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The National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors, Inc. is a private, notfor-profit organization comprised of State Alcoholism Agency and State Drug Agency directors. The association promotes and supports the development of alcohol and drug abuse prevention and treatment programs in each state. It provides a variety of services to the states including training, technical assistance, the collection and analysis of data, and the spread of information and technology. It is a tax-exempt organization that does not engage in political activities. It was incorporated in 1971 to support the State Drug Agency Directors and was expanded in 1978 to include The State Alcoholism Agency Directors.

The association's objectives are to:

- Promote the development of alcohol and drug abuse programs in each state;
- Facilitate the evaluation, spread, and exchange of alcohol and drug abuse information among members and other interested parties;
- Aid federal and state governments in the development and execution of alcohol and drug abuse programs;
- Encourage the federal government to interact with the states in the planning and use of government resources;
- Identify common and different alcohol and drug abuse problems among the states and assist in the development of programs tailored to each state's need; and
- Identify problems that require study and research.

In its aim to serve as an educational and informational organization, the association produces several publications. It's studies and publications have been widely cited. The annual report, entitled *State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Profiles*, provides information on state fiscal resources, services, model products, drug trends, and special needs populations. The annual report provides invaluable information which allows for program comparisons between states, replication of creative programs and services by other states, and the dissemination of policy issues. The *State Substance Abuse Quarterly* is distributed to members, National Prevention Network members, and other interested parties. In addition, the association produces "*Special Reports* ", which cover a variety of topics and are published several times each year. Also, it publishes a series of reports covering the effectiveness of alcohol and drug treatment including *Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment: Policy Choices in Welfare Reform* and *Investment in Treatment for Alcohol and Other Drug Problems: It Pays*.

The association has an annual meeting in conjunction with the National Prevention Network.

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