services, and social gatherings. Through a variety of innovative ways
the chaplain can provide knowledge of the alternatives to substance
abuse and information and help in personal decision making and values'
clarification.

Recognizing that work as a preventative educator or supporter of
the ADAPCP staff is still another duty for an already busy schedule, the
chaplain may ask:

“What are the benefits of my helping the ADAPCP when I’m not
assigned there and they already have a whole staff of people?”

While it’s impossible to give a definitive listing of such benefits,
my personal experience with ADAPCP staff members, clients, com-
manders, and other chaplains associated with the program attests to the
fact that there are many. They include the advancement of the chap-
lain’s own education in dealing with substance abuse, knowledge of
referral resources, and, tangentially, community awareness of the chap-
lain’s interest in the quality of human life.

I recognize there will always be different levels of interest and
involvement between chaplains and ADAPCP. For some it will be
strong, for others minimal, and for still others non-existent. Differences
in beliefs, philosophies, and personalities will have an effect upon those
decisions. But those who decide to have an active role and take time to
establish a supportive relationship with the ADAPCP will discover new
and effective tools for their own ministry—tools that can help the
victims of a commonly neglected disorder in the military community.