



Drug and Alcohol Service Providers Organization of Pennsylvania

ANNUAL

COSTS OF UNTREATED ALCOHOL AND DRUG PROBLEMS

LOSS TO U.S. ECONOMY:

ALCOHOL	=	\$185 BILLION*
OTHER DRUG	=	<u>\$143 BILLION**</u>
TOTAL COST	=	\$328 BILLION

*Costs include loss of productivity, alcohol-related illness, health care, crashes and crime.

**Costs include crime, incarceration, court and other enforcement activities and health care.

SOURCE: “The Economic Benefits of Drug Treatment: A critical review of the evidence for policy makers”, Steven Belenko, Ph.D., Nicholas Patapis, Psy.D, and Michael T. French, Ph.D., Treatment Research Institute, University of Pennsylvania, February 2005.

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