

CALL TO ACTION: OPIOID EPIDEMIC IN SWLA LOUISIANA

Building Partnerships to Reduce Overdose Deaths



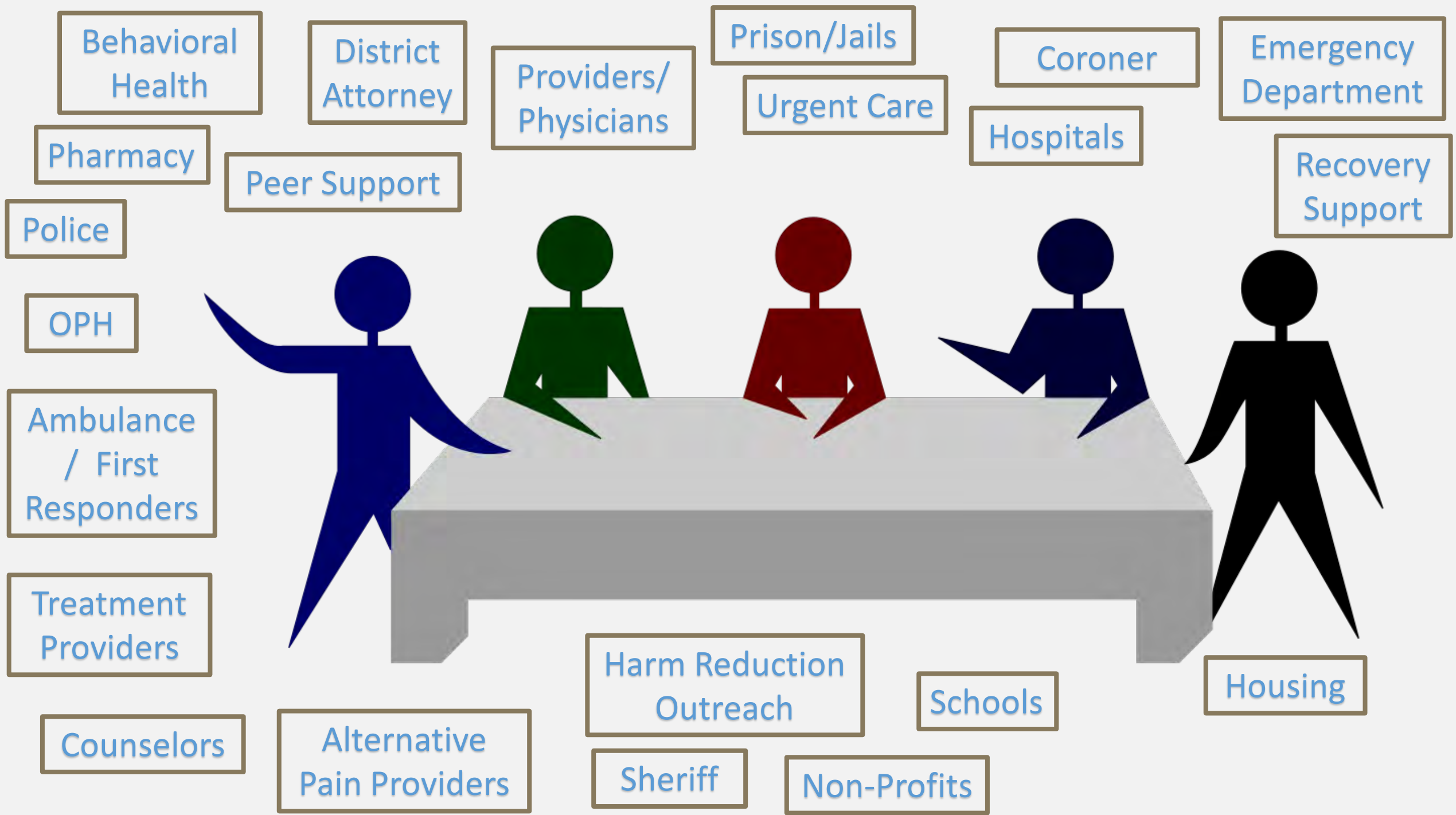
Opioid Response in Region 5

- To raise awareness about the opioid crisis
- Collect and analyze data to help us understand local trends and points of intervention
- Connect multi-sector partners, bring all players to the table
- Connect people to resources to prevention, intervention/harm reduction, and treatment services (SAVE LIVES)

Walk away today knowing....

OBJECTIVES

- What does the opioid epidemic look like in SWLA Louisiana?
- Current best practice in overdose prevention and substance use disorder treatment
- Looking Forward: What are we doing and what can we do together?
 - Who are the community partners engaged in the fight?
 - How can you help to reduce overdoses?

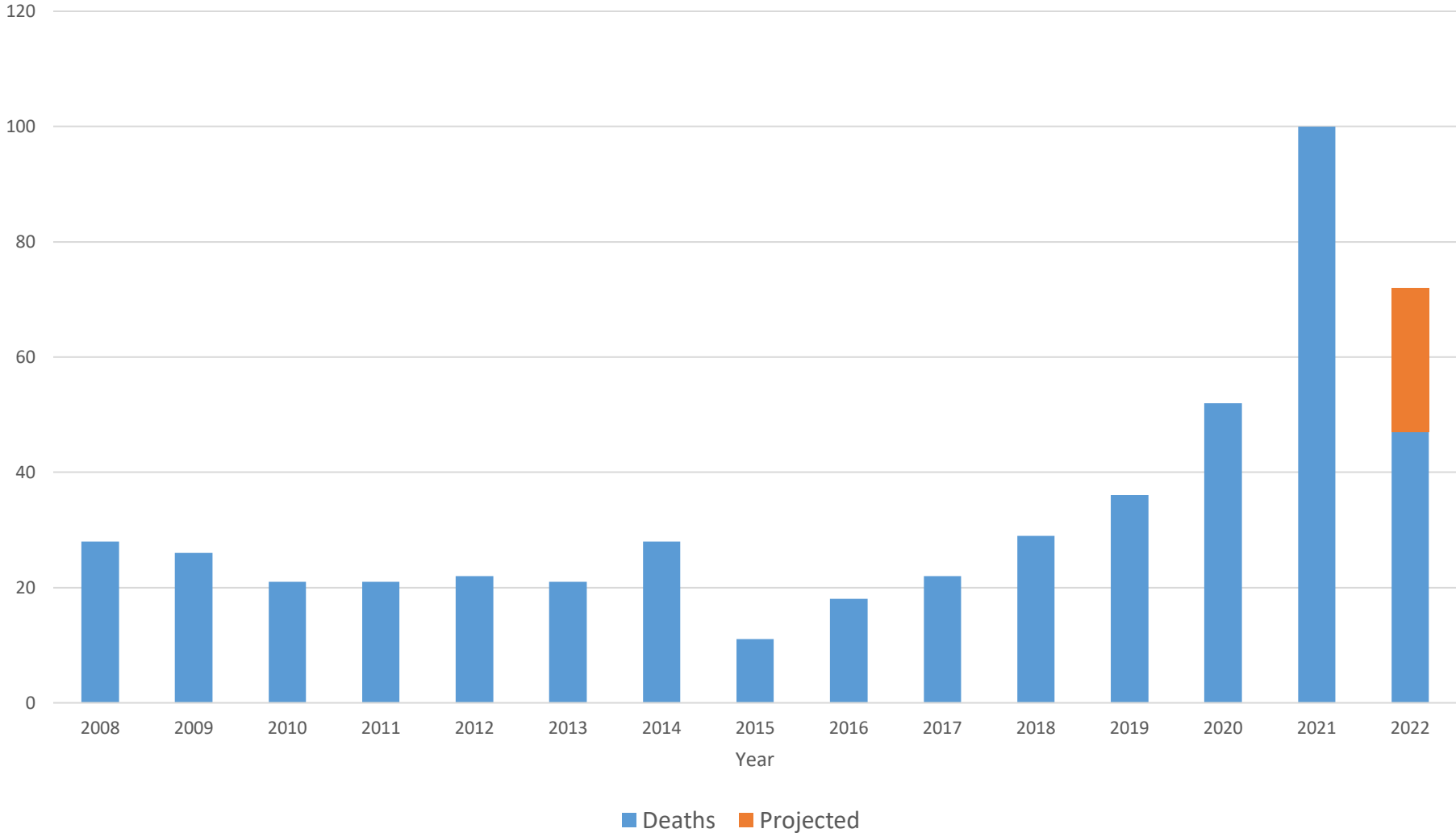


2022 OVERDOSE DEATHS – CALCASIEU PARISH

Data Source: Calcasieu Parish Coroner's Office



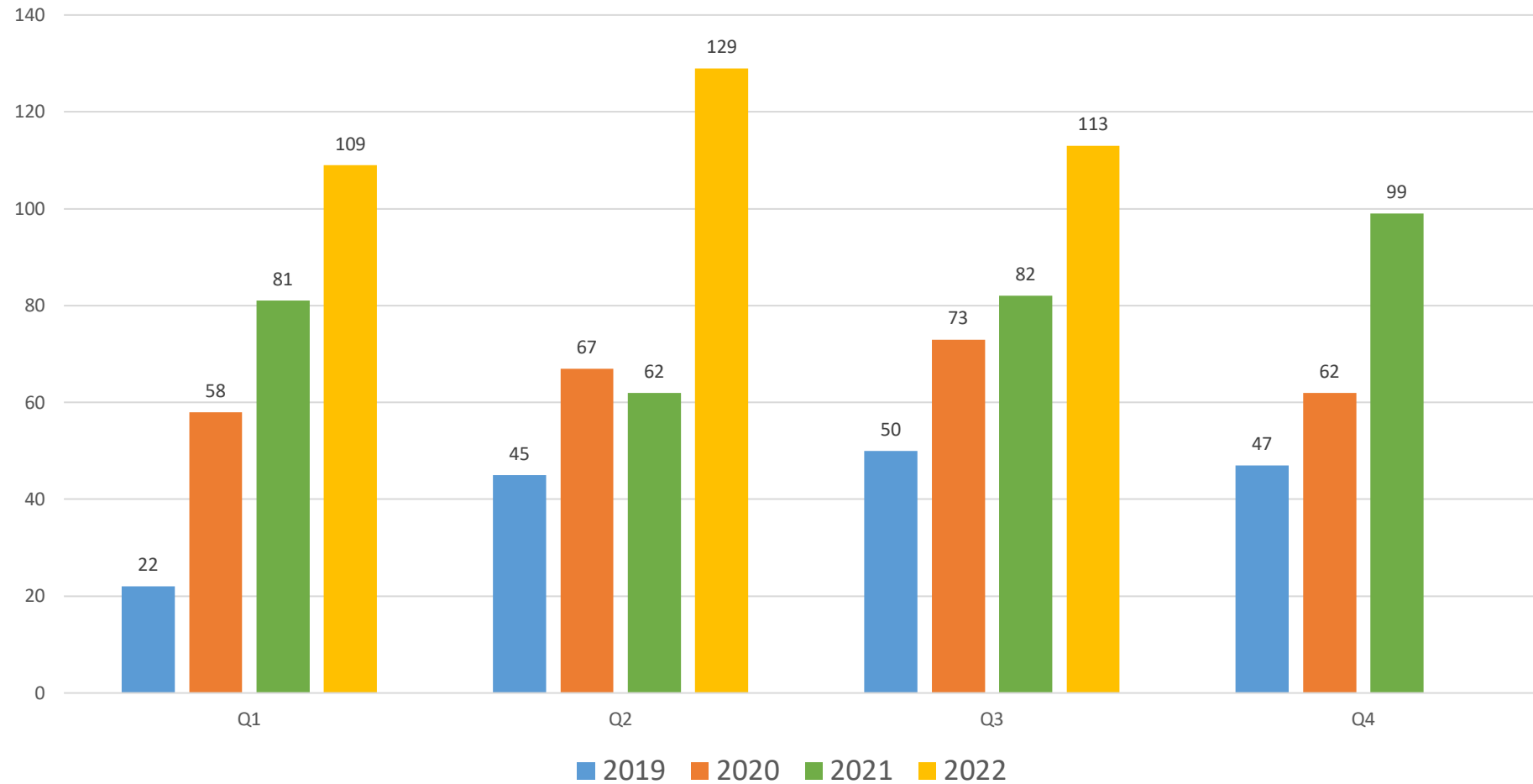
Total Drug Overdose Deaths, Calcasieu Parish 2008-2022



Source: Calcasieu Parish Coroner's Office



Ambulance Overdose Calls Region 5



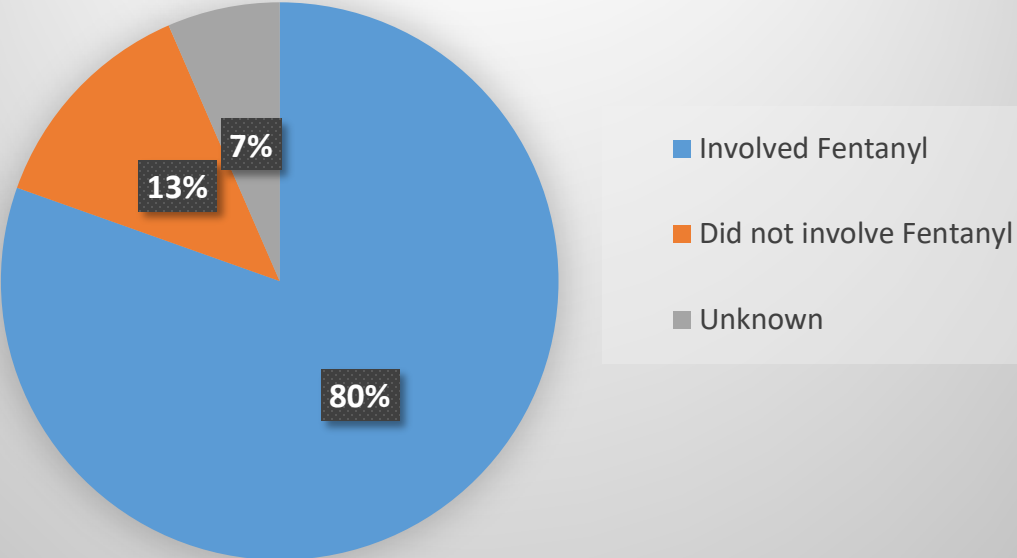
Source: Acadian Ambulance

Total Overdose Deaths 2022 – Calcasieu Parish

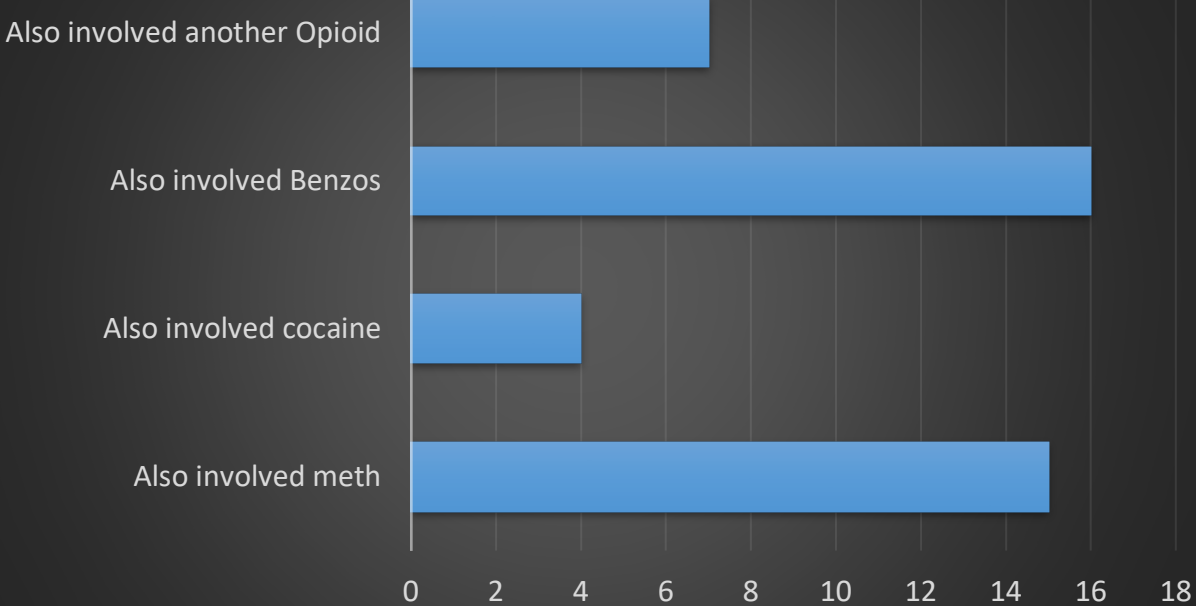
- January 2022 – August 2022
- Total of 46 deaths reported. This could be underreported.
- Average age of 35 years old – age range from under age 18 – 63 years
- The vast majority (95%) had a previously reported history of prior drug use, but only 19% had a documented history of seeking care.

Fentanyl is now ubiquitous in the drug supply

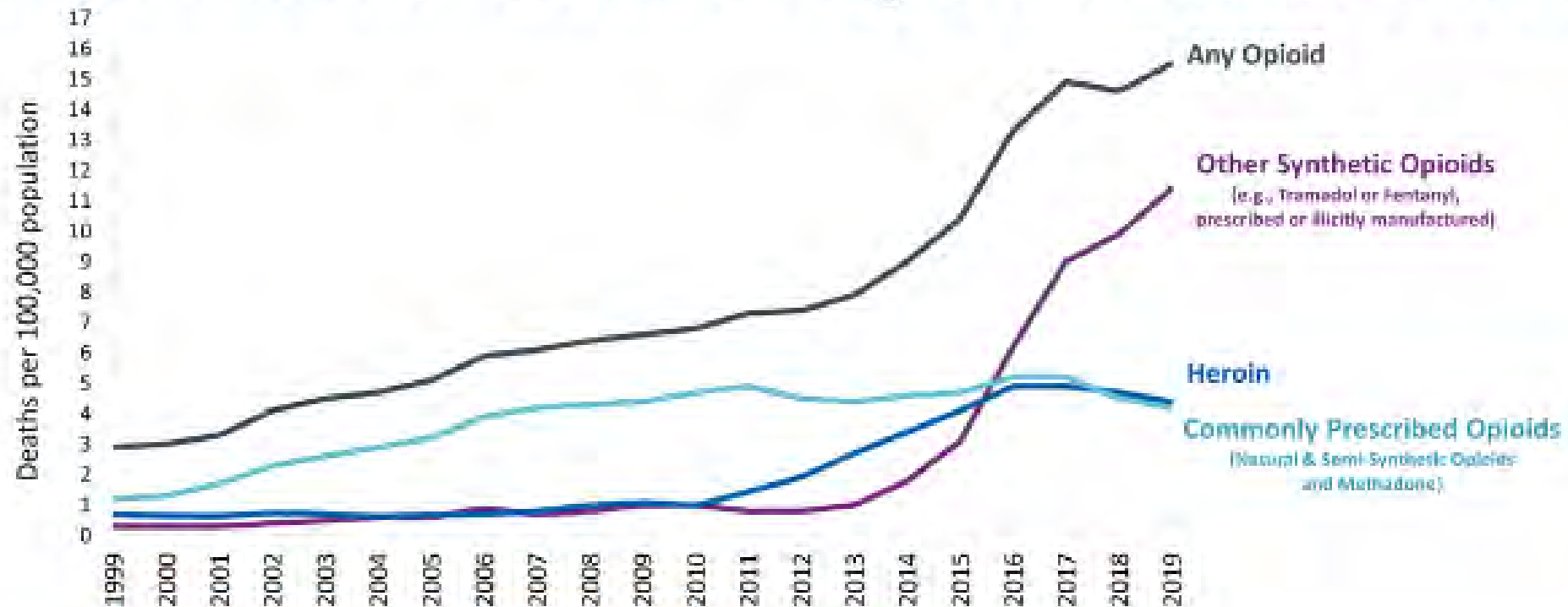
2022 Calcasieu Parish Overdose Death – Fentanyl Involvement



Of the Cases involving Fentanyl,



Three Waves of the Rise in Opioid Overdose Deaths



Wave 1: Rise in Prescription Opioid Overdose Deaths Started in 1999

Wave 2: Rise in Heroin Overdose Deaths Started in 2010

Wave 3: Rise in Synthetic Opioid Overdose Deaths Started in 2013

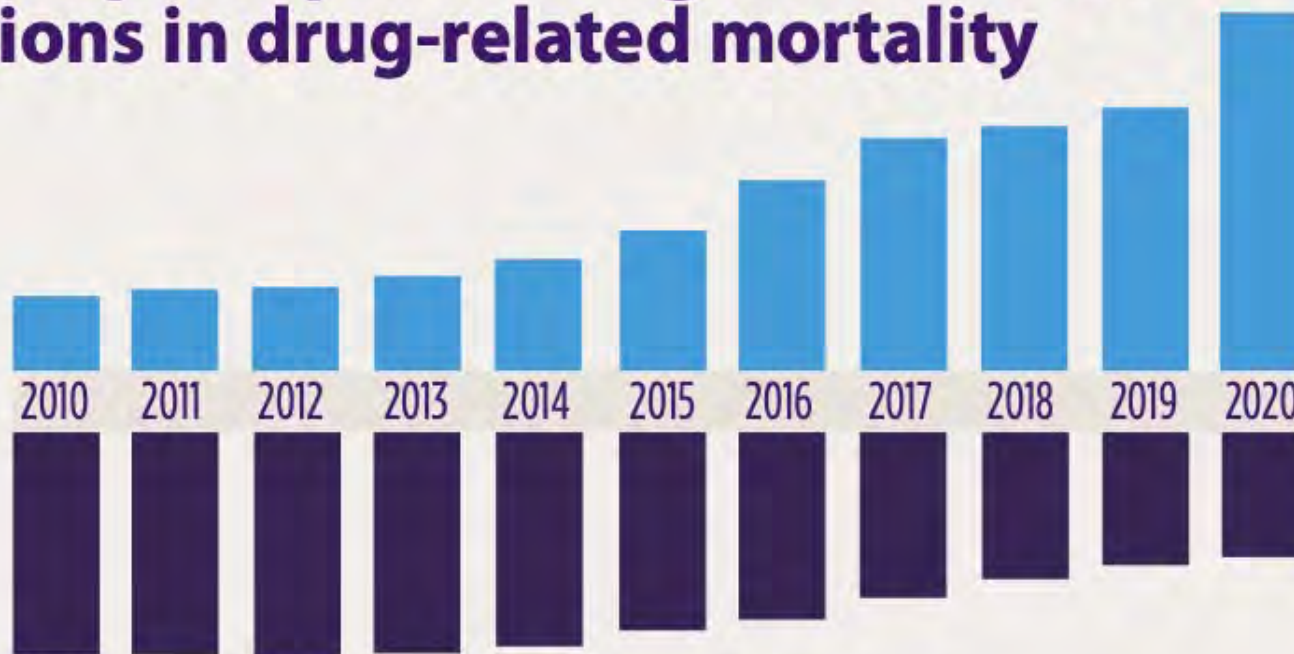
SOURCE: National Vital Statistics System Mortality File.

As Opioid Prescribing Decreased, Overdose Deaths Increased

Reductions in opioid prescribing have not led to reductions in drug-related mortality

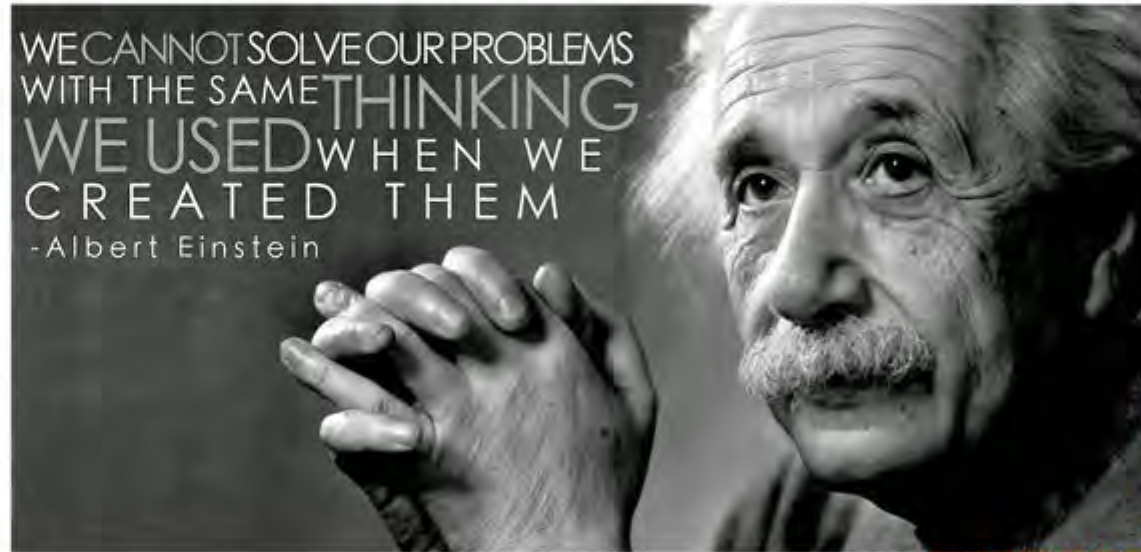
Overdose deaths:
94,134*

Opioid prescriptions:
143,390,951¹
(44.4% decrease
since 2011)



*Provisional data for the 12-month period Jan. 2020–Jan. 2021
<https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/vsrr/drug-overdose-data.htm>

Changing the ways we think about addiction



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"Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better."

--Maya Angelou

Substance Use Disorder...

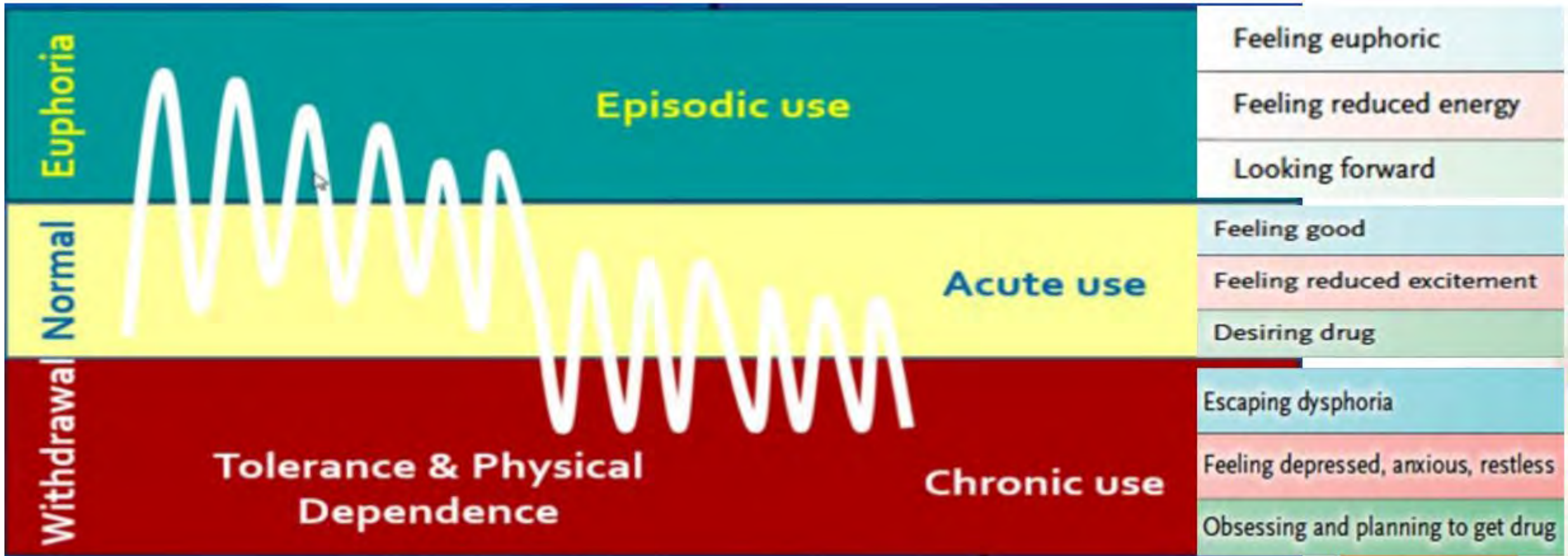
- Is NOT a moral failing
- Is NOT a spiritual failing
- Is NOT a character defect
- Is NOT a lack of will or responsibility
- Is NOT an addictive personality type

- IS a treatable chronic disease that can be managed successfully - usually with medications, behavioral therapy, and recovery support.
- HAS the potential for both recurrence (relapse) and recovery.
- IS highly stigmatized

Substance Use Disorder...

- In fact, approximately **half the risk for addiction is conferred by genetics.**
- Most people do not develop addiction. However, because initial experimentation and use is mostly rewarding with few negative consequences, use continues.
- With repeated exposure, a person with SUD's **ability to self-regulate impulses to use the drug is impaired.** (ie it CHANGES YOUR BIAN)
- Individuals are often unable to honor their sincere and genuine desire to abstain.
- WHY DON'T "THOSE PEOPLE" STOP? Because – functional and structural changes in the brain affect the circuits of impulse control, judgement, reward, memory, and motivation.

Natural History of Substance Use Disorder

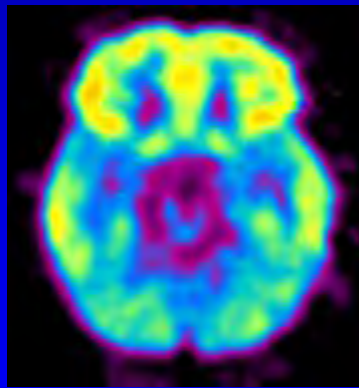


Addiction is Like Other Diseases...

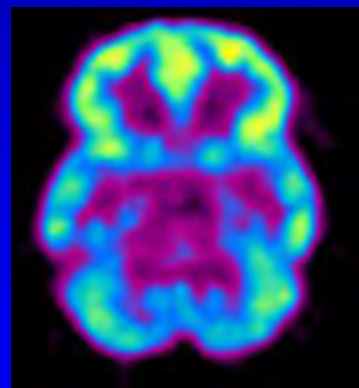
- It is preventable
- It is treatable
- It changes biology
- If untreated, it can last a lifetime

Decreased Brain Metabolism
in *Drug Abuser*

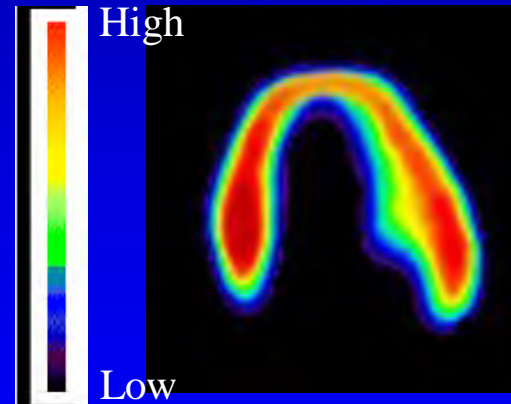
Decreased Heart Metabolism
in *Heart Disease Patient*



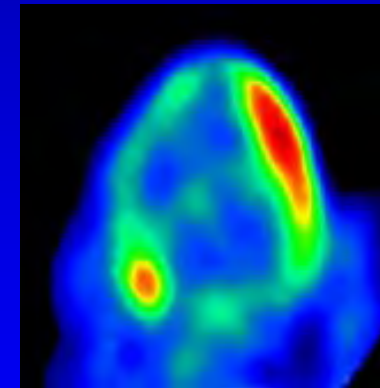
Healthy Brain



Diseased Brain/
Cocaine Abuser



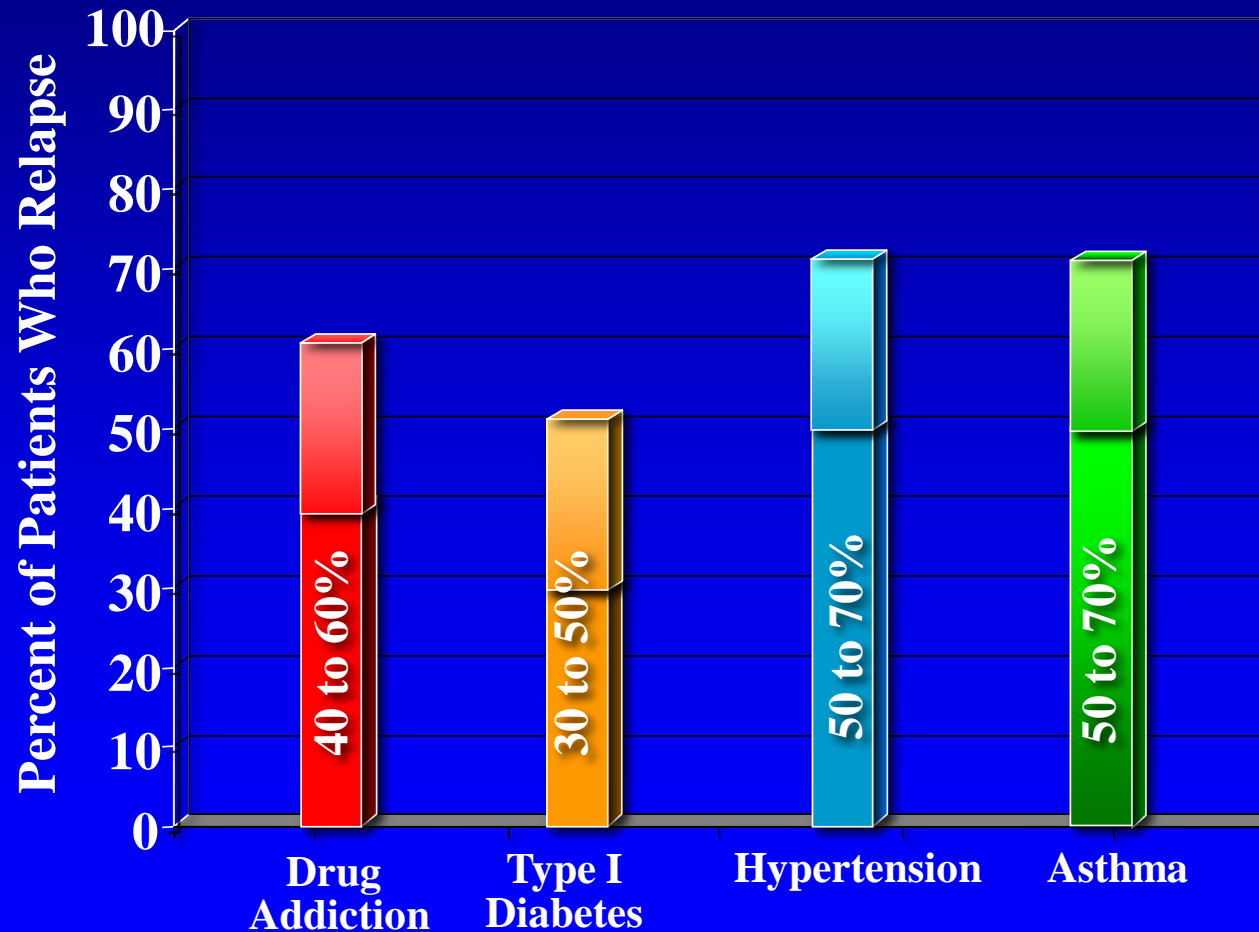
Healthy
Heart



Diseased Heart

*Research supported by NIDA addresses all of these
components of addiction.*

Relapse Rates Are Similar for Drug Addiction & Other Chronic Illnesses





Barriers to Care for People at Risk of Overdose

Only 10% of Americans with SUD receive any type of substance use disorder treatment.

Only a small fraction receive an FDA-approved medication as part of their treatment.

The Louisiana Bridge Program:
Rapid, evidenced-based treatment
The ED is a critical partner!

CA Bridge Model



Rapid, Evidence-based
Treatment

24/7 access to evidence
based treatment in EDs



Culture of Respect

Treatment with dignity and
authentic human interactions



Connection to
Community & Care

Outreach to increase
access to care



Multimedia > Video

April 28, 2015

Email Share

Emergency Department–Initiated Buprenorphine/Naloxone Treatment for Opioid Dependence: A Randomized Clinical Trial

Running Time: (4:49)



78% vs 37%

Substance Use Navigators (SUN): What They Do and Why They Matter

Opening Doors To Treatment

Substance Use Navigators:

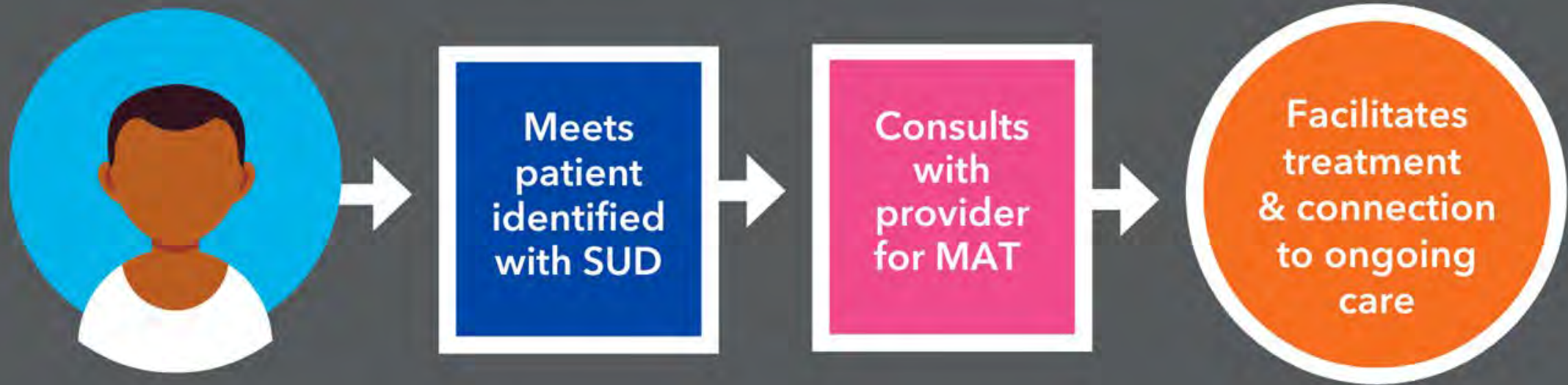
- Friendly face
- Similar experience
- Understand treatment resources

Meeting Patients Where They Are



The Substance Use Navigator

guides patients with acute substance use disorder (SUD) through the emergency department and beyond.



GOAL: Ensure that all people with substance use disorder receive 24/7 high-quality care in every California health system.

KEY PARTNER:
HARM REDUCTION
STREET OUTREACH TEAM



SWLA DO NO HARM

- Bringing services to people who use drugs BY people with lived experience
- Meet People Where They Are But Don't Leave Them There
- Promote Narcan and Safe Use/Education To Reduce Overdose Death and Disease
- Increase Trust/Awareness and Link to Treatment / Services



WIDESPREAD NARCAN DISTRIBUTION THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS

- Direct Harm Reduction Street Outreach
- Public Health Unit Narcan Distribution
- Acadian Ambulance Leave Behind Program
- LA Bridge ED Programs
- Recovery Community Distribution
- SUD Provider Distribution
- College Narcan Distribution
- Public Safety Collaborative Narcan Training and Distribution (Police, Sherriff, Fire)

FIRST RESPONDERS/LAW ENFORCEMENT

- Public Safety Collaborative Meetings (all Police, Sheriff, Coroners, Fire, and DA invited to meeting)
- Region 5 ESF-8 Health and Medical Coalition presentation (3)
- Law Enforcement Crisis Intervention Team Training
- Various Narcan Trainings and Distribution to Law Enforcement and Fire Departments
- Acadian Ambulance and Coroner Data Collaboration
- Acadian Ambulance Narcan Video Creation to train all public safety

NARCAN TRAINING VIDEO BY ACADIAN AMBULANCE

- <https://vimeo.com/738604706>