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Since 1984 SACC has been the advocate for enhancing the quality of Addiction treatment services. SACC is also the state affiliate of NAADAC, The National Association for Addiction Professionals. National certification requires continuing education.

SACC has represented Colorado addiction counselors on:

- DORA's Advisor Committee to the Director of Registrations
- DBH's CAC Certification and Training Committee
- Supporting Previous Legislation
 - That created the Licensure level for Addiction Counsel and,
 - HB 1040 re-codifying LAC/CAC under Title 12 with other Mental Health licenses
- Supporting HB 1086 Continuing Competency.

For year Colorado CAC's benefited from required Continuing Education courses under ADAD before being transferred to DORA. These courses were competency based state approved required courses.

With the Amendments to HB 1068 SACC supports the Continuing Competency proposed in HB 1086. Continuing Competency will enhance the quality care provided to Colorado citizens particularly in Addictions Treatment where:

- Brain and neurological Research continues to develop new insights into Treatment,
- Pharmaceuticals continually expand, and
- Evidence Based Treatment Research and Best Practices continue to be Developed

It is good practice as a Professional to stay on cutting edge of our field and we do this through continuing education.

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