



## Office for ADDICTIVE DISORDERS

For more facts on Louisiana Alcohol and other Drug Abuse/ Addiction and related Social Ills  
[www.HopeNetworks.org](http://www.HopeNetworks.org)

Why treating alcohol problems reduces recidivism, saves lives, saves money. HopeNetworks supports 1<sup>st</sup> offense screenings, and mandatory treatment and comprehensive aftercare and follow-up services. Those who suffer from alcohol addiction should not be forced to obtain 3 or 4 DWI's to get access to effective, available treatment. Many lives could be saved on our highways, and restored in our communities if a very early intervention program became a priority.

### Convicted 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> DWI Summary

- Act 1163 was enacted July, 2001 – Effective Date 8/15/02
- Requires Substance Abuse Treatment for offenders sentenced under this Act.
  - 30 days incarceration for 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense
  - 60 days incarceration for 4<sup>th</sup> Offense
- Followed by Inpatient Treatment (4 -6 weeks)
- Evaluation
- Further treatment, if needed for up to one year
- OAD implemented program of graduated treatment:
  - Inpatient Treatment: 4 – 6 weeks
  - IOP 3 x week for 3 months
  - IOP 2 x week for 3 months
  - Regular Outpatient 1 x week for 6 months if needed)
- Referrals come to OAD from Courts and Probation & Parole or client comes to clinic.

FY 2002 (November 2001 – February 2003)

**Admissions       758**

**Completions     180**

FY 2003 (July 2002 – February 2002)

**Active Cases     344**

*The above data demonstrates a 69% retention rate for a Severely-addicted population which is actively involved in or Completed treatment for one year+.*

- OAD Baseline Data for General Population Reflects:
  - **67% Reduction in Frequency of Use** as a result of treatment
  - **70% Reduction in re-involvement** in the Criminal Justice System

*OAD would continue to advocate for treatment intervention at an earlier stage of DWI convictions.*

