Addiction 101: The Science of Addiction and The Nature of Recovery and Treatment









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Facts About Addiction & Treatment

WHAT IS ADDICTION?

A BRAIN DISEASE

BUT WITH

BIOLOGICAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL & SOCIAL COMPONENTS

DOES TREATMENT WORK?

YES, IT IS COST-EFFECTIVE IN THE LONG RUN

Addiction is a Complex Disease (CD is a CD)

...with biological, sociological and psychological components

Case 1

- 37 year old man, lives with "wife" & 2 children
- Inner city, dropped out in 10th grade, skilled worker
- Parents are substance users
- 10 years heroin use IV & intranasal cocaine & alcohol
- 1 treatment: "detox" 6 years ago
- 15 years incarcerated since age 15: possession, intent to distribute, armed robbery, 3rd degree sexual offense
- Wants help:"I can't keep living this way"

Nature of Substance Abuse



"That is not one of the seven habits of highly effective people."

Three "C's" of Addiction

<u>Control</u>

- Early social & recreational use
 - \Rightarrow Eventual loss of emotional & behavioral control
- Cognitive distortions (denial & minimization)
- Tolerance & Withdrawal = Strictly defined CD

Compulsion

- Drug-seeking activities & Craving \Rightarrow Addiction
- Continued use despite adverse consequences

Chronicity

- Natural history of multiple relapses preceding stable recovery
- Possible relapse after years of sobriety

Self-Control

Addicts seek control, not abstinence

If I can have *just one,* then I will be normal, *just* like my friends

Addiction Risk Factors

- Genetics
- Earlier Age of Onset
- Childhood Trauma (violent, sexual)
- Learning Disorders & ADD/ADHD
- Mental Illness Predating Use
 - Depression
 - Bipolar Disorder
 - Psychosis
 - ADHD

Addiction is a Brain Disease

"Cocaine

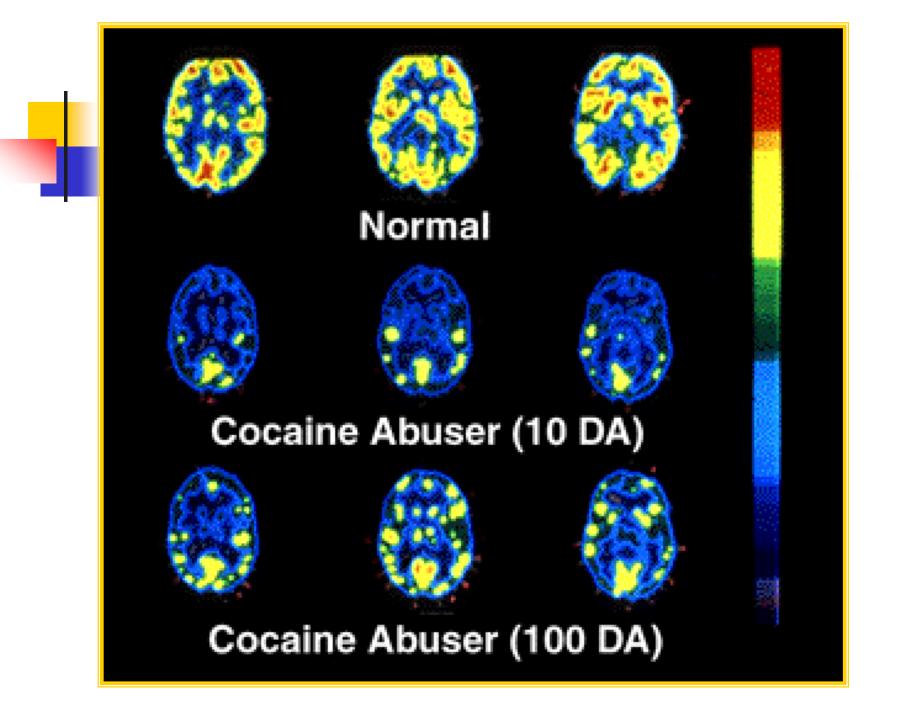
Addict" Brain

Prolonged Use Changes

the Brain

in Fundamental and Lasting Ways

"Healthy" Brain



Questions 1 and 2

1. What are the 3 C's of Addiction?

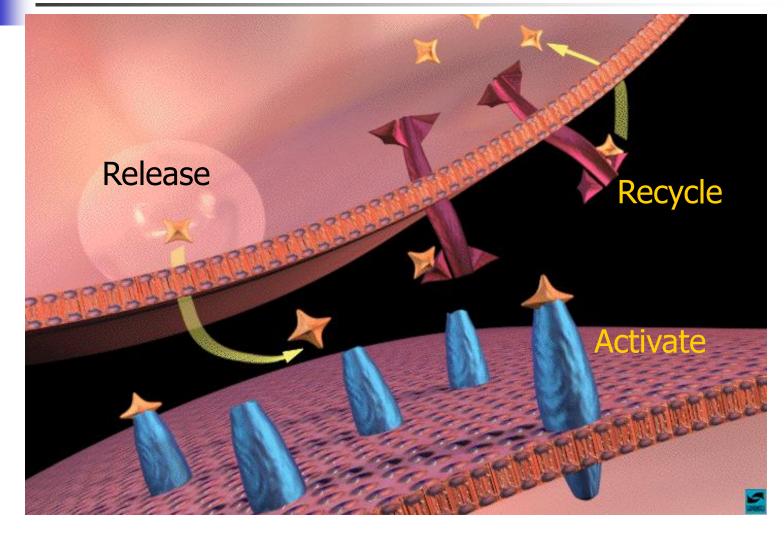
 True or False: "Addicts should only blame themselves for their addiction. They don't act responsibly."

How Drugs & Alcohol Work

- They interact with nerve circuits, centers, and chemical messengers
- Results
 - \Rightarrow I Feel Good Euphoria & Reward
 - ⇒ I Feel "Better" Reduce negative feelings
 - \Rightarrow This Feels "Normal"
 - \Rightarrow I'm craving it, tolerating its effects,

withdrawing and feeling sick

Dopamine Spells REWARD

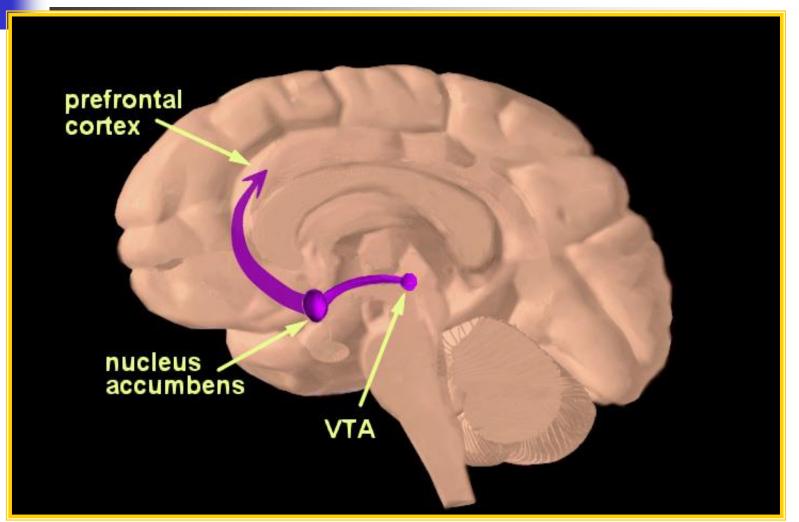




Food
Sex
Excitement

Comfort

Brain Reward Pathways

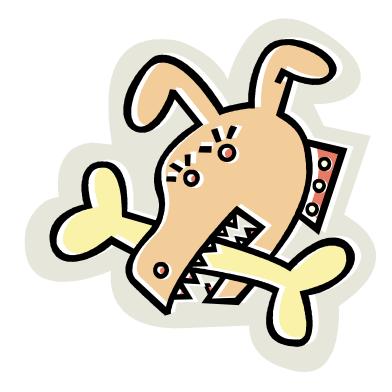




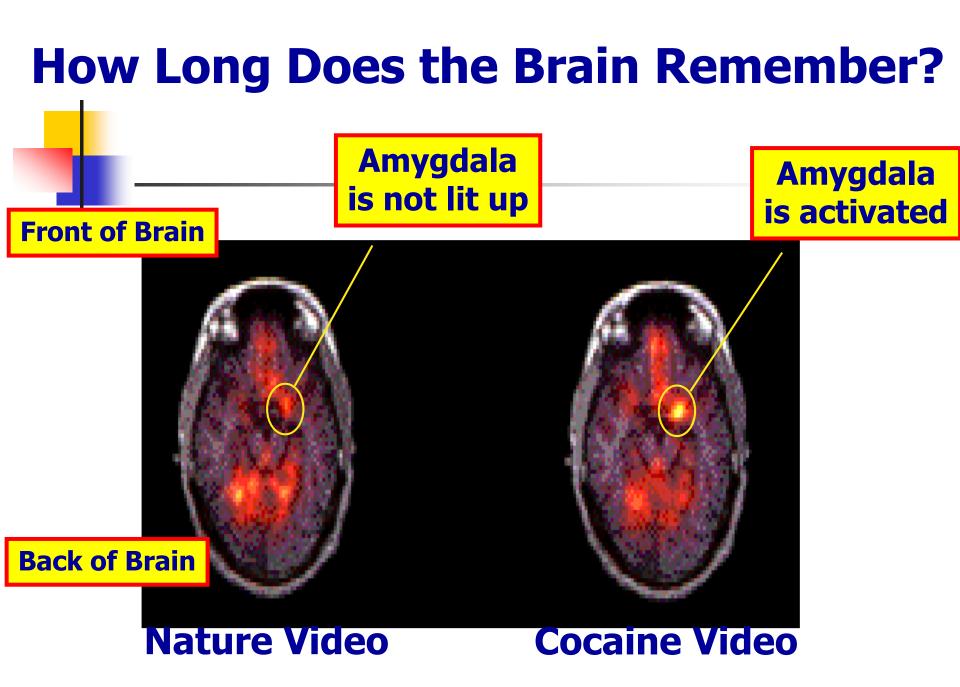
Behavior Pathways

A rewarding behavior becomes routine "Subconscious" control of the behavior It is hard to extinguish the behavior: I am <u>not always aware</u> when it is starts The person resists change It is a Habit

Addiction = Dog with a Bone



- It never wants to let go.
- It bugs you until it gets what it wants.
- It never forgets when and where it is used to getting its bone.
- It thinks it's going to get a bone anytime you do anything that reminds it of the bone.



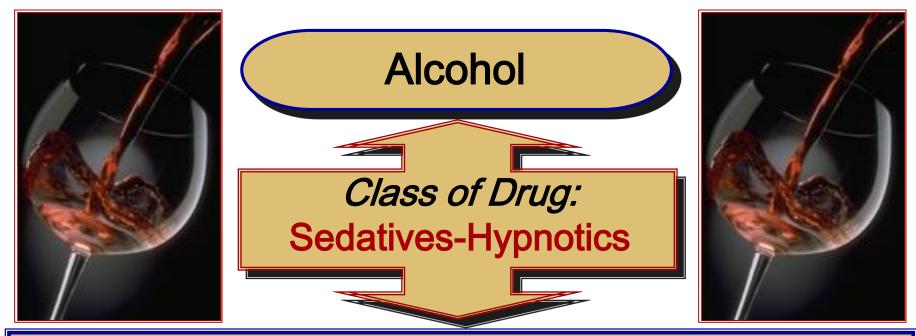
Cognitive Deficits and D&A

- Memory problems short-term loss
- Impaired abstraction
- Perseveration using failed problem-solving strategies
- Loss of impulse control

These deficits are similar to those with brain damage



3. What is it that makes addicted people like drugs and alcohol so much?



Related Issues:

 Detoxification
 Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS)
 Loss of Judgment Suicide/Homicide
 DWI/DUI Concerns
 Poly-drug Use
 Legality Issues

Marijuana



Related Issues:

 Lack of Motivation
 Arrested Development
 Memory & Learning Problems Long Detection Time
 Legalization Issues
 Medical Use Issues
 Health Issues

Cocaine/Crack



Related Issues:

High-relapse Potential High Reward

- A Cycle:Euphoria \Rightarrow Agitation \Rightarrow Paranoia \Rightarrow "Crash" \Rightarrow Sleeping \Rightarrow Euthymia \Rightarrow Craving \Rightarrow

- Obsessive Rituals
- Risk of Permanent Paranoia
- No Medications Currently **Available**

Methamphetamines



Related Issues:

 High Energy Level
 Repetitive Behavior Patterns

Incoherent Thoughts and Confusion Auditory Hallucinations and Paranoia

- Binge Behavior
- Long-acting (up to 12 hours)



Related Issues:

Detoxification
 Medications Available
 Euphoria

Craving
 Intense Withdrawal
 Physical Pain

Commonly Abused Drugs "New Drugs"

Club Drugs

Prescription Drugs

 Popular with Youth and Young Adults
 Significant Health Risks: Neuron Destruction with Ecstasy

Users Believe They Know How to Reduce the Risks – WRONG!

Use increasing for Oxycontin, decreasing for Ecstasy

Common Characteristics of People Who are Addicted

- Unemployed or employed
- Multiple or no criminal justice contacts
- Difficulty coping with stress or anger
- Highly influenced by social peer group or a loner
- Difficulty handling high-risk relapse situations or craves excitement

More Common Characteristics...

- Emotional and psychological immaturity
- Difficulty relating to family
- Difficulty sustaining long-term relationships
- Educational and vocational deficits



- Alcohol disinhibits aggressivity
- Stimulants produce dosedependent paranoia
- Opiate-seeking, but not opiates, produces violence

What Are The Risks Of Becoming Addicted?

Genetic predisposition A younger age for beginning use **Childhood trauma (violent, sexual)** Learning disorders &/or ADD/ADHD Mental illness **Depression Bipolar disorder Psychosis Personality disorder**

Questions 4, 5, and 6

- What are the 1st and 2nd most craved substances?
- What are the 1st, 2nd and 3rd most used substances?
- True or False: Addicted people are usually homeless, criminal, anti-social, and older than 26.



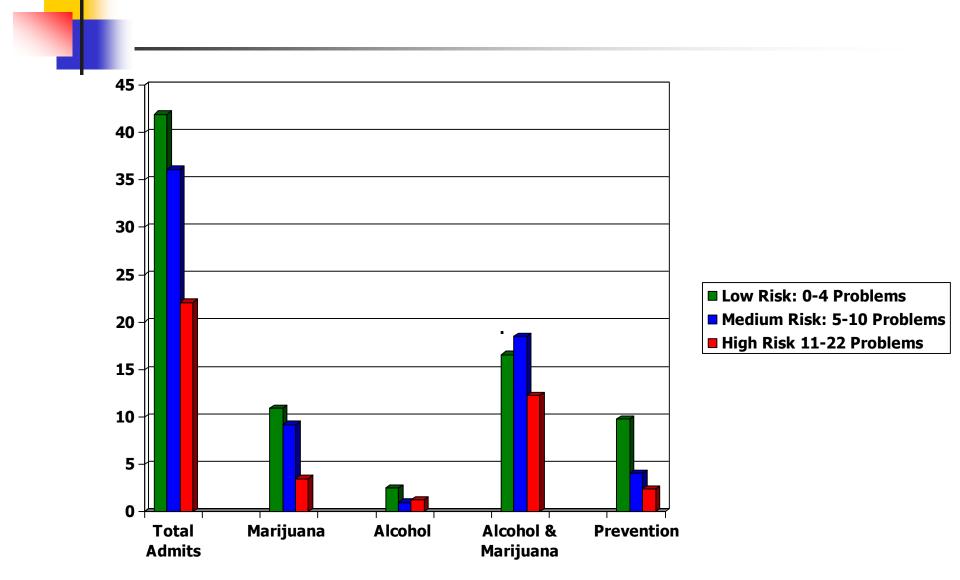
Each Disorder Affects the Other And Changes The Outcome Of Treatment

Case 2

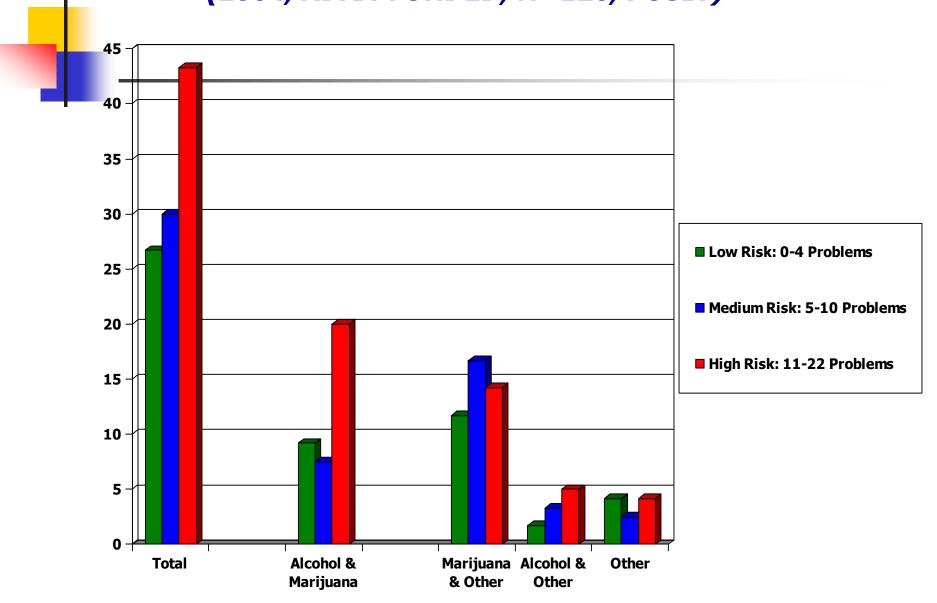
- 25 year old single woman pregnant with one child
- GED, wants to go to community college
- Opiate, nicotine, alcohol dependent
- Depression & anxiety since age 20
- 1 suicidal attempt
- Multiple intense & brief relationships
- CWS involved: neglect
- Close to parents, no female friends

Mul	Multiaxial Diagnoses	
Axis I	Clinical Disorders	
Axis II	Personality Disorders & Mental Retardation	
Axis III	Medical Conditions	
Axis IV	Psychosocial Factors	
Axis V	Global Assessment of Functioning (GAF)	

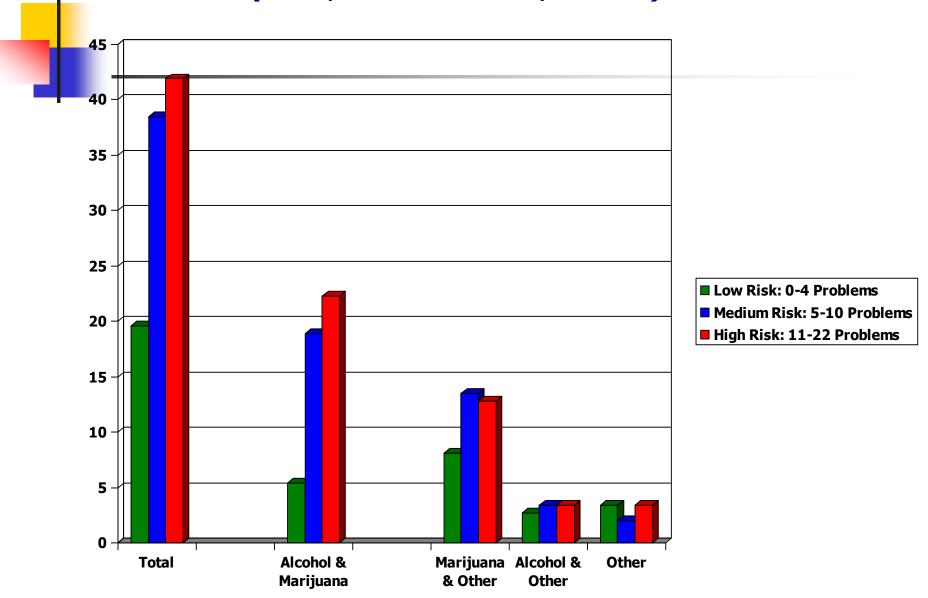
IF TEENS ABUSE SPECIFIC SUBSTANCES, WHAT'S THEIR RISK OF HAVING MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS? (2004, ADAA-FUNDED, N=2957, POSIT)



IF TEENS ABUSE COCAINE, WHAT'S THEIR RISK OF HAVING MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS? (2004, ADAA-FUNDED, N=120, POSIT)



IF TEENS ABUSE OPIATES, WHAT'S THEIR RISK OF HAVING MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS? (2004, ADAA FUNDED, N=148)



Why Do We Need to Do <u>More</u> to Help People with Co-Occurring Disorders?

- More treatment failures & cost
- More relapse
- More re-hospitalization
- More ER visits
- More vulnerability: violence, suicide, homelessness, arrests
- More illness and earlier deaths
- More resistance to treatment

Co-Occurring Disorders = COD

- Mood Disorder+: 24-40% have a cooccurring substance abuse disorder
- Alcoholism+: 65% of females and 44% of male alcoholics have cooccurring mental health disorder(s)
 - THE MAJOR ONE = DEPRESSION 19% of female alcoholics, 4x the rate for men

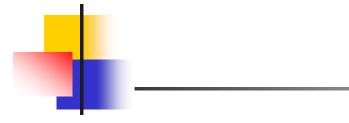
Co-Occurring Disorders = COD

- Addiction+: 30-59% of women in treatment have PTSD, 2-3 times the rate for men
- Prescriptions: 1:7 women >64 years old take medication for a mental health disorder
- Don't Forget Physical Effects: body/brain breakdown

Questions 7 and 8

True or False: most addicted people have co-occurring disorders.

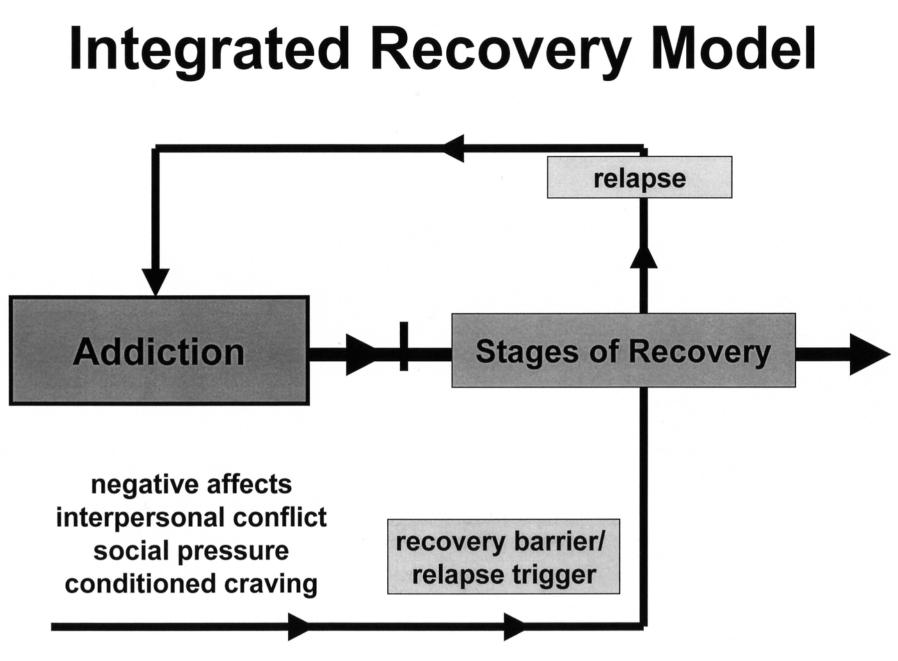
True or False: the social and clinical outcomes for people with co-occurring disorders is worse than for those with primary substance abuse or addiction.



TREATMENT WORKS

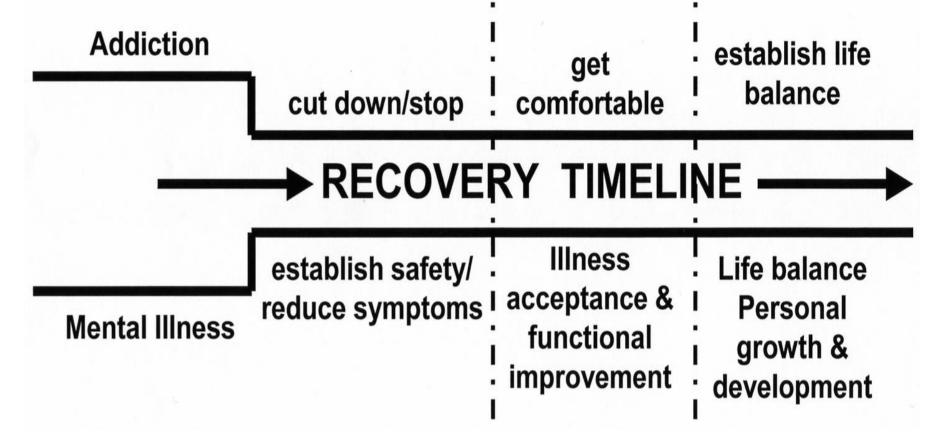
How Can We Enable Recovery?

- Education
- Curiosity
- Setting reasonable and legal limits
- Patience
- Humility
- Organizing a system of care
- Avoid scapegoating and stigmatization

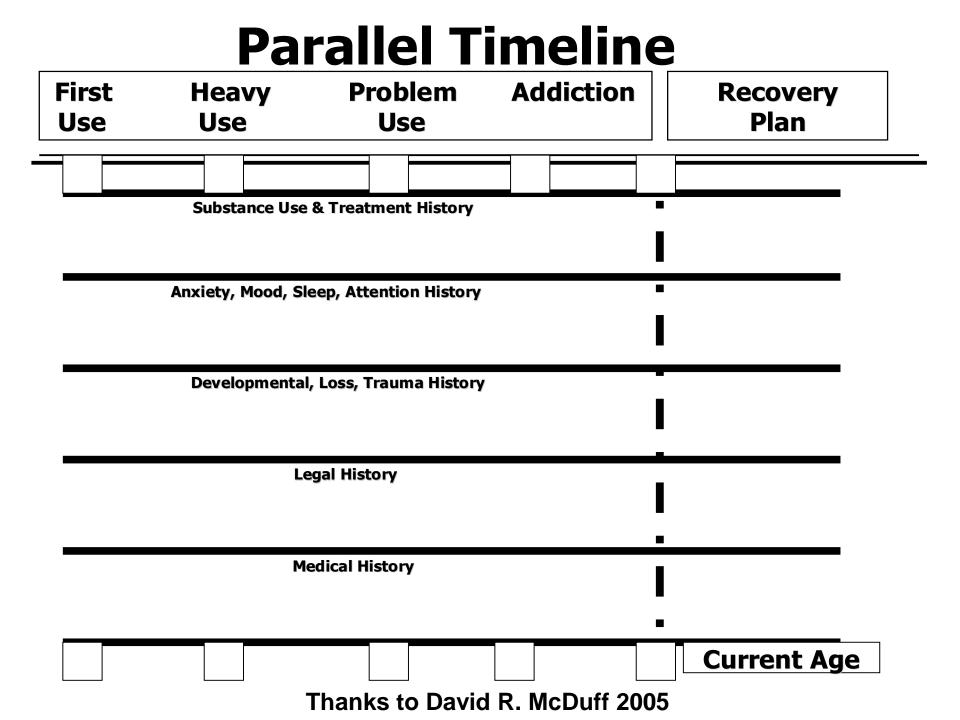


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Integrated Recovery Model



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To Recover Or Discover?

A process of growing

Accepting the illness

Making healthy choices about treatment and living in the world

Being motivated and hopeful

What is Recovered in Recovery ?

Abstinence

Sense of Responsibility

Range of Emotions

Intimacy



Abstinence and Sobriety

Abstinence

Stopping Alcohol Or Illicit Substance Abuse For A Period Of Time

Sobriety

A Lifestyle Based On Treatment And Personal Change

Phases of Recovery

Crisis

Stability and Structure

Consistency and Balance

Attachment and Intimacy

What Complicates Recovery?

- Socio-economic
- Single parent
- Ethnic
- Matriarch/ Patriarch
- Gender
- Religion

- Treatment method
- Co-dependency
- Employment
- Domestic violence
- Living situation
- Extended family



- Which is not true?
- A. Professionals need a timeline to help plan someone's recovery
- B. Most people who are in treatment are in the crisis stage
- c. People with sobriety are usually abstinent
- D. Recovery is a process, not a goal

Who needs treatment?

13 to 16 million Americans need treatment for alcohol and/or other drug abuse in any year

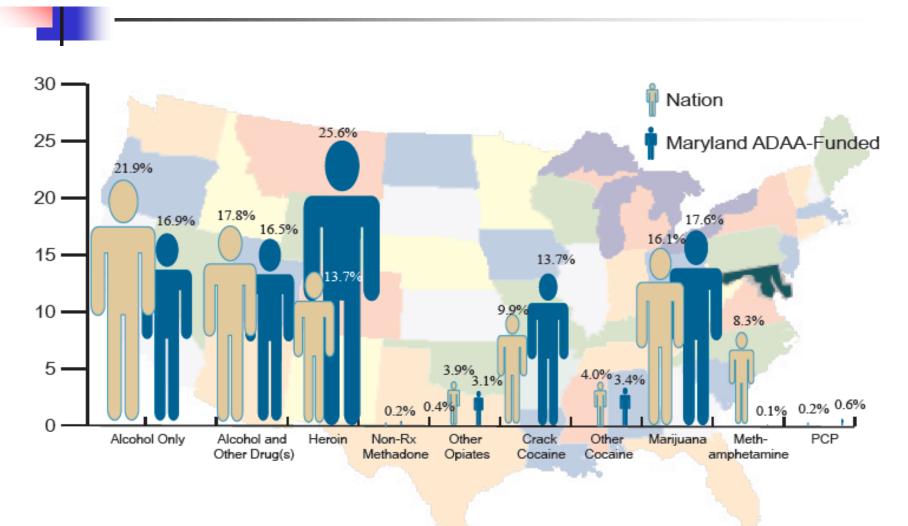
BUT...

Only 3 million receive care

In Maryland FY2005

- ~ 290,000 Maryland adults need alcohol or drug treatment vs. 76,538 admissions to treatment (~26%)
- Young adults 18 to 25 have the highest unmet need for alcohol and drug treatment in the state
- Estimated Costs Per Year
 Alcohol abuse > \$3 billion
 Illicit drug abuse > \$2 billion

How Maryland Compares to the Nation Primary Substance Problem Calendar Year 2006



This is a Public Health Problem

- Drug & alcohol treatment is disease prevention
- HIV infection in injecting drug users: 6x greater without treatment
- >90% injection drug users are infected with Hepatitis C virus

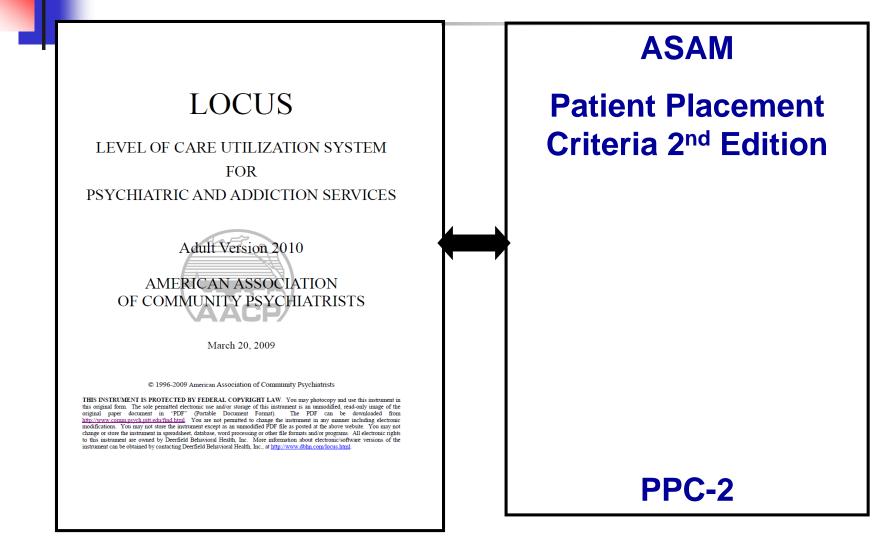
Why Not Harm Avoidance?

Matching Treatment with the Individual's Needs

- No single treatment is appropriate for all individuals
- Effective treatment attends to multiple needs of the individual, not just his or her drug use
- Treatment must address medical, psychological, social, vocational, and legal problems =

MULTI-SYSTEMIC AND MULTI-MODAL

Choose The Level of Care



- DEVELOPED OVER 17 YEARS
- ADMISSION, CONTINUED SERVICE AND DISCHARGE CRITERIA
- SEPARATE CRITERIA FOR ADOLESCENTS AND FOR ADULTS
- DETOXIFICATION SERVICES ARE CONSIDERED AT EACH LEVEL OF CARE

FIRST: Assess Six Dimensions

- I. Acute Intoxication and/or Withdrawal Potential
- **II. Biomedical Conditions**
- III. Emotional/Behavioral Conditions & Complications
- **IV.** Treatment Acceptance/Resistance
- V. Relapse/Continued Use Potential
- **VI.** Recovery/Living Environment

SECOND: Choose the Level of Care

- Early intervention
- Outpatient Treatment
- Intensive outpatient or partial hospitalization
- Residential/Inpatient Treatment: 4 sublevels
- Medically Managed Intensive Inpatient Treatment
- Opioid Maintenance Therapy

- ASAM DEFINES THE CHARACTERISTICS OF EACH LEVEL PROGRAM BY
 - EXAMPLES OF PROGRAM TYPES
 - SETTING (Location)
 - SUPPORT SYSTEMS
 - STAFF NEEDED
 - THERAPIES OFFERED
 - ASSESSMENT AND TREATMENT PLAN REVIEW
 - DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED
 - ADMISSION, CONTINUED SERVICE AND DISCHARGE CRITERIA

What Next?

THIRD: Create a Treatment Plan

- Goals
- Treatment priorities
- Types of counseling & education
- Detoxification
- Treatment priorities
- Recovery supports, including self-help groups
- Coercion

Coercion

Treatment does not need to be voluntary to be effective

- Court-Ordered Probation
- Family Pressure
- Employer Sanctions
- Medical Consequences

Self Help

- Complements and extends treatment efforts, but it is not treatment
- Most commonly used models include 12-Step (AA, NA) models
- Most treatment programs encourage self-help participation during/after treatment

12-Step Groups

- Myths
 - Only AA can treat alcoholics
 - Only a recovering individual can treat an addict
 - 12-step groups are intolerant of prescription medication
 - Groups are more effective than individual support because of confrontation

12-Step Groups

Facts

- Available 7 days/week, 24 hrs/day
- Work well with professionals
- Primary treatment modality is fellowship (identification)
- Safety and acceptance predominate over confrontation
- They offer a safe environment to develop intimacy



Medical Detoxification

- Medical detoxification is only the first stage of addiction treatment
- By itself, it does little to change longterm drug and alcohol use
 - There are high post-detoxification relapse rates
 - Detoxification is not a cure!
 - It prepares the person for further care

Medications

Medications are an important element of treatment for many patients, especially when combined with counseling and other behavioral therapies.

- Alcohol: Naltrexone (oral and injectable), Disulfiram, Acamprosate
- Opiates: Naltrexone, Methadone, Buprenorphine
- Nicotine: Nicotine replacement (gum, patches, spray, inhaler), Bupropion, Varenicline
- Stimulants: [None to date]

When Should We Suggest **Medications?**

- Nothing works": Psychosocial interventions are not effective for abstinence or reduced drinking
- "I've got to stop": An immediate serious need to stop or reduce drinking
- "Just help me stop": The patient wants to stop or reduce drinking but not interested or able to start counseling or self-help
- Thanks for the meds. I'll get it under control": Unable to accept the idea of a chronic disease Clinical Navigator, 1:2, CME

Outfitters, 2007

Why Recommend a Medication?

- Reduced drinking leads to abstinence
- Helps the motivated person stay abstinent when severe consequences for relapse
- Allows for time to
 - Learn coping skills
 - Build a social network
 - Re-establish intimate relationships

Why Don't People Take Medications Regularly?

Poor Adherence Because

- Medication "doesn't seem to work"
- Irrational worries about side effects and safety
- Side effects, especially early onset
- Complicated or frequent dosing
- Relapses: unintentional forgetting, reduced motivation
- Expense
- Believes that AA and NA discourage medications: not true

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- Myth of Self-Medication
 - Treating just the "underlying" disorders tends not to work
 - Depression doesn't make you drink
 - Drugs do make you feel good at first
 - But you feel less and less good and feel worse and more over time

"I Was Medicating My Disease"

"I Wasn't Medicating My Problems..."

"They Only Got Worse"

- Myth of Self-Medication
- Myth of Character Weakness
 - Weakness or will power has little to do with becoming addicted
 - Even the "educated and strong" from all walks of life succumb to drugs and alcohol

- Myth of Self-Medication
- Myth of Character Weakness
- Myth of Holding One's Liquor
 - The "Wooden Leg" Syndrome

IT DOES NOT PREDICT IMMUNITY TO ALCOHOLISM

IT PREDICTS ALCOHOLISM

- Myth of Self-Medication
- Myth of Character Weakness
- Myth of Holding One's Liquor
- Myth of Detoxification
 - Becoming abstinent is easy
 - Staying sober is incredibly difficult

- Myth of Self-Medication
- Myth of Character Weakness
- Myth of Holding One's Liquor
- Myth of Detoxification
- Myth of Brain Reversibility
 - Addiction produces permanent neurotransmitter and chemical changes
 - "Kindling" increases risk of permanent paranoia, hallucinations (from alcohol and stimulants), and emotional explosiveness

- Myth of Self-Medication
- Myth of Character Weakness
- Myth of Holding One's Liquor
- Myth of Detoxification
- Myth of Brain Reversibility
- Myth of Purification and Perfection

The Myth of Purification and Perfection

Five Myth-Conceptions

- Recovery means "detoxification"
- Purification is a means not an end
- Recovery as a developmental process is irrelevant
- Scientific research and the science of addiction has no bearing
- Drug-free treatment means NO opioid maintenance no matter how many relapses. You don't treat addiction with an addicting drug



True or False:

- Alcoholics can be taught to hold their liquor
- Even if addicts learn that they are selfmedicating, they still won't stop using
- The brain can get back to normal if one is recovering over time
- Most opiate addicts don't need to be on methadone
- My alcoholic father has no will to stop

Let Facts & Humility Get in the Way of Ideology & Unfounded Theory

- Craving and relapse represent how the brain has a stubborn switch that is stuck
- The potential for relapse is lifelong
- Opiate cravings are lifelong and vary in intensity over time
- People respectfully treated at their stage of development do better
- When cravings interfere with treatment, strategic treatment with OMT brings better outcomes
- Patients on OMT who look impaired need medical and treatment attention

So...

- Treatment must be medically & scientifically driven: "Show me the research!"
- "Drug-free" treatment is appropriate at a specific developmental stages of recovery for some, but not all, patients
- Condemning patients who are OMT patients is stigmatizing and does not promote recovery
- There is no debate...let's respect the humanness of people suffering and treat them

...Cut the person a break



What The Treatment Community Needs to Do: Long-Term Goals

- Foster a Learning Culture
- Be Organized
- Be Predictable
- Measure Outcomes
- Communicate with Other Agencies
- Base Treatment on Evidence and A Manualized Approach
- Integrate Services

Choose a Manual

Integrated Treatment for Dual Disorders

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Hazelden Co-occurring Disorders Program



Keep Fidelity to a Model of Treatment

Co-Occurring Disorders: Integrated Dual Disorders Treatment

Implementation Resource Kit



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Integrated Dual Disorders Treatment Fidelity Scale

This document is intended to help guide you in administering the Integrated Dual Disorders Treatment (IDDT) Fidelity Scale. In this document you will find the following:

Introduction

The introduction gives an IDDT overview and a who/what/how of the scale. There is also a checklist of suggested activities for before, during, and after the fidelity assessment that should lead to the collection of higher quality data, more positive interactions with respondents, and a more efficient data collection process.

Protocol

The protocol explains how to rate each item. In particular, it provides:

- I IA definition and rationale for each fidelity item. These items have been derived from comprehensive, evidence-based literature.
- I JA list of data sources most appropriate for each fidelity item (e.g., chart review, program leader interview, team meeting observation). When appropriate, a set of probe questions is provided to help you elicit the critical information needed to score the fidelity item. These probe questions were specifically generated to help you collect information from respondents that is free from bias such as social desirability.
- I Decision rules will facilitate the correct scoring of each item. As you collect information from various sources, these rules will help you determine the specific rating to give for each item.



Combine **Compute** Crosstrain Care **Compensate Collaborate**

Treatment Effectiveness

- Drug dependent people who participate in drug treatment
 - ↓ Drug use
 - ↓ Criminal activity
 - ↑ Employment
 - ↑ Social and intrapersonal functioning
 - ↑ Physical health
- Drug Use & Criminal Activity
 ↓↓ For virtually all who enter treatment ⇒
 ↑↑ results the longer they stay in treatment

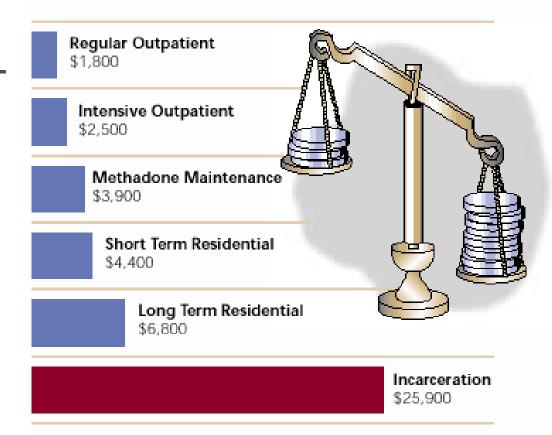
"Costly" or "Cost-Effective"

Incarceration is Expensive

Treatment is less expensive than not treating or incarceration

- 1 year of methadone maintenance = \$3,900 1 year of imprisonment = \$25,900
- 1:7 Rule: Every \$1 invested in treatment = up to \$7 in reduced crime-related costs
- Health Offset: Savings can be > 1:12 when health care costs are included
- Social and Personal Benefits Reduced interpersonal conflicts Improved workplace productivity Fewer drug-related accidents

Weighing the Costs Annual Cost per Drug Addict



DATA SOURCES: Center for Substance Abuse Treatment 1997 National Treatment Improvement Evaluation Study (NTIES) (Rockville, MD: CSAT, 1997); Federal Bureau of Prisons. Data prepared by the Physician Leadership on National Drug Policy National Project Office.

How Long Should Treatment Last ?



- Depends on patient problems/needs
- Less than 90 days is of limited or no effectiveness for residential/outpatient setting
- A minimum of 12 months is required for methadone maintenance
- Longer treatment is often indicated

Compliance & Chronicity

Chronic Illness	Medication Compliance	Relapse within 1 year
Diabetes	<60%	30-50%
Hypertension	<40%	50-70%
Asthma	<40%	50-70%
Diet or Behavioral Changes	<30%	NA

McLellan AT, Lewis DC, O'Brien CP, Kleber HD; Drug Dependence, A Chronic Medical Illness, JAMA, Oct 4, 2000

But...For How Long?

One Year After Treatment \blacksquare \Downarrow Drug selling 80% ■ ↓ Illegal activity 60% Arrests down 60% • \Downarrow Trading sex for money or drugs 60% ■ ↓ Illicit drug use 50% 🛛 🔱 Homelessness 43% ■ ↓ Receipt of welfare 11% 1 Employment 20%

How Long...?

Five Years After Treatment
 Users of *any* illicit drugs ↓ 21%

- Cocaine users 45%
- Marijuana users ↓ 28%
- Crack users by 17%
- Heroin users by 44%

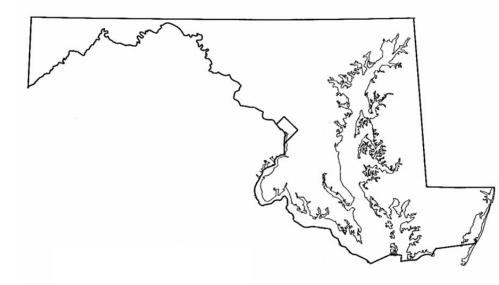
How Long...?

- Five Years After Treatment (continued)
 - The numbers engaging in illegal activity are significantly reduced
 - ↓ 56% stealing cars
 - ↓ 38% breaking and entering
 - ↓ 38% injecting drugs
 - ↓ 30% selling drugs
 - 4 34% homeless
 - U 23% victimizing others

How Will I Know I'm Doing Better? How Will We Know?

MAAAP

- What's My <u>Motivation</u>?
- Do I Feel <u>Attached in a</u> Healthy Way?
- Do I Have a Positive <u>A</u>lliance?
- Am I Working Up to My My <u>A</u>bility?
- Do I Feel Like I've Got a
 Place in this World?





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CHEMICAL DEPENDENCE IS A BRAIN DISEASE THAT HAS BIOLOGICAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL & SOCIAL COMPONENTS

Chronic, "cancerous" disorders require multiple strategies and multiple episodes of intervention

TREATMENT WORKS IN THE LONG RUN

TREATMENT IS COST-EFFECTIVE

Question 12 and 13

- What is the 1st Step of AA and NA?
- What's wrong with...
 - The Orioles?
 - The Nationals?
 - The Redskins?
 - The Wizards?

Thank You