



DRUG COURT: MODERN SOLUTIONS FOR A SYSTEMIC PROBLEM

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- Prison Overcrowding Stats
 - 81% in prison for violent crimes
 - 43% incarcerated for capital murder, murder, rape in the first degree, robbery in the first degree
 - 19% of inmates in prison for “non-violent” or drug offenses
 - Dept. of Corrections is largest provider of mental health services

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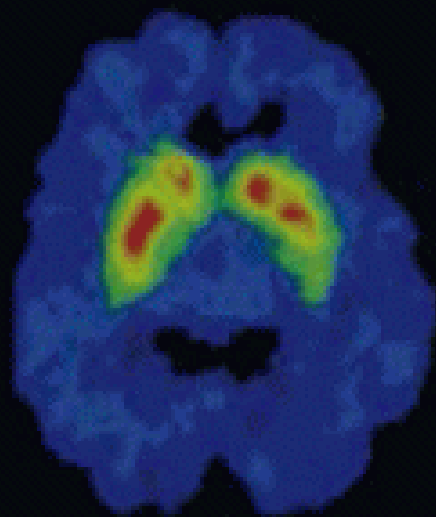
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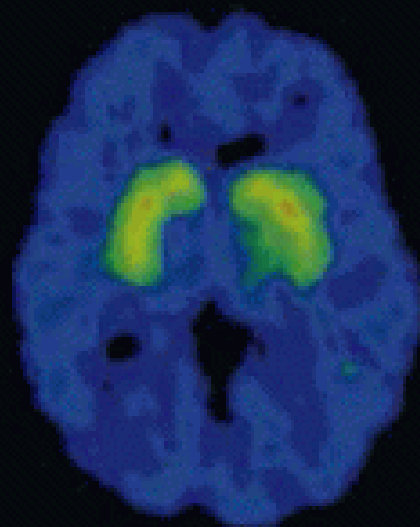
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YOUR BRAIN ON DRUGS

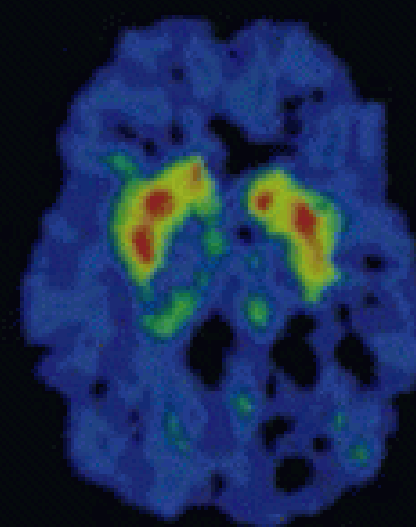
BRAIN RECOVERY WITH PROLONGED ABSTINENCE



Healthy Person



**METH Abuser
1 month abstinence**



**METH Abuser
14 months abstinence**



PROBLEMS WITH STANDARD RECOVERY

- Majority of inpatient programs are 21-28 days

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- Incarceration doesn't work
 - What's the solution?

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DRUG COURT

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- Individuals charged with a felony drug or drug-related case
- Plead guilty and enter the program
- Adjudication is withheld until completion or termination from drug court
 - Successfully complete = Dismissal of criminal case
 - Termination = Adjudication of guilty and prison
- Multidisciplinary approach

DRUG COURTS WORK

- Collaboration involving
 - Judges
 - Prosecutors
 - Defense Attorneys
 - Case Managers
 - Program Coordinator
 - Treatment Providers
 - Law Enforcement
 - Community Partners

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WHO DO WE SERVE?

RISK/NEEDS ASSESSMENT

		<u>RISK</u>	
<u>NEEDS</u>	LOW RISK	HIGH RISK	HIGH RISK
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DRUG COURTS WORK

- Treatment—The engine that drives drug courts
 - Group therapy
 - Individual Therapy
 - Inpatient treatment
 - Outpatient treatment
- Personalized treatment based on the client
 - PTSD
 - Parents
 - Childhood trauma
 - Sexual trauma

DRUG COURTS WORK

- Proximal Goals
 - Attend, Admit, Attempt
 - Try
 - Be honest
- Distal Goals
 - Abstain, Accept, Adhere
 - 4 tools for survival
 - Sobriety
 - Driver's License
 - Education
 - Employed

DRUG COURTS WORK

- Honesty
 - The hardest goal

DRUG COURTS WORK

- Proximal/Distal Goals
- Proximal/Distal Incentives and Sanctions
 - Incentives
 - Applause
 - Less frequent drug screens
 - Gift Certificates
 - Atta boy, Atta girl
 - Go first in court

DRUG COURTS WORK

- Proximal/Distal Goals
- Proximal/Distal Incentives and Sanctions
 - Sanctions
 - Curfew
 - Jail sanctions
 - More frequent drug screens
 - Essays
 - Community Service
 - Revocation

DRUG COURTS WORK

- Drug Screens
 - Color Code
 - Visualized screen
 - Gas Chromatography-Mass Spectrometer confirmations
 - Dilutions

DRUG COURTS WORK

- Prosocial Activity
 - Drug Court Girls
 - Zumba
 - Running
 - Fishing
 - Yoga

DRUG COURT

- The most widely researched criminal justice program in the country.
- The most successful criminal justice intervention in the country.
 - Treatment court participants are 37% less likely to test positive for illicit substances 3 years after successful completion of the program.

DRUG COURTS WORK

- Of those that successfully complete drug court, 87% are arrest free two years after completion
- Cost savings (Nationwide)
 - For every \$1 tax dollar spent, there is a \$3.36 savings in prison/probation
 - Up to \$27 in overall cost savings per \$1 spent
 - Of 5 million children entering foster care between 2000 and 2017, 1.2 million had parental drug use as the primary cause
 - 2000—15% 2017—36%

OUR PARTNERS

- PACT
- Decatur-Morgan Hospital
- Community Free Clinic
- Calhoun Community College
- Morgan County Economic Development Assoc.
- Mental Health Center of North Central Alabama
- Neighborhood Christian Center

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Watch Drug Court
 - Every other Friday at 9:30 a.m.
- Run/Zumba with us
- Hire our clients
- Community Service
- Donate gift cards or services

LONG-TERM GOALS

- Children and adult art therapy
- Ambassadors
- Community Service

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QUESTIONS?

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