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- **GRANT AMOUNT**
\$4,048,617
- **ECONOMIC IMPACT**
Substance abuse treatment yields \$3.77 in benefits for every dollar spent for treatment costs.
- **HEALTH IMPACT**
Primary health care practitioners can better serve rural populations.
- **OTHER IMPACT**
The WSU program has brought in an additional \$17.5M in follow-on funding attributable to the LSDF grant.

Reversing Opiate Addiction in Rural Communities

Painkiller addiction presents one of the most difficult challenges to our health care system, particularly in rural areas where access to specialized health-care practitioners and treatment programs is almost non-existent. Just ask Vicky Brown, an Eastern Washington health-care administrator who lost her daughter, Keri, after a 20-year struggle with painkiller addiction. When Vicky met Washington State University (WSU)'s Dr. John Roll, she immediately knew those suffering from addiction had access to a fresh start.

Through Dr. Roll's Life Sciences Discovery Fund funded program, over 200 physicians and nurses are trained to better combat addiction in rural areas across Washington. By using a more effective drug regimen than methadone, patients are turning their lives around, getting healthy and re-engaging with their communities. "The WSU program gives hope to patients, families and care-givers. We finally have the tools in rural areas to overcome this problem," Vicky says. "Keri would be grateful."

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