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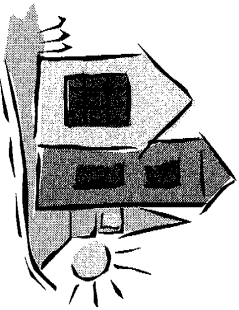
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**Treatment  
Accountability  
for Safer  
Communities  
(TASC)**



*"Bridging the Gap between  
Justice and Treatment"*

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## **What is TASC?**

TASC provides an objective and effective bridge between two separate institutions: justice and treatment. The justice system's legal sanctions reflect the community's concern for public safety, while the treatment community emphasizes therapeutic relationships as a means for changing behavior and reducing the personal suffering associated with substance abuse and mental illness. Under TASC supervision, community-based treatment is accessed for drug-involved and mentally ill offenders who would otherwise burden the justice system with their persistent and associated criminality.

## **TASC Mission**

The mission of the North Carolina TASC network, including ADS' TASC program, is to provide and access quality services for drug-involved and mentally ill offenders. TASC combines the influence of legal sanctions with recommended levels of care to permanently interrupt the vicious cycle of addiction and criminality.

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*"Each year illegal drugs kill more than sixteen thousand Americans and cost taxpayers nearly a hundred and ten billion dollars. More than half of all people brought into the nation's criminal justice system have substance abuse problems."*  
- Barry R. McCaffrey, Director,  
Office of National Drug  
Control Policy

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## **Primary TASC Services**

*Clinical Assessment* of an offender's suitability for substance abuse or mental health services. Consideration is given to current and past use/abuse of alcohol and other drugs; justice system involvement; medical, family, social, education, employment and treatment histories.

*Treatment Matching* requiring that the offender be placed in the correct level of care and intensity.

*Referral* to appropriate service providers based on the responsibility principle.

*Care Management* of the offender, through reporting protocols, urine monitoring and individualized service planning, to ensure compliance with criminal justice conditions and treatment requirements. The process of care management is continuous and includes planning, linking, advocating, monitoring, reporting and ongoing assessment of the offender's progress in TASC and treatment to ensure effective and efficient utilization of treatment resources.

## **TASC Programs**

*Pre-Treatment Education:* TASC clients with minimal or no substance abuse issues are referred to this six-session substance abuse education program. The program is designed for high-risk offenders who may have experimented with alcohol and other drugs but do not need treatment.

*The Felony Drug Diversion Program* is offered to first-time felony drug offenders by the District Attorney's office and staffed by a TASC Care Manager. Clients receive intensive care management services in this year long program. Upon successfully completion of program, the offender is eligible for dismissal of charges.

*Drug Education School (DES)* is designed for first-time alcohol and other drug offenders referred by the courts. This program offers basic education. Upon completion of the course, the offender is eligible to have charges dismissed through the Criminal Justice System.

*PRIDE Jail Treatment Program:* This is an on-site, 30-day, treatment program in the High Point Detention Center. While in jail, eligible male inmates with substance abuse problems are admitted into the program and receive individual and group counseling.

**THINK SMART:** Think Smart is a Cognitive Behavior Intervention program designed to provide offenders with skills and techniques necessary for positive self-change. These include management of anti-social feelings and thinking, increased self-control, self-management, and problem solving skills. It further enables offenders to recognize risky situations. Participants in this 10-week may not be identified as substance abusers, but generally have a history of criminal behavior.

*Alcohol and Tobacco Programs:* The Alcohol and Tobacco Program offers educational courses to merchants charged with selling to underage buyers as well as to underage offenders cited for purchasing alcohol and tobacco. The offender, if court ordered, may be eligible to have charges dismissed by the court.

*TASC Mental Health Jail Diversion Program:* This program provides services for involved with the criminal justice system who have severe and persistent mental illnesses. Services include mental health and substance abuse assessments to pre- and post-released offenders. Care management includes referral to mental health services, case monitoring, and keeping the court informed of the client's progress.