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Dear Stakeholder,

The Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP) is pleased to announce the launch of a new treatment locator in Pennsylvania called <u>ATLAS</u>® (Addiction Treatment Locator, Assessment, and Standards Platform). Thanks to the combined efforts of our stakeholders,

ATLAS currently includes 67% of licensed treatment facilities in Pennsylvania. ATLAS has already been incorporated into various communications from our agency including the <u>DDAP</u> and <u>Just Five</u> websites. You can also watch the full recording of our <u>ATLAS</u> launch event.

I'd like to highlight why this free resource is so valuable to the thousands of Pennsylvanians living with substance use disorder and their families:

- Individuals or their loved ones can take a 13-question survey to find a licensed Pennsylvania treatment provider.
- Search results in ATLAS can be filtered by criteria such as location, language, insurance/payment options, and age as well as services for special populations, such as LGBTQ+ and veteran-specific services.
- Allows patients and their family members to see and provide feedback based on their personal experience receiving treatment at a facility.
- Offers an easy-to-use online interface to allow those in need to search for and compare facilities based on evidence-based quality standards.

ATLAS does not take the place of an in-person assessment at a licensed treatment facility and each person seeking treatment through ATLAS will need an individualized plan to address their treatment and non-treatment needs.

If you are a treatment provider and missed the first opportunity to be included in ATLAS, DDAP will be announcing future open enrollment periods. Any questions you may have can be directed to Kim Coleman, DDAP's Chief of Staff at kcoleman@pa.gov or Angad Buttar, Shatterproof's Director of State Engagement at abuttar@shatterproof.org.

As an additional tool in our toolbox, ATLAS is just one more way that Pennsylvanians looking for the most appropriate drug and alcohol treatment and resources will be able to find the help they need and deserve. Thank you for all you do to better the lives of Pennsylvanians.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Smith, Secretary

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