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Throughout the state of New Jersey, rehabilitation centers are providing effective, life-saving treatment to the growing number of residents struggling with a substance abuse disorder.

But for many addicts who want to beat this insidious disease, treatment is simply not an option because of the cost. In fact, only about 10 percent of those needing treatment will actually receive it. Now, Gov. Chris Christie is taking action to help reduce the barriers struggling addicts face when seeking treatment.

In his State of the State address, our governor shared his plans to expand the Recovery Coach Program while increasing the rates of reimbursement for addiction treatment services.

We at Integrity House applaud this action, which will ensure a robust system of care for individuals who are in the grips of addiction, who Christie regards as the "most vulnerable members of our society." ...

We have a governor who understands that we can't "arrest our way out of this problem" and that effective treatment does work and people do successfully recover. Christie and his administration have previously demonstrated a commitment to change the way that we address addiction as a community by expanding New Jersey Drug Courts. "Graduates" of these drug courts are proving on a daily basis that addiction is a treatable disease.

They are benefitting from the good work of many community providers throughout the state of New Jersey that are using evidence-based practices to successfully assist individuals in transforming their lives. ...

Christie has just taken a strong first step in a making that road a little less arduous.

Addicts struggling to find the road to recovery need help. We need to ensure that these struggling addicts have the support, resources and treatment they need for a chance at recovery. As governor of the state of New Jersey, Chris Christie is putting his money where his mouth is and taking a huge step forward to help reduce the population of Herointown.

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