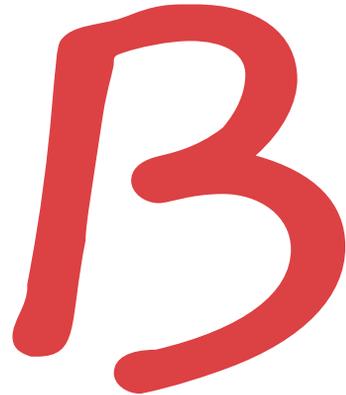


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# County of Alameda

## Better than Average



Alameda County offers a good range of treatment services. However, with only one positive urine test, clients can be found non-compliant with their treatment program. This policy lacks fundamental understanding of addiction, which often involves relapses.



- Prop. 36 Money Given to County to Date: \$6.7 million
- County's FY 01/02 Prop. 36 Budget: \$6.7 million

Alameda designated 85% of its budget to treatment-related costs. However, it received a minus because 30% of the total FY 01/02 budget is for administrative costs.



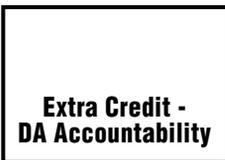
Alameda shows great commitment to offering an array of scientifically-proven forms of treatment, including methadone maintenance to treat heroin addiction. However, Alameda's implementation plan does not reflect how the county will handle occasional or experimental users.



Addiction assessment and case management of Prop. 36 clients will be completed by public health officials in Alameda. Yet drug testing is used as a threat, rather than as a treatment tool. In addition, the computerized client management system distorts the line between private medical information and criminal justice monitoring.



Alameda held public forums to gather community and consumer input as part of its planning process. However, representation on the task force could have been more diverse.



No District Attorney charging guidelines were submitted when requested by The Lindesmith Center – Drug Policy Foundation.

# Report Card