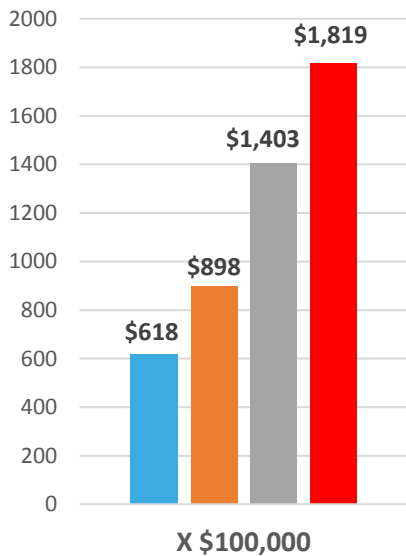




# Supporting Recovery is a Community Responsibility...

## Because It Is Just Too Expensive Not To!

Economic Costs of Substance Use in Maine

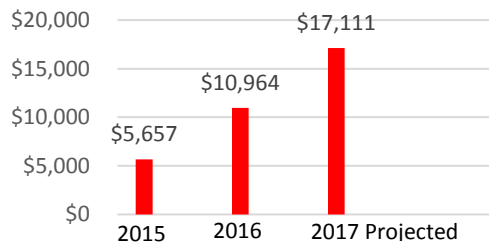


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 Maine State Office of Substance Abuse  
 2015 – US Surgeon General Report (2016)

In 2015, the annual economic cost of substance abuse was \$1,376 per capita.

Each and every year, that's \$1,376 for each man, woman, and child living in Penobscot County.

Monthly Costs of Emergency Medical Care Related to Substance Abuse and Mental Health



Penobscot County Jail

### IN RECOVERY, PROBLEMS DECREASE

- Involvement in illegal acts and involvement with the criminal justice system (e.g., arrests, incarceration, DWIs) *decreases by about ten-fold*
- Frequent use of costly Emergency Room departments *decreases ten-fold*
- Reports of untreated emotional/mental health problems *decrease over four-fold*
- Personal debt *decreases and owing back taxes decreases*

### IN RECOVERY, ASSETS INCREASE

- Steady employment in addiction recovery *increases by over 50%*
- Participation in family activities *increases from 68% to 95%*
- *Twice as many* go back to school or get additional job training and more people *start their own business*
- Paying bills on time and paying back personal debt *doubles*
- Preventative health care almost *triples*
- More people report *paying taxes, having good credit, making financial plans for the future and paying back debts*