

MESSAGE FROM
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
AND BOARD CHAIR

Dear Friends,

As we reflect on the journey of the past few years, it is with immense gratitude and excitement that we share the incredible strides we've made together.

2022 marked an exciting new chapter for LICADD. With the rollout of our Evolution Plan, we revitalized our mission turning challenges posed by COVID into opportunities with renewed purpose and determination.

2023 we executed the **launch of new programs that showcased our resilience and unwavering commitment** to supporting the Long Island community.

2024 we celebrated strength as the initiatives we've established enhanced our services to be even more dynamic, inclusive, and well-known.

Today as we move ahead through 2025 we are even more energized to amplify our impact.

We are **filled with appreciation for the support** LICADD has received from you. Together, we've helped individuals and families in crisis find a **path to recovery and healing**.

Let us assure you, our journey is far from over! The fight against substance use, mental health-related challenges and their impact in our community continues, and we are honored to stand at the forefront of this vital cause.

Thank you for being a critical part of this journey. **Your support and belief in the LICADD mission is the heartbeat of our agency.**

Gratefully,



Rob Ripp, B.S., CASAC-T
LICADD Board Chair



Steve Chassman, LCSW, CASAC
LICADD Executive Director



OUR MISSION

LICADD's 69 year mission is to address the addictive climate of our times by providing initial attention and referral services to individuals, families, and children through intervention, education and professional guidance to overcome the ravages of alcohol and other substance-use related problems.

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2024
REPORT TO
THE COMMUNITY

We delivered approximately 26,000 clinical services across a diverse set of programs

Prevention remains the crux of our mission
Health Education Resources and Empowerment (H.E.R.E.) Program, Criminal Justice Program, Family Support Services, and the clinical team lead the way.

Criminal Justice Program grew from four weekly groups in 2023 to 12 weekly groups in 2024, reaching incarcerated individuals of all genders, ages, histories, and levels of need.

Youth Advisory Board launched in 2024, fostering youth advocacy and prevention education.

Recovery services provided to families, communities, law enforcement and those with addictive disorders
2024 conferences hosted by LICADD expanded the professional education modalities, which pushed the envelope on important issues including co-occurring mental health disorders and integrated care.

The expansion of the Student Assistance and Anger Management Programs delivered on benchmark goals established by LICADD's Evolution Plan.

Both programs engage parents, our greatest allies, bringing prevention education and referral services to families and communities.

These shifts directly raise awareness of LICADD's programs in the community by including schools, families, courts and the criminal justice system, ensuring program sustainability for the long term.

Outreach and connection are the most critical tools we have to overcome substance use disorder
We delivered 2,000 individual services for anger management, mental health, relapse prevention, family support, grief and loss, and eating disorder treatment.

LICADD continues to guide all populations towards recovery regardless of social or economic barriers
LICADD worked alongside the Shinnecock Nation to distribute Narcan kits, place Naloxboxes, provide prevention education, and identify a future Peer Counselor for on-site counseling and referrals.

Women's Empowerment Program is gaining momentum.

- Our inaugural *Shop for a Cause* in partnership with Scanlan Theodore and our program advisors and advisees raised awareness and resources for women in recovery to aid their professional development.
- Our second annual luncheon debuted the **Lillian McCormick Professional Achievement Award**, which was presented to **Theresa A. Regnante**, President & Chief Executive Officer, United Way of Long Island.

LICADD uplifts the LGBTQIA+ community through outreach to partner agencies, inclusive practices, advocacy, and being a support for inclusive recovery on Long Island.



Our community is evolving
LICADD is proud to inspire a number of donors to take on our mission in their own way. Our third-party events empowered donors in 2024 to fundraise or sponsor LICADD in memory of a loved one as well as in support of those in recovery, raising almost \$50K on behalf of LICADD.

LICADD's first Trans-America Bike Ride by LICADD volunteers, Tim and Marica Leask covered 4,223 miles from Oregon to Virginia raising awareness and funds for LICADD's Family Services.

We welcomed two new Board members, **Chas Trunz** and **Dr. Loriann Stuiso**.

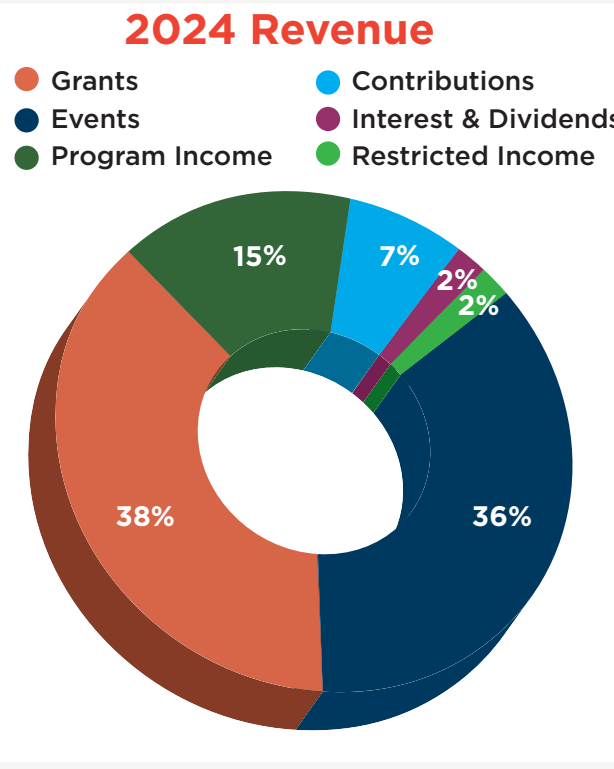
LICADD's prevention education making communities safer
Our press conferences, in partnership with Families in Support of Treatment, Gabriel's Giving Tree, families in recovery, and the treatment community covered topics ranging from the fentanyl crisis to family support. The media responded, with coverage from *Fox News*, *Pix 11*, *Newsday*, *CBS NY*, and *Psychology Today*, among others.

Student Assistance Program expanded reaching 16 new schools

10,000 Employee Assistance Program sessions

11,000 Narcan kits distributed

Responded to **8,700** texts, emails & calls seeking treatment, recovery & support



WANT TO HELP?
There are a number of ways to support!

- Sponsorships of Events
- Monthly Giving
- Planned Giving
- Third Party Fundraisers

For more information, please contact Rosanne Slattery, Chief Advancement Officer at Rslattery@licadd.org

We were featured **31** times in the media this year as specialists in mental health, youth, and addiction, you can see all of our media features at licadd.org/latest

2,200 group services on anger management, family support, grief & loss sessions

The **FIST-GGT-LICADD partnership** has reached its annual service goal of

- 3** weekly family support groups,
- 1** weekly bereavement support group,
- 5** retreats and ongoing individual support

160% Facebook & Instagram reach increase

33 presentations to **2688** learners in underserved communities



What we are looking forward to in 2025

In our 69th year, our mission remains as necessary and dynamic as when we began. Our success is built upon our ability to stay connected to the community and respond to their needs with our evidenced based clinical expertise.

Our focus moving forward is and always will be on families in recovery. We recognize that recovery is not a straight line and will continue to provide both clinical and peer-based support in prevention, intervention, recovery, grief and loss and advocacy. With our FIST and GGT partners, we will continue to support the healing journey for all family members.

Scan QR code for the catalog of LICADD's Mental Health and Substance Use Services.

