Supporting Recovery is a Community Responsibility…

Because It Is Just Too Expensive Not To!

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.

**Economic Costs of Substance Use in Maine**

- 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**