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Greenville County, SC Substance Abuse Task Force FY08-FY10

Key Statistics Related to Alcohol and Other Drug Addiction

- When Greenville County adults are seeking treatment for substance abuse, they go to their church first, physician second and the phone book third.
- 60% of Greenville County residents live with someone or know a friend, co-worker or relative with a substance abuse problem.
- 94% of Greenville County residents believe that addiction is a treatable illness.
- 73% of Greenville County residents believe that Jesus Christ is the answer to substance abuse and/or dependence (*adults over the age of 12 years responding to Household Survey).
- Tripp Umbach Healthcare Consulting, Inc. estimates that South Carolina spends more than \$5 billion on substance abuse including criminal justice costs, social services, healthcare, loss of productivity and treatment.
- Greenville County spends more than \$503 million toward the costs associated with substance abuse.
- Substance abuse in Greenville County costs every man, woman and child approximately \$1,300 per year.
- 73% of the residents of Greenville County stated that they would support a tax on alcohol and tobacco products if money were used for substance abuse programs.

*These facts were taken from a Tripp Umbach Healthcare Consulting, Inc., 2003 report prepared for The Phoenix Center and provided for Greenville County in their FY08—FY10 County Plan (available on line)