





Overview of SUD, IDUD & OUD:

What to Know, What to Share

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- Please join us in supporting efforts to affirm tribal sovereignty across what is now known as California and in displaying respect, honor, and gratitude for all indigenous people.

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Learning Objectives

Participants will be able to:

Define

• Define opioid use disorder (OUD) & explain evidence-based treatment for OUD, using medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD).

Understand

• Understand the basic brain chemistry of various drugs with addictive potential causing substance use disorders (SUD).

Explain

• Explain OUD harm reduction strategies and overdose reversal.

Take Steps

Take steps to ensure clear SUD/OUD treatment referral pathways are in place at your organization.

POLL

Does your peer organization provide services related to:

- A) Support for Mental Health challenges and recovery
- B) Support for Substance Use problems and recovery
- C) Support for both SUD and MH (sometimes called "co-occurring")
- D) None of the above

<u>Products - Vital Statistics Rapid Release - Provisional Drug Overdose Data (cdc.gov)</u>

POLL

What substance is most abused by teens and young adults?

- A) Marijuana (cannabis)
- B) Prescription pain killers (opioids)
- C) Nicotine
- D) Alcohol

<u>Teenage Drug Use Statistics [2023]: Data & Trends on Abuse (drugabusestatistics.org)</u>
Addiction | Health Effects | Marijuana | CDC

POLL

What diseases caused more than 100,000 US deaths for the first time in 2020? (Select all that apply)

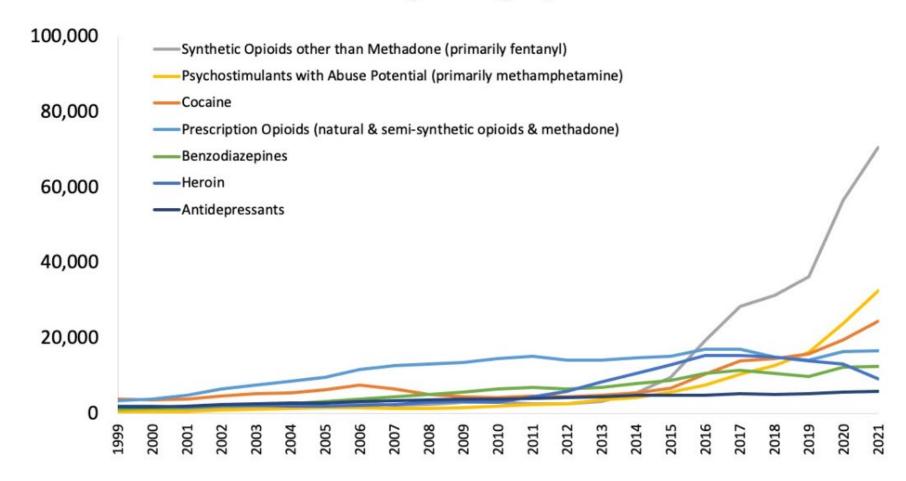
- A) Diabetes
- B) Drug Overdoses
- C) Alzheimer's Disease
- D) Cirrhosis and Chronic Liver Disease

Global Problem (2021 data)

- Over 296 million people used illicit drugs, a 23% increase over 10 years.
- 39.5 million people suffer from SUDs, a 45% increase over 10 years.
- Synthetic opioids, led by fentanyl, have changed drug markets with lethal results.
- Only 20% (1 in 5) people in need of SUD/OUD treatment were in treatment.
- Disparities in access to treatment exist worldwide.

https://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/data-and-analysis/world-drug-report-2023.html

Figure 2. National Drug-Involved Overdose Deaths*, Number Among All Ages, 1999-2021



^{*}Includes deaths with underlying causes of unintentional drug poisoning (X40–X44), suicide drug poisoning (X60–X64), homicide drug poisoning (X85), or drug poisoning of undetermined intent (Y10–Y14), as coded in the International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision. Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. Multiple Cause of Death 1999-2021 on CDC WONDER Online Database, released 1/2023.

California Quick Stats

7,175

Deaths Related to Any Opioid Overdose, 2021

5,961

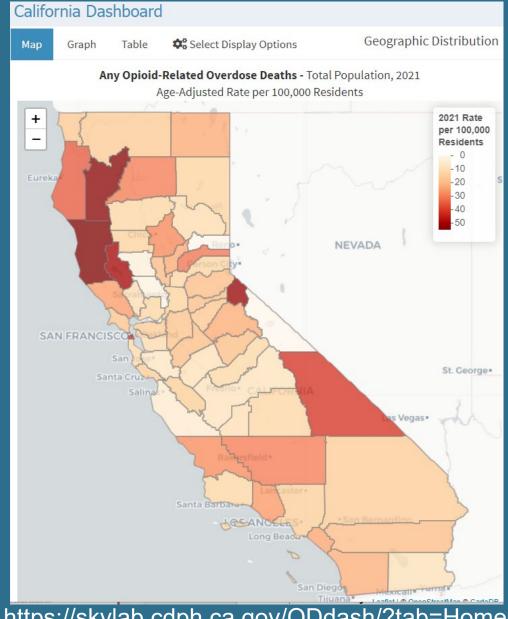
Deaths Related to Fentanyl Overdose, 2021

21,016

ED Visits Related to Any Opioid Overdose, 2021

14,777,578

Prescriptions for Opioids, 2021



https://skylab.cdph.ca.gov/ODdash/?tab=Home

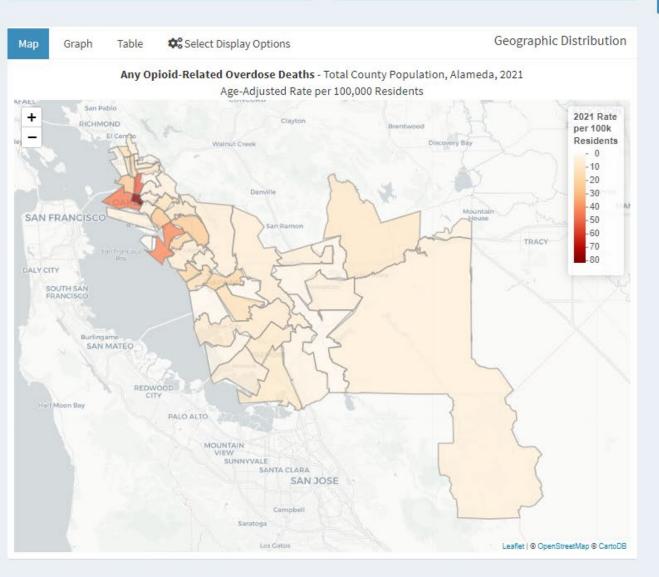
Alameda County Dashboard Count (Age-adjusted Rate/100k Residents)

203 (11.4/100k)

Deaths Related to Any Opioid Overdose in Alameda County, 2021

477 (27.5/100k)

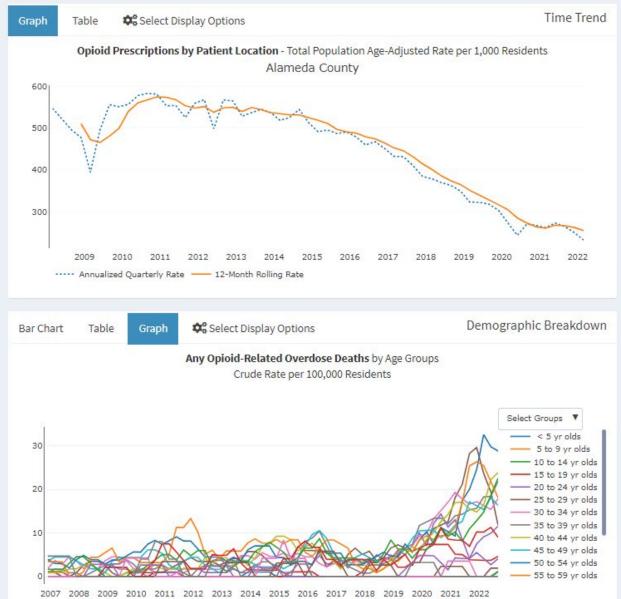
ED Visits Related to Any Opioid Overdose in Alameda County, 2021



137 (7.3 /100k)

Hospitalizations Related to Any Opioid Overdose in Alameda County, 2021 513,263 (262.5/1k)

Prescriptions for Opioids in Alameda County, 2021



Why does someone use & become addicted?

Individual, Family, School, Neighborhood – Risk OR Protective Factors

Risk Factors

 Family/Parental Addiction History/Genetics/

 Familial, Ethno- and Socio-cultural, community practices

Trauma Exposure

 Developmental Competency Issues & Interpersonal Experiences

 Environmental Exposures in local neighborhood and access to substances Resilience & Protective Factors

Substance abuse or other addictive behaviors; absent in family members

Modeling & monitoring + supervision; + values; + peers; + school functioning; + education; + spiritual orientation

Absence of physical, emotional, sexual abuse, exposure to violence and traumatic loss – at home and in the community (ACEs)

Emotional regulation, self-efficacy, having supportive and understanding caregivers

Fewer alcohol and cannabis outlets, reduced marketing of nicotine, healthy food stores

The Family Disease of Drug & Alcohol Dependence

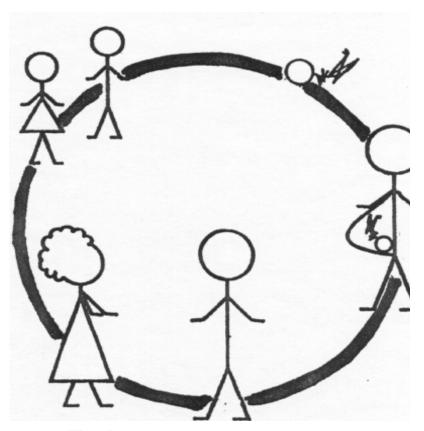
Increased Risk = Need for Increased Support to Avoid Bad Outcomes

Children

COA Roles Neglect and abuse risk Biologic vulnerability

Homelife/community/risks

Grandma/Extended Family Drug/alcohol dependence and codependence or enabling



Father
Drug/alcohol dependence

Fetus/Infant

Intrauterine toxicity
Neonatal toxicity /
withdrawal
Increased muscle tone
Neglect/abuse

Mother

Drug/alcohol dependence and codependence COA issues Pregnancy complications

Genetic predisposition

Children Exposed to Violence in their homes - between parents and others

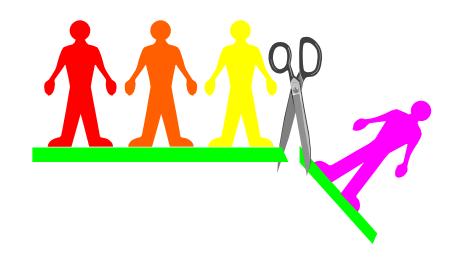
- 60-70% of Domestic Violence cases are characterized by alcohol & drug abuse
- 80% of women in shelter recalled witnessing violence between THEIR parents as children
- 85% of children directly witnessed assault in domestic violence incidents with police response



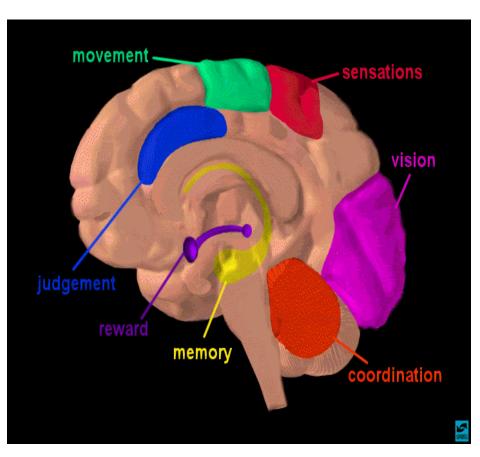
Continuum:

Use, Abuse, Physical and Psychological Dependence: Addictive Disorder

- Tobacco
- Alcohol
- Legal & Prescription Drugs
- Illicit Drugs
- Other Behaviors (eg: gambling, sex, internet use, compulsive buying, unsafe driving, etc.)



DOPAMINE REWARD SYSTEM: Essential to Neurologic Reinforcement System

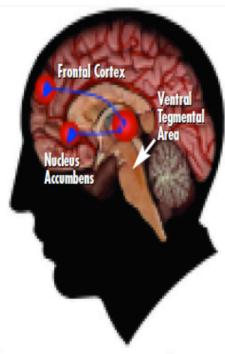


- Every substance of abuse has some effect on the limbic (dopamine) reward system
- Dopamine, one of 100+ neurotransmitters, is found in several regions of the brain; is involved in pleasurable feelings, activity reinforcement, movement, motivation, & emotions

Dopamine Action

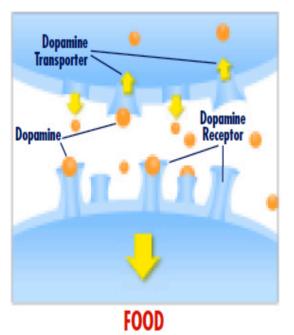
DRUGS OF ABUSE TARGET THE BRAIN'S PLEASURE CENTER

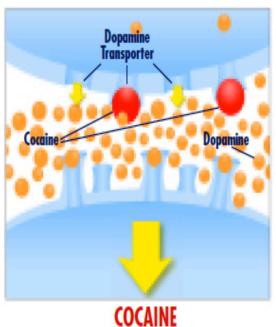
Brain reward (dopamine) pathways



These brain circuits are important for natural rewards such as food, music, and sex.

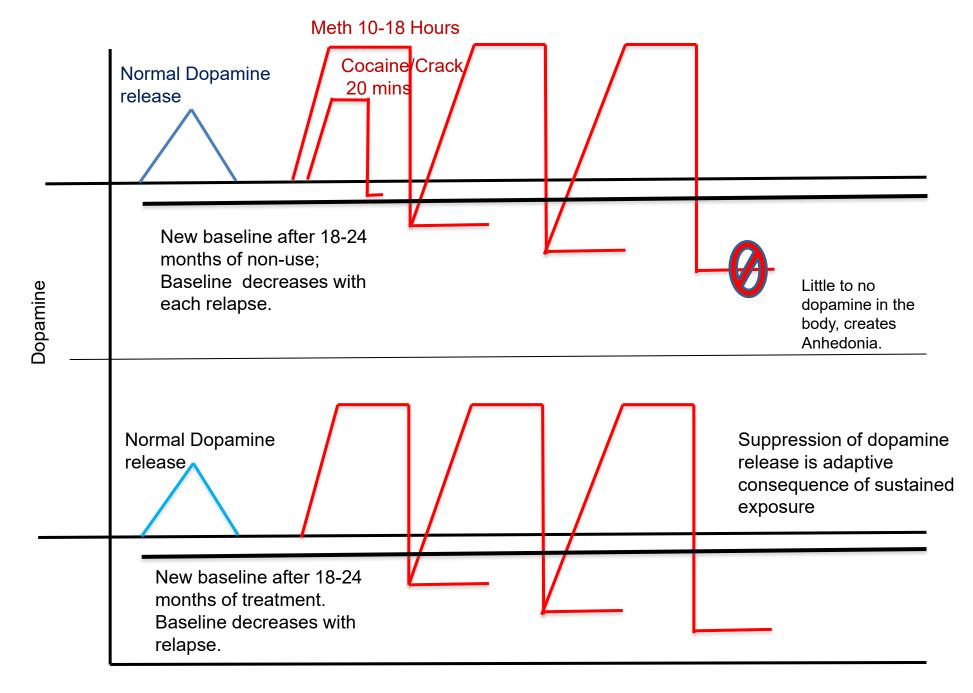
Drugs of abuse increase dopamine





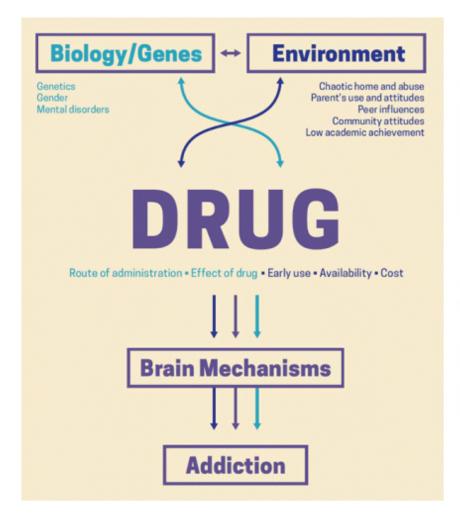
Typically, dopamine increases in response to natural rewards such as food.

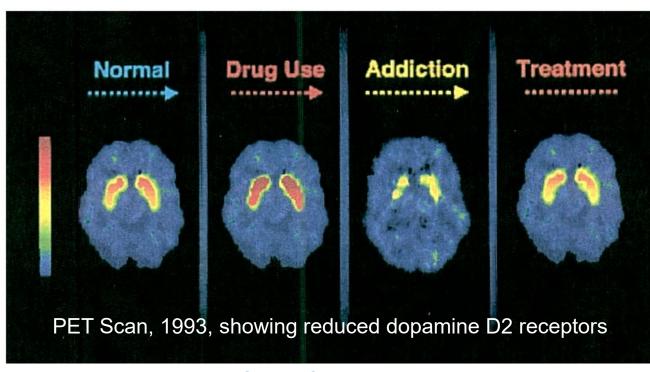
When cocaine is taken, dopamine increases are exaggerated, and communication is altered.



Time

Bottom Line of Addiction

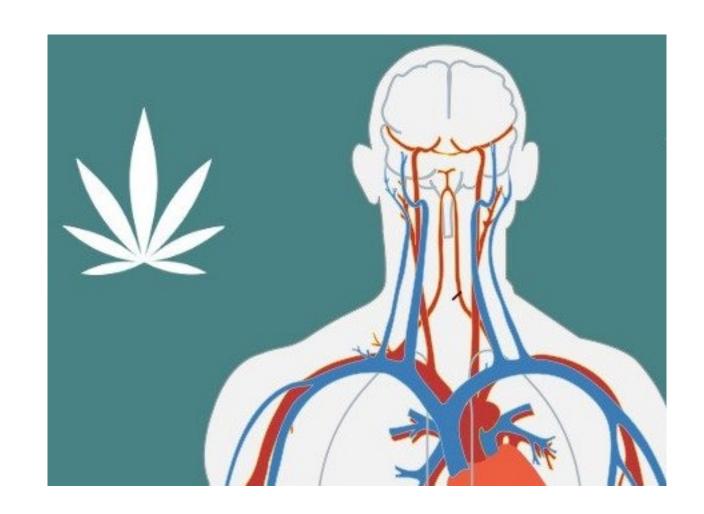




<u>Facing Addiction in America: The Surgeon General's Report on Alcohol, Drugs, and Health-Full Report | SAMHSA Publications and Digital Products</u>

Cannabinoids: THC and CBD

- Cannabinoids cause the plant's primary effects.
- Main cannabinoids are THC and CBD
- Bind to CB1 and CB2 receptors that are in the brain and in many places in the human body
- Endocannabinoid system

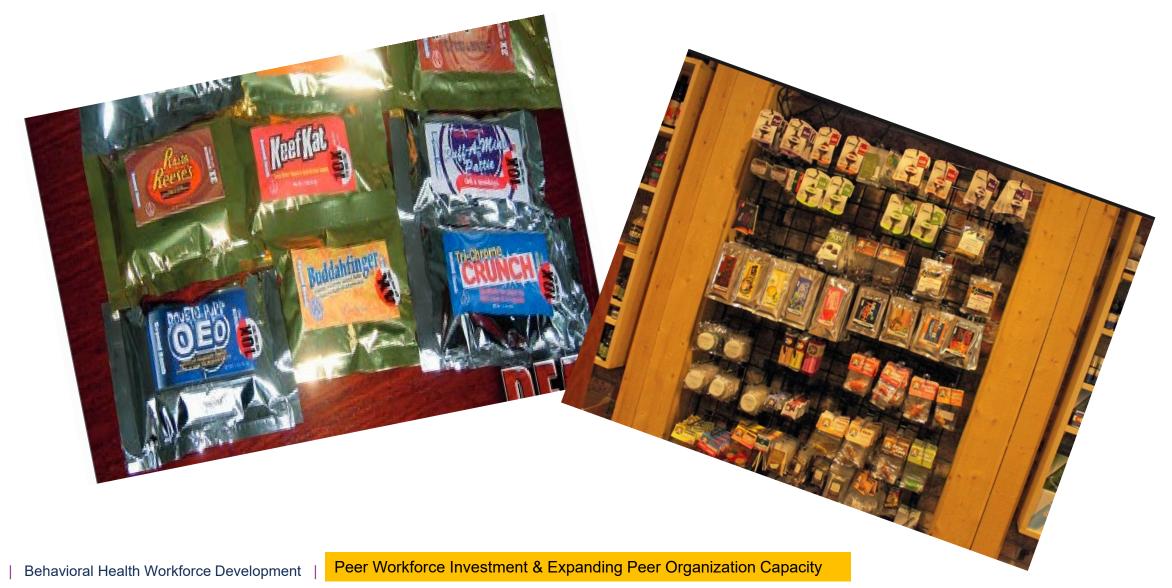


THE BODY'S ENDOCANNABINOID SYSTEM Brain (CB1) Spleen (CB2) Lungs (CB1) Vascular System (CB1) Pancreas (CB1 & CB2) Reproductive Organs (CB1) Liver (CB1 & CB2) Colon (CB2) Muscles (CB1) Immune System (CB2) Bones (CB2)

Caution: CANNABIS

- Has high addictive potential by over-activating endocannabinoid system, but not as high physical dependency effects.
- Can cause:
- Mental impairments; high association of co-occurring mental health problems with cannabis addiction
- Immune system weakening
- Hallucinations/panic attacks
- Depression and anxiety
- Nausea/Vomiting
- Dry mouth
- Dizziness
- Numbness
- -Passes through the placenta & causes fetal growth retardation
- -Can be a direct trigger for schizophrenia onset among those already at risk for psychosis with family mental health history

Marijuana Edibles: Can be Problem for Teens and Children



2023 and the Future's Big Challenge:

How to reduce overdose deaths, primarily caused by Fentanyl today

- How to keep up with new contaminants in the illegal drug supply
 - Newest one is Xylazine, AKA: Tranq

Fentanyl is the leading cause of most opioid overdoses and opioid-related deaths across the US today.



A lethal dose of heroin is alongside a lethal dose of fentanyl. (BRUCE A. TAYLOR-CRIMINALIST II/NH STATE

What information do you *currently* share with your organization's participants about SUD and OUD?

If you're using opioids,

NEVER USE ALONE. ALWAYS HAVE NALOXONE (Narcan).

Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD), aka: MAT (Medication Assisted Treatment)

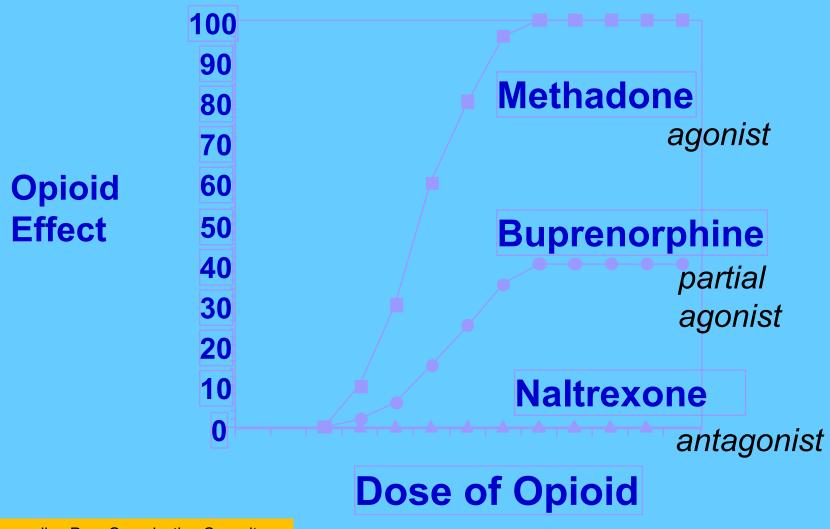
3 choices for medication to treat opioid addiction

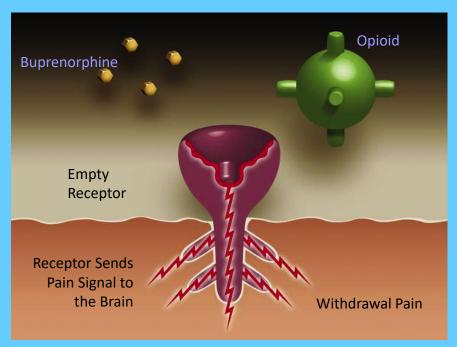
Methadone – an opioid agonist (the same)

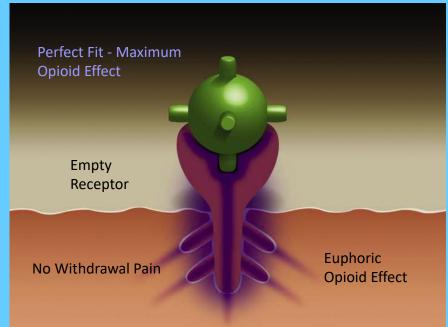
Buprenorphine (brands: subutex, suboxone) – a partial agonist (similar)

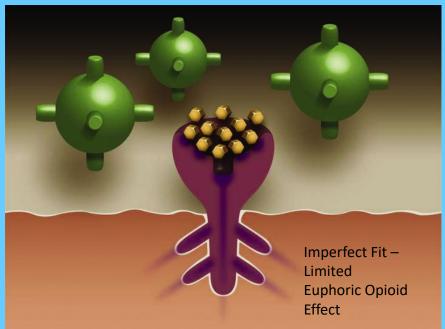
Naltrexone – an antagonist (the opposite)

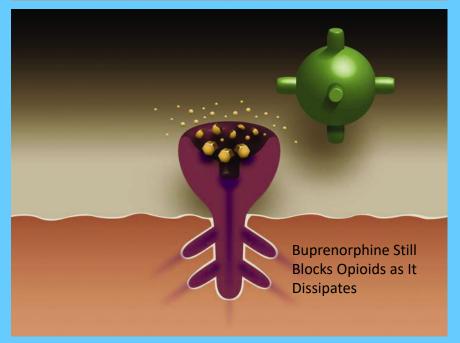
What is the Difference between Opioid Agonists & Antagonists?











Naloxone (brand name Narcan) Overdose Reversal Medicine



- The FDA approved Narcan for over-thecounter use in March 2023 (no pharmacist involved).
- It is expected to be on the shelves later in 2023.
- A generic form is also available and available at most pharmacies without a prescription.
- Organizations can also obtain free naloxone from the DHCS Naloxone Distribution Project.

https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/individuals/Pages/Naloxone Distribution_Project.aspx

Working within Opioid Epidemic can be Traumatic





Consider establishing guidance to limit traumatogenic communication

- What is traumatogenic communication?
- Verbal Sharing that provides images, details, descriptions of traumatic event coupled with one's response.
- Communication that creates an unnecessary trauma exposure to another person.
- Appropriate setting for such sharing is a professional therapeutic relationship.



Cosic, K., et al.,

Creating Your Organization's Culture of Trauma Informed Care

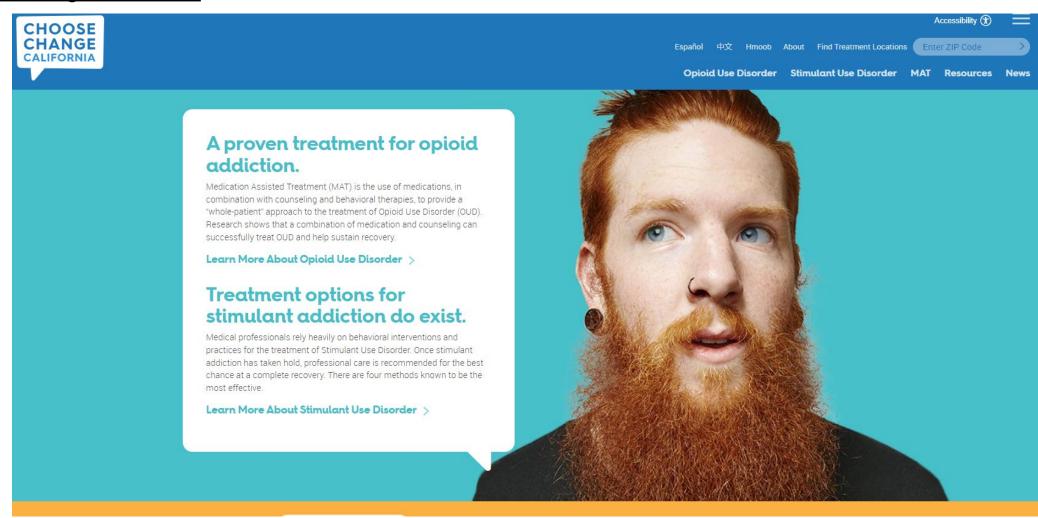
For both participants and staff

- 5 guiding Principles of Trauma-informed practice:
 - -Safety
 - Trustworthiness
 - -Choice
 - -Collaboration
 - -Empowerment

Resources

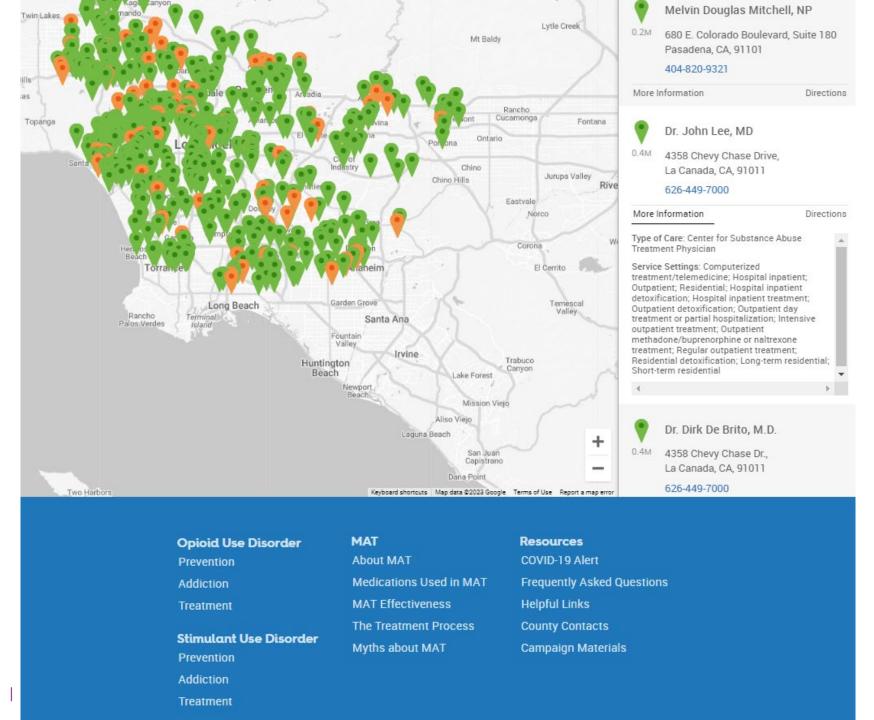
Treatment Locator

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Treatment Locator

https://findtreatment.gov/



Millions of Americans have mental and substance use disorders. Find treatment here.

Welcome to FindTreatment.gov, the confidential and anonymous resource for persons seeking treatment for mental and substance use disorders in the United States and its territories.





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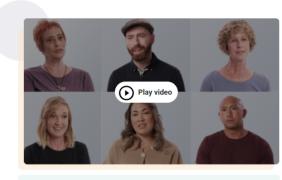
https://treatmentatlas.org/





Let's find treatment that's right for you.

Enter location or facility name



You're not alone. • Hear from others who have been where you are.



Understanding treatment can be hard but it is vital.

We can help you find the right type that helps...

handle withdrawal safely

manage emotional and physical health

reduce the risk of relapse

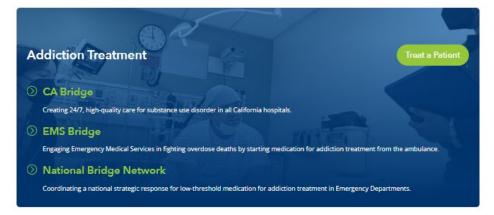
be well

Treatment Locator https://bridgetotreatment. org/addiction-treatment/

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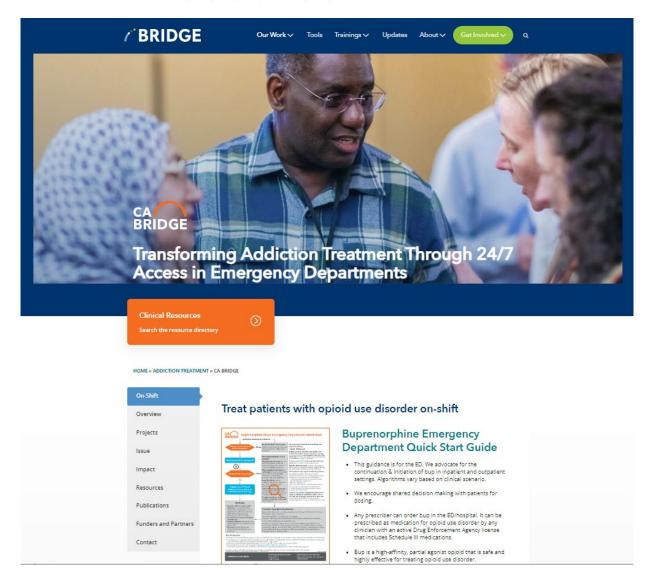
HOME ** ADDICTION TREATMENT



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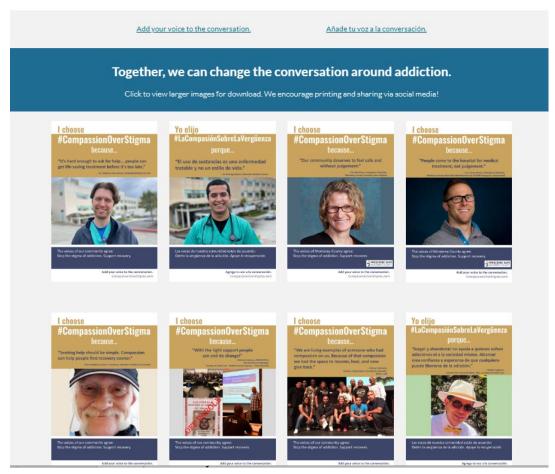
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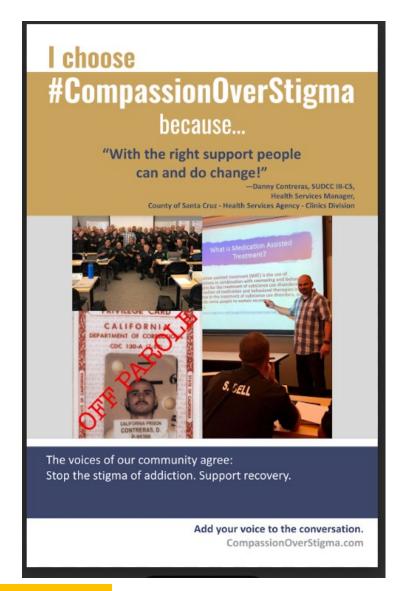


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A campaign to end the stigma of addiction.



https://www.compassionoverstigma.com/



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