





**FLORIDA'S
POISON
CONTROL
CENTERS**
Jacksonville • Miami • Tampa

POISON CENTERS *reduce unnecessary* HEALTH CARE COSTS

FUNDING

Florida's Poison Control Centers receive funding from the State of Florida and the federal government. These funds cover operating costs, administration, and life-saving services that are free to the public.

\$5,264,498 
+ **\$985,916** 

\$6,250,414
TOTAL FUNDING

DID YOU KNOW?

For every \$1 invested in a poison center, there is a health care cost savings of \$13.39.



LET'S BREAK IT DOWN

STUDIES SHOW

If there were no poison centers, at least 50% of the people who think they've been poisoned would show up at emergency departments resulting in unnecessary medical expenses.

AVOIDED EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT VISITS

Florida's Poison Control Centers average over

70,000
POISONING CALLS YEARLY

The average emergency department visit costs

\$3,074

(50% OF CALLS)

= **35,000** 

x **\$3,074** 

\$107,590,000
IN UNNECESSARY
MEDICAL EXPENSES

POISON CENTERS ASSISTING HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS

Florida's Poison Control Centers co-managing patients at health care facilities was documented to reduce hospital charges by ~\$95 million/year. These cost savings resulted in:



WHAT DOES ALL THIS MEAN?

With the help of state and federal funding, an investment of \$6,250,414 in poison centers saves over \$202,590,000 in health care costs, resources and unnecessary medical treatment.



MORE POISON CENTER FACTS

- ✓ Florida's Poison Control Centers have been recognized in congressional reports as one of the most cost efficient poison center networks in the nation.
- ✓ Certified Specialists in Poison Information (CSPI) immediately respond to calls relating to any type of poisoning or poison related questions. This confidential service is offered 24/7, at no cost to callers. CSPIs manage over 80% of poison related calls by phone, preventing the costly and unnecessary use of emergency department resources, transportation and treatment.
- ✓ Additionally, studies show that there is up to a two day reduction in length of stay when poison centers are involved in the care of patients who are admitted to hospitals.

REFERENCES

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