

Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Services



Charleston Center

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a.k.a. DAODAS

Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services

Our legal name as a Department of Charleston County

Often confused with SC-DAODAS

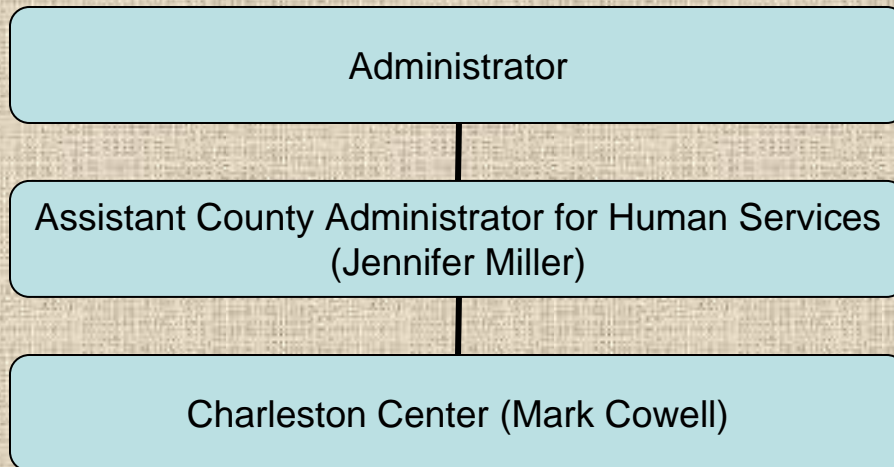
The South Carolina Department Alcohol and Other Drug Services

**Except for legal matters, we use the more customer-friendly
“CHARLESTON CENTER”**

The Mission Statement

“The mission of Charleston Center is to help the residents of Charleston County live productive lives, free from the impact of alcohol, other drugs, and addictive behaviors. We promote active recovery for persons whose lives are affected by addiction.”

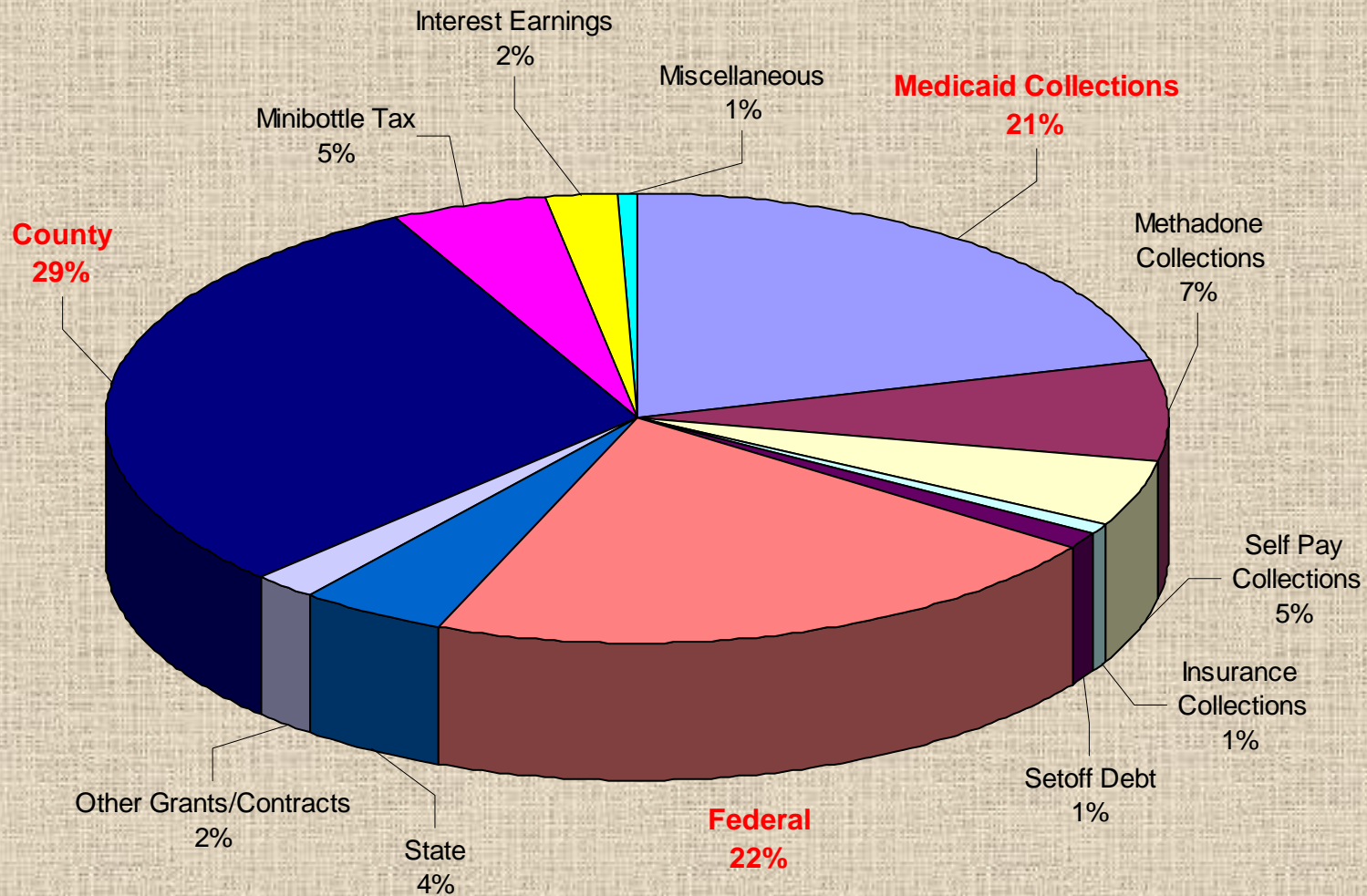
How do we fit in the County structure?



Enterprise Fund

1. Operates more like a business (profit and loss)
2. Responsible for generating revenue from a variety of sources

Where does funding come from?



Total budget approx. \$10 million

What does funding pay for?

150 Employees

4,000 clients per year

600 Detox clients

150 Longer-term Residential clients

1,500 Outpatient Clients

1000 DUI (ADSAP) and Criminal Justice Clients

Prevention Programs reach thousands of citizens each year in schools, health fairs and community events.

A full continuum of care

Prevention

Stopping the problem before it starts

- Active involvement in the local schools
- Ongoing presence at community events and health fairs
- Tobacco Buy efforts to reduce the likelihood of tobacco being sold to minors
- Prevention and Treatment working together

Helpline / Triage / Assessment

Help is a phone call away

- 24 hours a day
- 7 days a week
- Staff are available to address the needs of the client or family member calling for help.



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Getting people to the right level of care quickly

Detoxification

Doctors , Nurses and clinicians

- Medical stabilization in a comfortable setting
- Medical staff trained specifically in the risks and needs of detoxification



Providing safe withdrawal

Residential Programs

Services for Adult Men and Women

- 32 beds available for men and women
- New Life - for pregnant or parenting women and their children
- 10-15 drug free births per year



A secure environment for recovery to begin
Helping people re-enter a productive lifestyle

Therapeutic Child Treatment

Age birth – 6 years old

- Children are developmentally assessed
- Clients and children can be served at the same time eliminating the child care issue



Because addiction affects the whole family

Outpatient Programs

- Programs designed around people who are in the workforce as well as those trying to reenter the work force
- Daily and weekly sessions in groups or individual are available

Involving people in recovery while they live at home

Other Specialty Programs

- **ADSAP – Alcohol and Drug Safety Action Program for people arrested with DUI**
- **PIER – “Persons Incarcerated Entering Recovery” – a program within the County Detention Center**
- **OTP – Opioid Treatment Program (Methadone) – a program to help people maintain jobs and families while beginning the difficult process of getting off opiates such as heroin or prescription pain killers**

QUESTIONS?



SOME OF THE QUESTIONS OTHER GROUPS HAVE ASKED

If someone drinks a lot, does that make them an alcoholic?

What are your success rates?

How are budget cuts going to affect your services?

What other kinds of addictions are there?

Is alcoholism really a disease or just lack of willpower?

How can I help someone realize they have a problem?

Thank you for your attention.

