

# Pregnant/Parenting Women Offenders: Treating Addiction Motherhood, Babies, Drugs, and Jailed: Getting Help



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# **Pregnant/Parenting Women Offenders: Treating Addiction**

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# Objectives

- We will discuss and explore:
  1. Medication Assisted Treatment
  2. Women's Health and the Impact of Substance Use
  3. SA Treatment for Women
  4. Pregnancy Management for Opiate Addicted Mothers
  5. Women Offenders and SA Treatment

# Introduction



- Please introduce yourself:
  - Your name and your organization
  - Your Experience with opioid treatment
  - Your experience working with women offenders and addicted pregnant women
  - Your expectations of today's training

# Savings

- One Addiction Treatment Dollar saves \$4.00 to \$7.00 Crime-related dollars ( Justice Costs and Theft to Citizens)

# Quick Facts Opiates and Offenders

- 52% Prisoner Population addicted to Heroin versus 2% general population (Mumola & Karberg, 2006)
- Limited treatment (until recently) for opioid addiction among prisoners (Dolan et al, 2007)
- Upon release very quick return to opioid use with severe impact for health, public safety, communicable disease & return to Prison (Farrell & Marsden, 2008; Kanato, 2008; Hough, 2002; Metz et al, 2010)

# MATCHING the Rules and the PLAN

- Treatment Professionals and Justice Professionals need to weave the PLAN and the RULES for successful outcomes
- Deliberate Coordination and Span the Divide
- Counselors/P&P Officers/Offenders – What can go wrong and what can go right



# Research Recommendations

- Evidence that MAT
- 1. Lowers relapse rates
- 2. Demonstrated utility for monitoring and managing probation conditions
- 3. Promotes capacity for recovery
- 4. Influences recidivism- lowers return to custody
- 5. Treatment Retention increases

# Opiate Treatment

- Overview of Medication Assisted Treatment with Buprenorphine and Methadone
- Role of NIDA and the ATTC



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# **NIDA/SAMHSA Blending Initiative**

- Developed in 2001 by NIDA and SAMHSA/CSAT, the initiative was designed to meld science and practice to improve addiction treatment.
- "Blending Teams," include staff from CSAT's ATTCs and NIDA researchers who develop methods for dissemination of research results for adoption and implementation into practice.
- Scientific findings are able to reach the frontline service providers treating people with substance use disorders. This is imperative to the success of drug abuse treatment programs throughout the country.

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from Addiction Research to Service Providers within an  
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country**



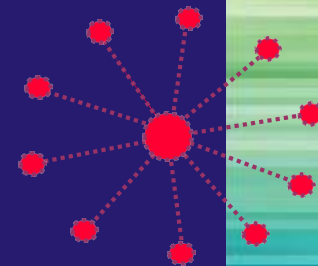
**Where does the research come from??**



# NIDA's Clinical Trials Network

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- Established in 1999- CTN
- NIDA's largest initiative to blend research and clinical practice by bringing promising therapies to community treatment providers
- Network of 16 University-based Regional Research and Training Centers (RRTCs) involving 240 Community Treatment Programs (CTPs) in 23 states, Washington D.C., and Puerto Rico



# **Buprenorphine Treatment: The Myths and The Facts**



# MYTH : Buprenorphine is simply a substitute for heroin or other opioids

**FACT:** Buprenorphine *is* a replacement medication; it is *not simply* a substitute

- ✓ Buprenorphine is a legally prescribed medication, not illegally obtained.
- ✓ Buprenorphine is a medication taken sublingually, a very safe route of administration.
- ✓ Buprenorphine allows the person to function normally.

# **MYTH : Providing medication alone is sufficient treatment for opioid addiction**

**FACT:** Buprenorphine is an important treatment option. However, the *complete* treatment package must include other elements, as well.

- ✓ Combining pharmacotherapy with counseling and other ancillary services increases the likelihood of success.

# **MYTH : Patients are still getting high**

**FACT:** When taken sublingually, Buprenorphine is slower acting, and does not provide the same “rush” as heroin.

- ✓ Buprenorphine has a ceiling effect (32 mg) resulting in lowered experience of the euphoria felt at higher doses.

# **A Brief History of Opioid Treatment**







# Opium





# The Plant of Joy-Papaver Somniferum

- Milky sap in the pod is Opium and extracted after petals fall
- First Use 4000 BC , by 1500 mixed with Brandy to make Laudanum
- 1805 Morphine isolated from the sap –named Morphine for the Greek God of Dreams – Morpheus
- 1860 British are largest drug cartel importing 280,000 pounds per year

# And more

- 1868 US Medical Text states "opiates cause a feeling of delicious ease...makes you for a time a better and greater man"
- 1874 Big Switch in opinion- medicine must address the scourge of Morphine with an alternative
- 1898 Young Bayer chemist Alder Wright boiled morphine with acetic acid and Heroin resulted
- 1898 Bayer the German Pharmaceutical Giant markets the new alternative to Morphine

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# Heroin



# Heroin Notes

- Heroin Potency 1960 = 4%
- Heroin Potency 2014 = 35%
- Average number of Days from Snorting to IV Drug Use = 35 days (Tolerance)
- US Heroin now smuggled from South America
- South American Poppy now cultivated has high concentration of Morphine in pod sap +13%



# Opioid Epidemic in a National Survey Population

According to the 2007 National Survey on Drug Use and Health:

- An estimated 6.9 million persons were currently using prescription drugs non-medically (variety of drugs) .
- An estimated 5.2 million were using pain relievers for non-medical purposes.
- Approximately 4.4 million persons used OxyContin non-medically at least once in their lifetime.
- Estimates that 1.7 million are Heroin Addicts



# Intervention Timeline

- 1964: Methadone is approved.
- 1974: Narcotic Treatment Act limits methadone treatment to specifically licensed Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs).
- 1984: Naltrexone is approved, but was rarely used (approved in 1994 for alcohol addiction).

# Intervention Efforts Continue

- 2000: Drug Addiction Treatment Act of 2000 (DATA 2000) expands the clinical context of medication-assisted opioid treatment.
- 2002: Tablet formulations of buprenorphine (Subutex<sup>®</sup>) and buprenorphine/naloxone (Suboxone<sup>®</sup>) were approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

# **Drug Addiction Treatment Act of 2000 (DATA 2000)- Tackling the Problem**

- Expands treatment options to include both the general health care system and opioid treatment programs.
  - Expands number of available treatment slots
  - Allows opioid treatment in office settings
  - Sets physician qualifications for prescribing the medication

# Approval of Buprenorphine and Buprenorphine/Naloxone

- U.S. FDA approved buprenorphine (marketed as Subutex<sup>®</sup>) and buprenorphine/naloxone (marketed as Suboxone<sup>®</sup>) for opioid addiction treatment on October 8, 2002.
- Product launched in U.S. in March 2003
- Interim rule changes to federal regulation (42 CFR Part 8) on May 22, 2003 enabled Opioid Treatment Programs (specialist clinics) to offer Buprenorphine.

# Why A Need for Alternative Options

- Move outside traditional structure to:
  - Attract more patients into treatment
  - Expand access to treatment
  - Reduce stigma associated with treatment
- Buprenorphine is a potential vehicle to bring about these changes.

# Opioid Addiction and the Brain

- Opioids attach to specific receptors in the brain called mu receptors.
- Activation of these receptors causes a pleasure response.
- Repeated stimulation of these receptors creates a tolerance – requiring more drug for same effect.

# **Medication Assisted Treatment**

Methadone and Buprenorphine

# Methadone



# Darvocet





# Agonist – Full

- Methadone is full agonist as it binds to the opiate receptor (Mu) and activates the receptor
- Dosage is titrated to provide adequate activation to prevent craving
- Stable dosing does not produce euphoria
- Promotes return to daily life activities
- Slow excretion ( once daily dose)

# Methadone Maintenance Therapy

- Used effectively and safely for over 30 years
- Not intoxicating or sedating, if prescribed properly
- Effects do not interfere with ordinary activities
- Suppresses opioid withdrawal for 24-36 hours
- Half life about 60 hours
- Methadone withdrawal for some can be difficult
- Safe for Pregnancy

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# Agonists- Partial

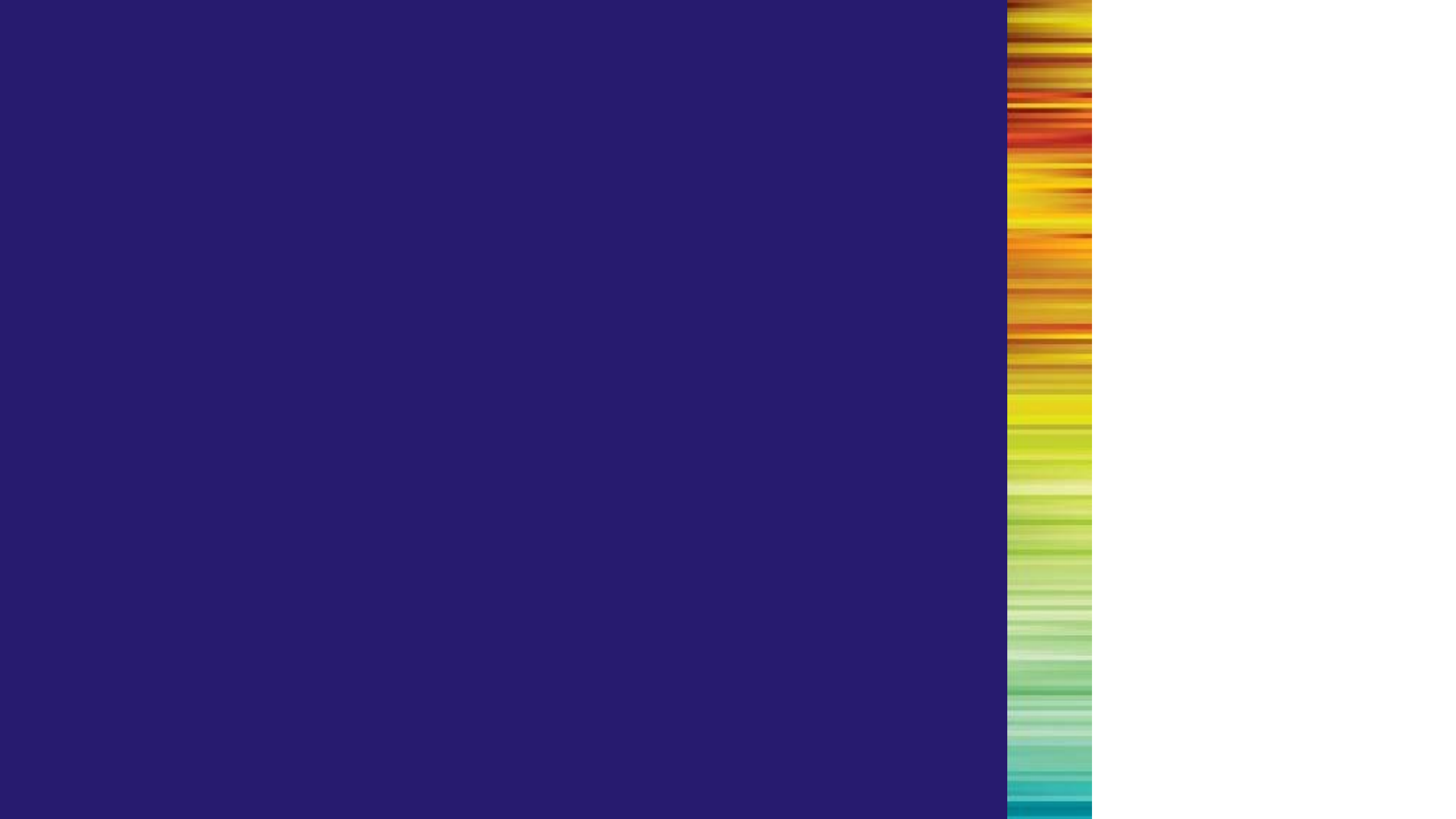
- Suboxone is a Partial Agonist as it is formulated with NALOXONE resulting in PARTIAL Agonist actions by blocking Opioid receptors from reacting to intake of more opiate –based drugs
- The compound acts to prevent any euphoric stimulation from increased doses of Buprenorphine having a “ceiling effect at 32 mg”
- The compound provides a degree of protection in the event of overdose
- Half Life estimated 24-42 hours

# Summary MAT

- Use of medications as a component of treatment can be an important in helping the person to achieve their treatment goals.
- DATA 2000 expands the options to include both opioid treatment programs and the general medical system.
- Opioid addiction affects a large number of people, yet many people do not seek treatment or treatment is not available when they do.
- Expanding treatment options to Office –based care in addition to Methadone Clinic care can
  - make treatment more attractive to people;
  - expand access; and
  - reduce stigma.

# Blockade Drugs Full Antagonist Effect

- Naloxone/Narcan – rapid acting to block effects of opioid overdose , used as Nasal Spray
- Naltrexone- Tablet form used for Alcohol craving
- Naltrexone- Injection ( one month half life) used for Opioid use (Vivitrol)



# Women and Substance Use

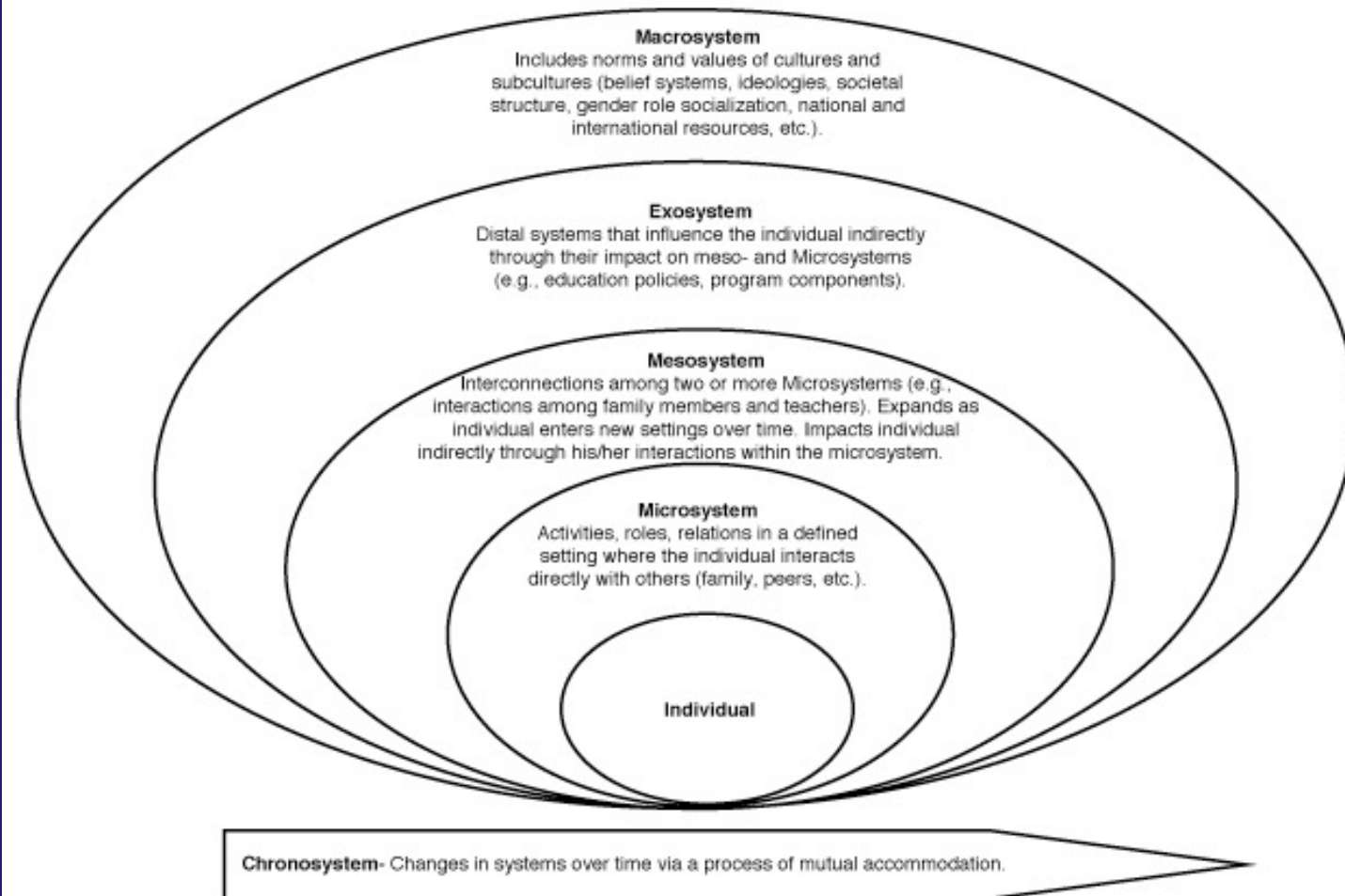
## Ecological Conceptual Model of Treatment





# Bronfenbrenner (1979)

## Why we behave the way we do



# Big 5 Systems

- Micro: Next-to-you we both influence and are influenced by these social interactions
- Meso: Relationships are reciprocal ( neglected childhood less than adequate school attachment)
- Exo: External Contextual Shaping Influences
- Macro: Cultural & Social Background
- Chrono-system: Across the life course

# *Women and Addiction*

**Do women need specific treatment approaches**

Why an Ecological Approach



# Impact Substance Abuse for Women

- Life Management
- Health
- Relationships
- Pregnancy
- Motherhood

# Life Management

## \*\*\*Chaotic Lifestyle

- Coping
- Stress Management
- Problem Solving
- Goal Setting
- Budgets
- Babies

# Health

## \*\*\*Physical Responses to Drug & Alcohol

- Telescoping addiction patterns
- Telescoping major health problems
- Reproductive problems

# Psychological Health

## \*\*\*Companion Problems

- Depression
- Anxiety
- PTSD (Trauma & Violence)

# Pregnancy

- Pre-natal Exposure (Alcohol, Tobacco, & Drugs)
- Delayed Pre-natal care
- Pregnancy complications
- Birth outcomes

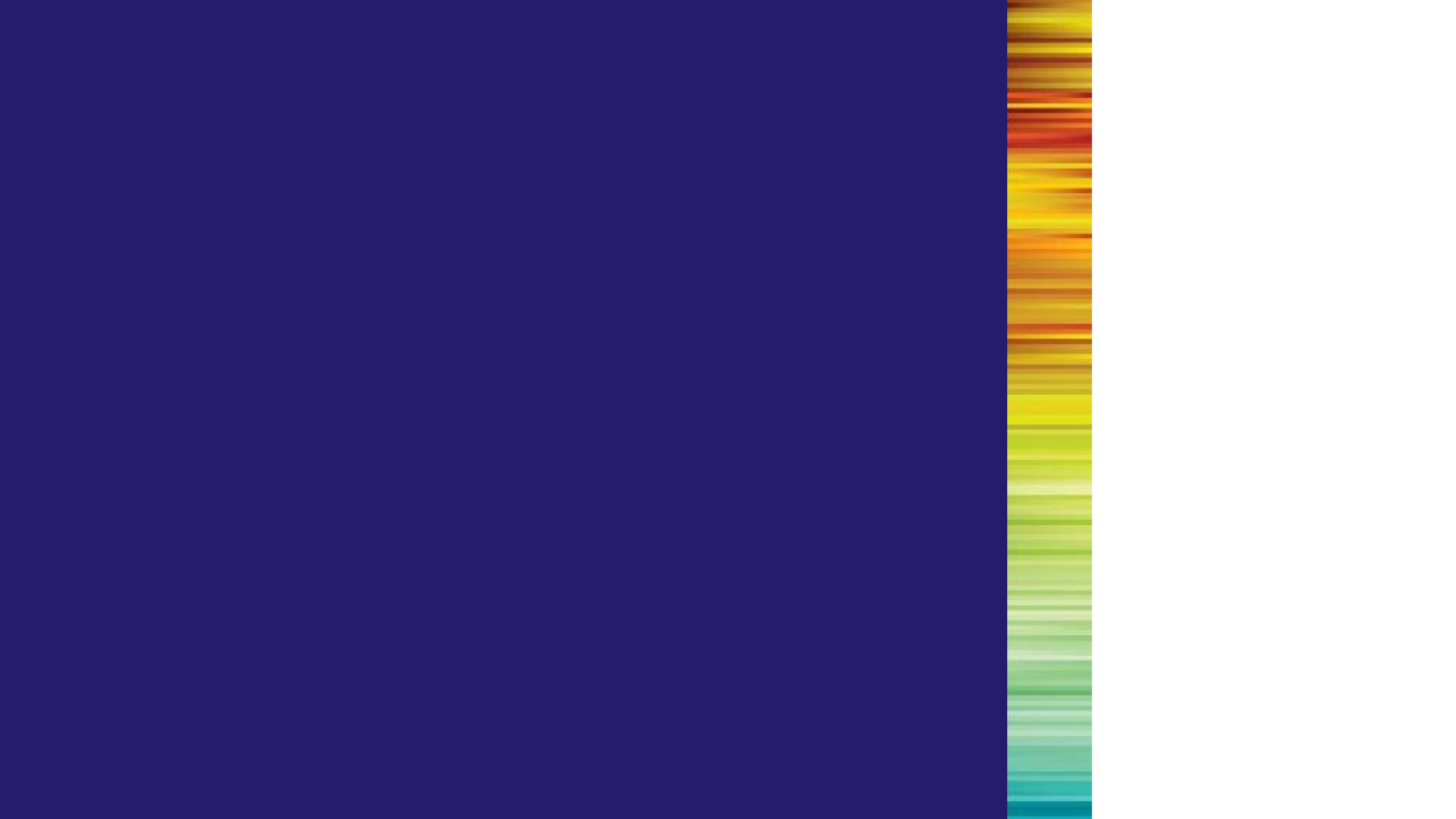


# Motherhood

- Abstinence for Pregnancy frequent return after birth
- Babies & Kids loved but lost
- Stigma

# Relationships

- Limited social supports
- Abandonment by significant other
- Living with substance abusing other
- Intimate violence patterns
- Conflicted interpersonal relationships



# Women & Addiction

## Intervention and Treatment



# Opioid Dependence in Pregnancy

- Prenatal Exposure to Drugs and Alcohol estimated to be 4-16% of pregnancies
- 54,000 Pregnancies/year (underestimated) affected by opioid abuse
- Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome 4.39/1000 births (2009)
- Opioid abuse 1<sup>st</sup> Trimester 20% estimated prevalence (2009)
- Prevalence of accompanying Alcohol Abuse= 14%

# Opioid Intoxication for Pregnancy

## \*\*\* Baby

- Hypoxemia
- Acidosis
- Growth Restriction
- Fetal Demise

## \*\*\*\* Mother

- Respiratory Depression
- Aspiration
- Overdose

# Opioid Withdrawal for Pregnancy

## \*\*\*Baby

- Miscarriage
- Pre Term Labor
- Premature Rupture Membranes
- Fetal Demise

## \*\*\*Mother

- Tachycardia
- Hypertension
- Nausea & Vomiting
- Pain
- Metabolic Demand

# Alcohol and Pregnancy

- Alcohol is toxic to the developing baby
- Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders
- NO safe amount NO safe time during a pregnancy



# Pregnancy Care for Opioid Dependence

- Opioid Maintenance is standard of care
- Detox Dangers:
  - A) 29% will return to Drug use after birth
  - B) 25% of pregnant women being detoxed had withdrawal which resulted in active labor

# MAT- Methadone for Pregnancy

- Decades of experience for pregnancy safety
- Promotes connections to pre-natal care services
- Supports improved pregnancy/birth outcomes
- At birth foster home placement rates reduced

# Methadone Drawbacks

- Daily dosing
- Stigma
- \*\* Exposure to others who are abusing drugs
- Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome 50% of all newborns

# MAT-Buprenorphine for Pregnancy

- Office-based treatment
- Prescribed and take at home
- Less stigma
- Less exposure to others
- Less severe NAS and shorter hospitalization for newborn
- Initiation somewhat risky because pregnant woman must be in early stage of withdrawal

# Buprenorphine Drawbacks

- Not effective for IV drug using with high doses
- Need Waiver to treat , not FDA approved
- Research studies suggest safe to use
- \*\*\* High drop out rate 33% (Methadone treatment drop out rate 18%)

# Post Partum

- High risk for post partum depression
- Breast Feeding is safe
- Detox in post partum period not recommended
- Must be connected to social and instrumental supports

# Preventing Rapid Repeat Pregnancy

- 87% of Opioid Dependent women have unintended pregnancies
- Discuss pregnancy spacing
- Long Acting Reversible Contraception (LARC) methods can be helpful ( Implant or Intrauterine Device)

# Summary:

## Opioid Addiction and Pregnancy

- Methadone maintenance is still the treatment of choice and standard of care in the US.
- Buprenorphine treatment is possible, evidence is building (MOTHER study, 2012 )
- Detoxification is relatively contraindicated unless conducted in hospital setting where the patient can be closely monitored.



# Treatment Engagement

- Motivational Interactions & CBT & Supportive
- Skillful management of countertransference
- Address the Access Barriers
- Awareness of influence of sig. others
- Awareness of the Exo-system's influences (network policies, laws, legal system)
- Provide care management
- Counseling must be incorporated with MAT







# Justice Involved Populations

- Are they suitable Candidates for Office Based MAT
- What are the challenges with this patient Group
- How effective is this treatment for this Group
- Will this treatment approach reduce repeated criminal acts

# Criminal Justice Population

- \* + 2 million incarcerated daily
- 2012- Released 708,677
- 2012- Intake 703,798
- 75%+ Women inmates are addicted
- 60% Male inmates Addicted
- Court Data Suggests 61% criminal offenders report opioid use
- 200,000 Heroin Addicts Released annually



# New Paradigm

- Addiction transition Medical Model from Social Model
- Addiction = “Treatable Chronic Brain Disease”
- Must involve both Treatment & Justice Professionals
- Partnering of PUBLIC SAFETY & PUBLIC HEALTH
- Public safety interventions with therapeutic interventions for those whose acts are related to their ADDICTIVE BEHAVIORS

**Unique Opportunity for the Justice  
System to Intervene and Disrupt the  
Cycle**



# Justice Involved Messaging

- Understand the perspective of Treatment and Recovery
- Understand that Medication Assisted Treatment/Substitution Treatment/Opiate Replacement Therapy – Terms used to emphasize and align all resources for the best outcomes
- Understand need-based options to match interventions with individuals
- Understand MAT is “not a Cure” but a medical approach for stability



# Justice Involved Challenges

- Workforce needs training about scope of MAT
- Care continuity among field, facilities, treatment centers
- Payment issues – Rate Structures
- Standards and Policies at each intersect  
Court/Facility/Field/Treatment
- Legal Issues Restrictions and Denial across Jurisdictions
- Diversion

# Challenges in the Correctional Setting

- Movement of inmate patients –transferred, released, hospitalized – interrupted care
- Storage, Access, Count, Missing ( these are Controlled Drugs)
- Guest Dosing (Methadone Clinics )
- Contraband
- Diverting

# P&P: Challenges for Field Supervision

- Using MAT for stop gap between “fixes”
- Using MAT to attempt euphoria
- Drug Screens show evidence of poly substance use
- Falsify prescriptions for Suboxone
- Limited Capacity of community clinics

# Will Crime be Reduced

- Risk –reducing intervention
- Research suggests addicted individual will remain in treatment longer
- Research suggests can be helpful for first-time offenders
- Evidence suggests that MAT will reduce opiate use
- Evidence suggests that there is an impact on Criminal Acts and longer term studies underway to strengthen the evidence

**Public Safety, Public Health,  
Treatment share Reciprocating and  
Reverberating Goals in the Huge  
Problem of Substance Addiction**



# Effective Coordination of Care

Effective coordination combines the strengths of various systems and professions, including: physicians, addiction counselors, 12-step programs, and community support service providers.



# Attributes of Successful Care Coordination

- Understanding roles for each participant in the treatment team
- Ongoing communication across professions
- Personal contact between partners in the system

# Justice Involved Professionals and Treatment Professionals

- Mutual understanding Risk-Need-Responsivity (RNR) and Individual Recovery
- Discuss Diverse opinions to avoid impact on care coordination
- Understand roles and obligations
- Share common goal of building noncriminal alternative behaviors despite risky situations



# CJ and Treatment: Goals

## Treatment Goals

- Reduce Recidivism
- Evaluate and Treat
- Build Skills
- Prevent further Pathology
- Promote recovery

## CJ Goals

- Reduce Recidivism
- Monitor & Supervise
- Focus on Public Safety
- Adherence to Treatment
- Respond to the Court

# Common Ground

- Public Safety
- Adherence to treatment
- Recovery

# Treatment

- This treatment approach is maintenance and of a long duration and relapse is not considered a failure. It is a chronic problem with cascading impacts.
- Both Professional Arenas need to express and span differing perspectives

# Criminal Justice Perspective

- Public Safety –reduce crime and recidivism with this intervention
- Non adherence carries consequences
- Relapse carries consequences
- Promote recovery

# Justice Involved Women

- MAT for Parolees and probationers suggest
- 1. Increased Treatment Retention
- 2. Improved cooperation with P&P Officers
- 3. Decrease in violations
- 4. Evidence of improved behaviors/conduct
- 5. Evidence in reduction of criminal acts

# Treatment Tool Kit

- MAT not the only tool for the Justice Involved Women
- Must be incorporated into the Comprehensive Recovery tool bag
- Counseling, Motivational Intervention Strategies
- Drug Testing
- Diversion & non-compliance carry justice driven outcomes

# Supervising /Counseling **MAT Women** **Offender** Patients

## Do not use other Drugs

- Other drug/alcohol use impedes recovery growth
- Development of new dependencies is possible

## Taking Care of Business

- Addiction is a full-time job
- Normal responsibilities often neglected
- Take back your life

# Substance Abuse Treatment and Women Offenders: Key Principles

- Coordinated Approaches
- Incentives and Sanctions
- Sustained Participation
- Multimodal Approaches
- Medication Assisted Treatment
- Skills Based Interventions
- Treatment Transitions



# Going Home

