

# Chemical Dependency Professionals Board

- Budget allows the Board to complete the implementation of college and university accreditation requirements and grow the profession statewide

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## OVERVIEW

### Duties and Responsibilities

The Chemical Dependency Professionals Board monitors and provides approval for various education events for chemical dependency professionals throughout Ohio as defined in Chapter 4758. of the Ohio Revised Code. The Board's mission is to assure professionally competent chemical dependency professionals in Ohio by regulating examinations and licensure, enforcing continuing education compliance, monitoring continuing education quality, renewal of licensure, and statute and rule enforcement. The Board received authority of the credentialing process from the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services (ODADAS) in FY 2005. During the current biennium, the Board focused on ensuring credentialed professionals retain the ability to practice in the field.

### 4K9 Fund

The Chemical Dependency Professionals Board is part of Fund 4K9 (Occupational Licensing and Regulatory Fund), a General Services Fund. The fund is a repository for license fees and other assessments collected by the state's professional and occupational licensing boards. Prior to the creation of the fund, appropriations for each licensing board were made from the GRF. To eliminate revenue and expenditure issues created when some boards contributed more revenues than they expended and others required subsidies from the GRF, the 120th General Assembly established Fund 4K9 in Am. Sub. H.B. 152. Each board must generate enough revenues to cover its expenses. Some boards develop a surplus to cover unforeseen economic hardships.

### Licensing System

Each board pays its share of the costs of the multi-board web-based licensing system out of Fund 4K9. The Board, in partnership with the Department of Administrative Services (DAS), will implement a new e-Licensing system during the upcoming biennium as required in statute.

### The Budget

The budget will allow the Chemical Dependency Professionals Board to continue statutory obligations in the next biennium. In addition, the funds appropriated will allow the Board to complete implementation of the college and university accreditation requirements and other workforce development initiatives to increase the number of licensed chemical dependency counselors during the biennium, in addition to continuing statutory and rule changes to grow the profession in Ohio.

The Board will face challenges with increased administrative costs. The negotiated 3.5% salary increase for state employees will increase the Board's costs during the biennium. In addition, the Board will have to pay start-up costs for the e-Licensing system required in statute as well as the annual fee for support to maintain the e-Licensing system.

### Agency in Brief

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Number of Employees*	Total Appropriations-All Funds		GRF Appropriations		Appropriation Bill(s)
	2008	2009	2008	2009	
5	\$530,864	\$551,146	\$0	\$0	Am. Sub. H.B. 119

\*Employee count obtained from the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) payroll reports as of June 2007.

## ANALYSIS OF THE BUDGET

The Chemical Dependency Professionals Board is considered a single program series agency. Therefore its activities are not subdivided into separate programs.

### Single Program Series

### Operating Expenses

**Purpose:** To license and certify chemical dependency professionals and alcohol and drug prevention professionals in Ohio

The following table shows the line items that are used to fund the Chemical Dependency Board, as well as the budget funding levels.

Fund	ALI	Title	FY 2008	FY 2009
<b>General Services Fund</b>				
4K9	930-609	Operating Expenses	\$530,864	\$551,146
<b>General Services Fund Su btotal</b>			<b>\$530,864</b>	<b>\$551,146</b>
<b>Total Funding: License/Registration/Enforcement</b>			<b>\$530,864</b>	<b>\$551,146</b>

**Program Description:** The Board's responsibilities as laid out in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4758. are to regulate the licensing and certification of chemical dependency counselors and prevention specialists, issue and renew those licenses and certifications, investigate ethics complaints in order to protect the interests of Ohioans who receive alcohol and other drug prevention and treatment services, and review and approve the content of education and training as it pertains to chemical dependency professionals and Alcohol and Other Drug (AoD) prevention professionals.

**Funding Source:** GSF Fund 4K9 – license fees and other assessments

**Implication of the Budget:** The funds appropriated for the FY 2008 - 2009 biennium will allow the Board to complete implementation of the college and university accreditation requirements and other workforce development initiatives to increase the number of licensed chemical dependency counselors by 5% to 10% per fiscal year, in addition to continuing statutory and rule changes to grow the profession statewide.

**FY 2008 - 2009 Final Appropriation Amounts**

**All Fund Groups**

<i>Line Item Detail by Agency</i>	<i>FY 2005:</i>	<i>FY 2006: Appropriations:</i>	<i>FY 2007 Adj. Appropriations:</i>	<i>FY 2008 Appropriations:</i>	<i>% Change 2007 to 2008:</i>	<i>FY 2009 Appropriations:</i>	<i>% Change 2008 to 2009:</i>
<b>Report For: Main Operating Appropriations Bill</b>		<b>Version: Enacted</b>					
<b>CDP Chemical Dependency Professionals Board</b>							
4K9 930-609 Operating Expenses	\$ 385,435	\$ 447,024	\$ 452,729	\$ 530,864	17.26%	\$ 551,146	3.82%
<b>General Services Fund Group Total</b>	<b>\$ 385,435</b>	<b>\$ 447,024</b>	<b>\$ 452,729</b>	<b>\$ 530,864</b>	<b>17.26%</b>	<b>\$ 551,146</b>	<b>3.82%</b>
<b>Chemical Dependency Professionals Board Total</b>	<b>\$ 385,435</b>	<b>\$ 447,024</b>	<b>\$ 452,729</b>	<b>\$ 530,864</b>	<b>17.26%</b>	<b>\$ 551,146</b>	<b>3.82%</b>