

# 2024 Kentucky General Assembly

## ADDICTION CRISIS

*Combating the Drug Epidemic in our Community*

### OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE THE BUSINESS CLIMATE

While much has been accomplished in the past few years with support from important legislation, the issue of addiction continues to face Northern Kentucky and more work needs to be done.

Redouble efforts in aiding the recovery of the NKY community from addiction.

The NKY Chamber has shown great concern for the high local rates of drug abuse and fatalities. We need to empower our regional healthcare partners to continue their great work and expand the scope.

### APPROACH TO TACKLE THE ISSUE

Allocate General Fund revenue to take productive and reactive measures to eradicate addiction in our community.

### WHY DOES IT MATTER TO MY BUSINESS

We can't fully address our workforce needs without addressing the impact of the addiction epidemic on the Kentucky workplace. Employers are struggling to attract and retain workers and current and future employees are falling prey to cycles of addiction and recovery.

### WHAT ARE WE ASKING AN ELECTED OFFICIAL TO DO

Support legislation that supports evidence-based initiatives for treatment, enhances law enforcement to reduce supply, and assists with workforce reinstatement options and support for employers.

Support legislation that promotes public safety around addiction and addiction-related issues and expands investment in education, training and prevention.