**Did you know…?**

         One in four Americans has a family member struggling with substance addiction

         Prescription drug overdoses have replaced car accidents as the leading cause of injury related death in Washington State

         Substance abuse is responsible for approximately 31% of deaths annually in 15-24 year olds   
  
         This disease costs our country more than $484 billion annually

         91% of 12-25 year olds who need substance abuse treatment **don’t** receive it  
  
         Cancer is responsible for approximately 5% of deaths annually at a cost of $171.6 billion annually. Nearly 100% of youth with Cancer receive treatment.

 The stakes are high and the need for research and effective treatment is critical.  Drug addiction is an insidious and devastating chronic disease.  It typically begins in adolescence and has staggering financial, social, and personal costs.  We can do more and we can do better.

**Now you know.**

 SAMA is a leader at the intersection of adolescent substance addiction and research-driven treatment.  SAMA is a Seattle-based organization that offers treatment and recovery services for youth and families.  SAMA also performs ongoing collaborative research, and is active in advocacy and education at the regional and national levels.

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