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COMMUNITY ANTI-DRUG COALITIONS OF AMERICA NAMES NEW JERSEY GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM & DRUG ABUSE ITS 2012 OUTSTANDING STATE MEMBER

TRENTON (February 2, 2012) – Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA) has named the New Jersey Governor's Council on Alcoholism & Drug Abuse (GCADA) its Outstanding State Member. This prestigious award recognizes an outstanding state program that has made significant contributions to community-based drug prevention coalitions in their state and has helped support CADCA's mission of creating safe, healthy and drug-free communities. The New Jersey GCADA will accept their award during CADCA's 22nd Annual National Leadership Forum, being held Feb. 6-9, 2012 at the Gaylord National Hotel and Convention Center in National Harbor, Md.

The New Jersey GCADA is being recognized for their 20-year commitment to supporting community anti-drug coalitions throughout their state and for their outstanding investment in training and technical assistance for local leaders. Over the past year, GCADA and CADCA have partnered to develop and host a New Jersey State National Coalition Academy Training, which includes over 200 participants from eight counties with plans for expanding to the remaining New Jersey counties in 2012.

"We are very fortunate to have partners like the New Jersey Governor's Council on Alcoholism & Drug Abuse, who understand the importance of community-based drug prevention and support the efforts of local community anti-drug coalitions in their state," said CADCA Chairman and CEO, Gen. Arthur Dean. "Together, we can help create safer and healthier communities for our young people."

"We are inspired by and grateful for this extraordinary recognition," said John Hulick, Executive Director of the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse. "The Council's Alliance to Prevent Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Program – unique in scope not only in the State but in the Nation – works every day to create healthy, safe and drug-free communities throughout New Jersey. This award speaks directly to the yeoman's work of the hundreds of local Alliances and the thousands of volunteers who have made it their passion and commitment to address New Jersey's number one public health concern – alcoholism and drug abuse. On their behalf, the Council thanks CADCA for bestowing this honor."

CADCA's National Leadership Forum is the nation's largest training for substance abuse prevention and treatment professionals and researchers, featuring more than 80 training courses to help community and state leaders prevent and reduce substance abuse and its related problems. The event offers participants an opportunity to learn effective strategies to solve their community's substance abuse and violence problems, and to hear from the country's leading experts on drug prevention, treatment and recovery.

GCADA administers the State's \$10 million Alliance to Prevent Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Program which is the largest network of community-based anti-drug coalitions in the nation with 7,000 volunteers serving on 402 Alliances encompassing more than 530 municipalities throughout New Jersey. Municipal Alliances are established by municipal ordinance and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey.

GCADA receives funding to administer the Program from the Drug Education Demand Reduction Fund (DEDR) established to collect fines from individuals who are assessed such when convicted of a drug offense. County and Municipal Alliance award recipients are required to match the Council grants with a cash-match of 25% of the award and 75% in-kind-services. This matching requirement is unique to the country and has the effect of doubling the impact of the Council grants to total nearly \$20 million in programs and activities.

For more information about CADCA's 22nd National Leadership Forum, visit <http://forum.cadca.org>.

For more information about GCADA and the Alliance Program, visit <http://www.facebook.com/gcada.newjersey>

CADCA (Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America), is the national membership organization representing Over 5,000 coalitions and affiliates working to make America's communities safe, healthy and drug-free. CADCA's mission is to strengthen the capacity of community coalitions by providing technical assistance and training, public policy advocacy, media strategies and marketing programs, conferences, and special events. Learn more at: www.cadca.org.

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