

# 2009 Treatment Subcommittee Objectives

## Objective #1

Increase the knowledge base of treatment and prevention professionals on the issue of substance abuse and provide networking opportunities to promote professional development.

### *Strategy*

Support and/or organize workshops and trainings at the GCADA annual summit, and other local or regional presentations for treatment professionals in an effort to improve the linkage between treatment and prevention community.  
Conduct a survey to assess the success of these trainings.

## Objective #2

Educate public policy makers and other stakeholders about addiction, treatment, prevention, and recovery services in New Jersey to include information on the continuum of care, identifying gaps between systems and covering all developmental stages and special populations e.g. older adult etc. populations.

### *Strategy*

Collaborate with the GCADA legislative subcommittee on assisting counties in the planning and conducting of events to educate legislators (e.g. legislative breakfast) about issues regarding access and barriers to individuals seeking treatment.

Assist in the distribution of the service directory developed by the Council's ad-hoc committee on veterans and military families to the treatment community.

## Objective #3

Educate GCADA members about the barriers to accessing treatment services, emphasizing the extensive waiting lists for those individuals seeking treatment.

### *Strategy*

Make presentations at Governor's Council meetings with an emphasis on types on treatment, need for additional treatment resources, and gaps in the continuum of care.

## Objective #4

Improve collaboration between the Alliances and treatment providers in each county

### *Strategy*

Schedule meetings with representatives from the Alliances and treatment providers to enhance awareness of substance abuse issues and increase opportunities for collaboration.