, tuberculosis, crime, and services to youth and special populations. Twice elected by his colleagues as President of NASADAD from 1989 to 1993, Mr. Gustafson is an experienced spokesperson before Congress, the Administration, and the media.

Mr. Gustafson's most recent position was Director of Federal Relations for the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse. Among his responsibilities were securing and assuring compliance with over \$108 million in direct Federal grants, analyzing Federal

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and State legislation, and representing the concerns of New York before other State and Federal Agencies. Jack also worked closely with the Governor's Washington office to define and achieve policy and program goals.

Mr. Gustafson held several other executive positions with the State of New York. His achievements include raising over \$1 billion in support from government, community and the private sector for substance abuse services; and assisting communities in developing strategies and programs to reduce drug use. He was responsible for designing and implementing a statewide network of intake units to provide diagnostic screening, evaluation, referral, and follow-up services to clients, and developing a screening and placement service for drug-involved juveniles under the jurisdiction of the Family Court. Earlier in his career, Mr. Gustafson served with the New York State Narcotic Addiction Control Commission and assisted in the development of a 65 million-dollar Youthful Drug Abuser Program.

Mr. Gustafson has received numerous awards including the *Outstanding Leadership and Dedicated Services Award* from the National Steering Committee on Primary Care, HIV, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Treatment and Mental Health Care Linkages Project; and the *Outstanding Service and National Leadership Award* from the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services. He is an active member of many national organizations including the National Institute on Drug Abuse Steering Committee for the Center for Drug Abuse Services Research of Brandeis University and Therapeutic Communities of America, which represents residential drug treatment programs throughout the United States and Canada. Mr. Gustafson has a Master of Arts degree from the State University of New York at Albany, is a certified New York State Teacher, and is fluent in Spanish.

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Dear Mr. Cerda:

Enclosed is a copy of NASADAD's most recent *State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Profile (SADAP)*. We hope the information in this report will be helpful in illustrating the need for a comprehensive alcohol and other drug benefit and an expanded public treatment system. The *SADAP* will provide you with a profile of the numbers of persons in treatment as well as unmet needs in each State.

Individuals with alcohol and other drug problems need to receive a full benefit in the final health care reform legislation that passes Congress. This includes:

- unlimited outpatient treatment, intensive non-residential treatment, and residential substance abuse treatment;
- cost-sharing requirements that do not create a barrier to accessing substance abuse treatment, which prevents many other costly medical conditions; and
- quality managed care standards so that consumers receive the right amount of care in the most clinically appropriate, least restrictive, and most cost-effective setting.

Until comprehensive health care reform is in place, it will continue to be important to maintain and bolster the public system. Increased funding for the Substance Abuse Block Grant is urgently needed to expand the public system to accommodate the over 100,000 low-income individuals currently on waiting lists for substance abuse treatment.

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In addition to this population waiting to receive treatment, the General Accounting Office estimates that 249,199 individuals who receive Supplemental Security Income and Supplemental Security Disability Insurance (SSI/SSDI) as well as approximately 15% of the 4.2 million (or 630,000) young mothers on welfare who have substance abuse problems will be added to this already long list.

We appreciate your consideration of our concerns. Please call Kathleen Sheehan, Director of Public Policy, at (202) 783-4374 if we can provide any additional information.

Sincerely,


John S. Gustafson
Executive Director

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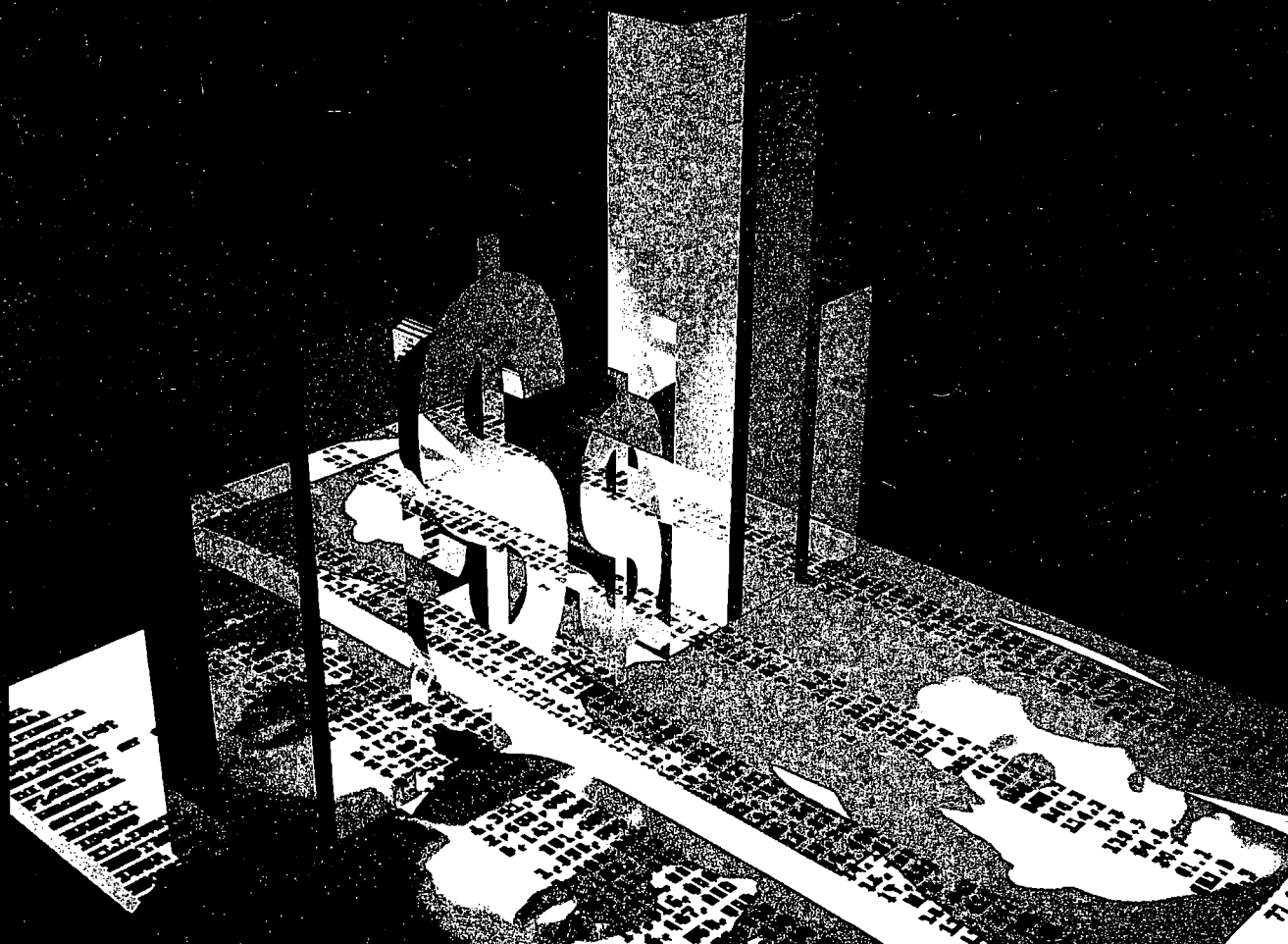
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