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John King has worked in the field of alcohol/drug abuse prevention and treatment since 1972. Mr. King has a BA in psychology from Baylor University, a Master of Divinity from Southwestern Seminary and has done post-graduate work in alcohol/drug studies at the University of Utah, the St. Louis College of Pharmacy and the University of North Carolina – Wilmington.

He is a Licensed Addictions Counselor and recently retired after 11 years as the Executive Director of the Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse for Greater New Orleans. In addition, Mr. King previously directed an alcohol/drug studies program for the St. Louis Community College District and taught courses in chemical dependency for fourteen years on the Meramec Community College campus, Webster University, Washington University and St. Louis University. He has also taught as an adjunct professor at Our Lady of Holy Cross College and the LSU Health Sciences Center, in New Orleans, LA. Mr. King now serves as a consultant and trainer throughout the U.S. and internationally.

He has served on several boards, including the American Lung Association, the Family Planning Council, the Coalition on Alcoholism and Other Chemical Dependencies, the National Association of Prevention Professionals and Advocates and the advisory board of the Department of Social Work for the University of Missouri – St. Louis. Mr. King began the Missouri Teen Institute on Substance Abuse Prevention and was instrumental in forming the National Association of Teen Institutes.

An accomplished author, he has written five books and numerous articles on drug abuse and prevention. Mr. King has served as a consultant to several national corporations, among them: Center for Addictions and Substance Abuse at Columbia University, MasterCard International, Preferred Risk Insurance Companies, KV Pharmaceuticals, and Anheuser Busch Credit Unions.

In addition, Mr. King has served as a consultant and trainer for the Voice of America and the United States Information Agency (USIA). Mr. King has served as a goodwill ambassador in USIA's American Participant Program, co-sponsored with the U.S. State Department, and has conducted lecture tours on chemical dependency for USIA and the State Department in the Caribbean, South America and India.