



HEALING AND HOPE: A CALL FOR INTEGRATIVE SOLUTIONS FOR AMERICAN INDIANS IN ARIZONA

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THE FLAGSTAFF EXPERIENCE

Supplement substance use disorder
treatment with:

Medically-Assisted Treatment

Acudetox (auricular
acupuncture)

Traditional Native American
Therapies

CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROBLEM AND PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS

- EXTREME POVERTY
- POOR EDUCATION/EMPLOYMENT
- EXTREME REMOTENESS
- HISTORICAL,
INTERGENERATIONAL AND
EXPERIENTIAL TRAUMA

CRIMES

- PHYSICAL AND SEXUAL ASSAULT
- DUI
- HOMICIDE
- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
- VEHICULAR MANSLAUGHTER
- PUBLIC INTOXICATION

CONSEQUENCES

- INCARCERATION
- SEPARATION FROM FAMILY/COMMUNITY
- SUPERVISION
- RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT (i.e. Phoenix)
- **REPEAT**

HEALTH CONSEQUENCES

- DIABETES
- LIVER DISEASE
- ALCOHOL POISONING
- HEART DISEASE
- FETAL ALCOHOL SYNDROME
- REDUCED LIFE EXPECTANCY

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONSEQUENCES

- SEVERE DEPRESSION
- POST TRAUMATIC STRESS
- SUICIDE
- SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER

ONE TRIBAL NATION'S EXPERIENCE

- VERY REMOTE.
- SMALL POPULATION
- SIGNIFICANT # MEMBERS ON
FEDERAL SUPERVISION
- MALE LIFE EXPECTANCY LESS
THAN 50 YEARS
 - HISTORICAL TRAUMA




BAD ACTS OR BAD PEOPLE?

HORRIFIC PRISON
CONDITIONS AND
RESTRICTIVE SUPERVISION
PLACED ON INDIVIDUALS IN
THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE
SYSTEM PRESUMES THAT
PEOPLE ARE INHERENTLY



**IS IT A DISEASE
OR A MORAL
FAILING?**

**CJ RESPONSE IS
PUNISHMENT AND
IMPRISONMENT,
NOT TREATMENT**



ORGANIC IMPACT
ON BRAIN FROM
SUBSTANCE USE
AND TRAUMA (with
overlay of poverty)

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYNERGY

- UNTREATED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONDITIONS FEEDS CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM
- UNTREATED DEFENDANTS RECYCLE WITHIN CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

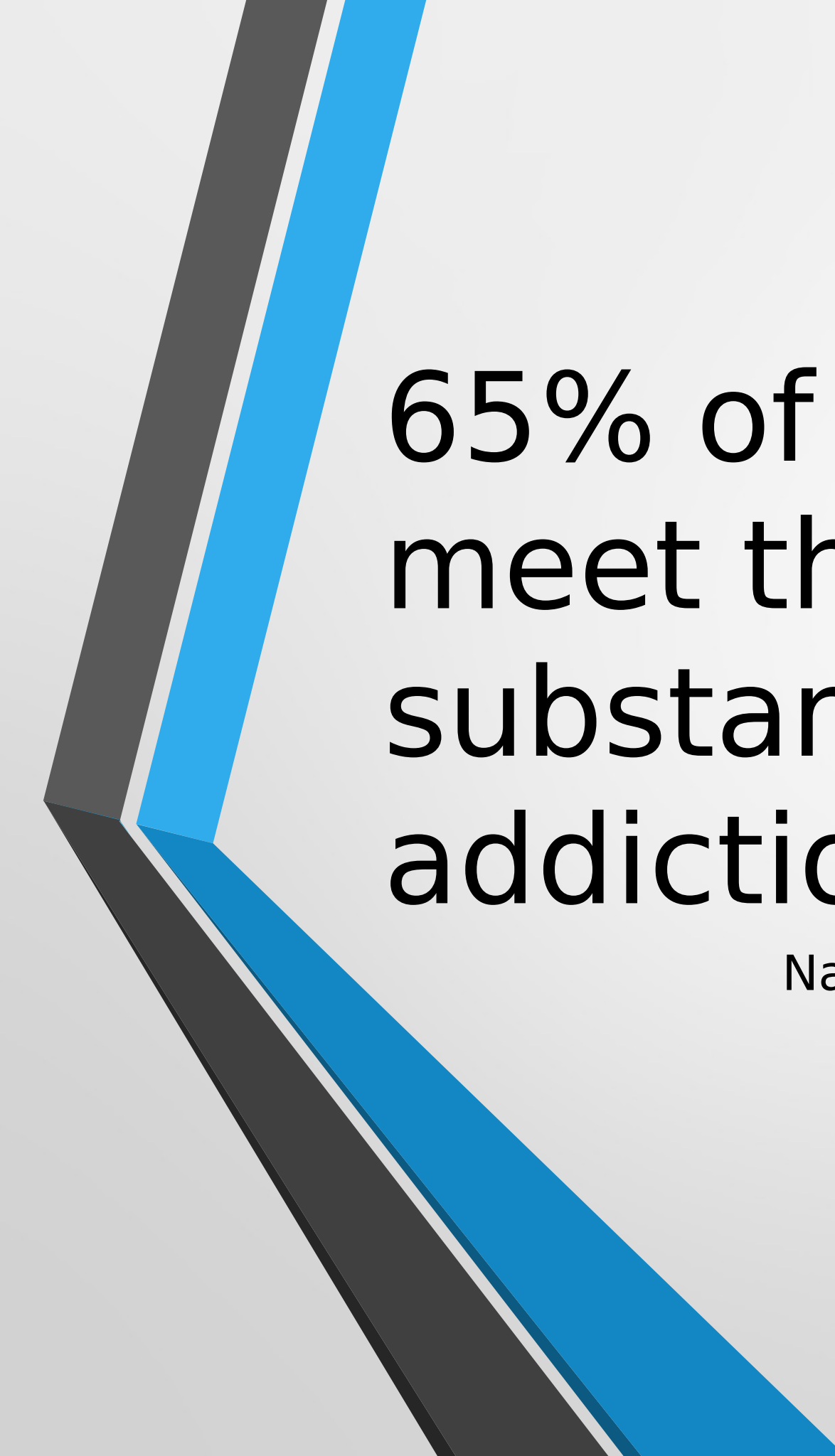
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THE THREE- LEGGED STOOL

SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS

MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS

TRAUMA - experiential and historical



65% of US inmates
meet the criteria for
substance use
addiction

National Center on Addiction and Substance
Abuse, Columbia University, 2010

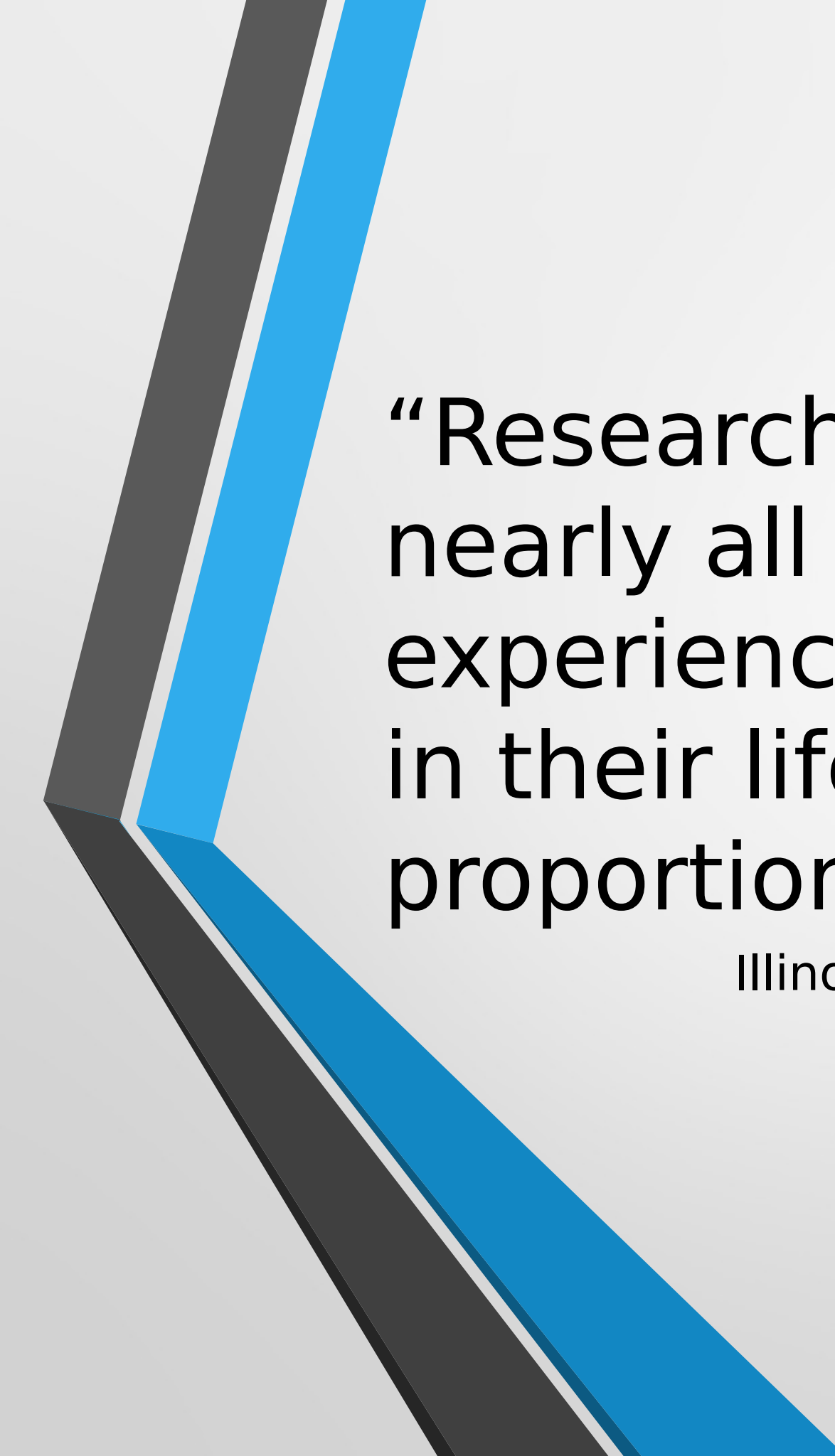


Mental Health Conditions in Incarcerated People

55% of men

75% of women

15-20% SMI



“Research has found that nearly all prisoners have experienced a traumatic event in their life and a high proportion suffer from PTSD”

Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority,
2017

PREVALENCE OF TRAUMA IN INDIAN COUNTRY

- 80% OF ADULTS HAVE EXPERIENCED VIOLENCE
- 56% OF WOMEN ARE PAST VICTIMS OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE
- NATIVE YOUTH 2.5 TIMES HIGHER EXPOSURE TO TRAUMA THAN NON NATIVE YOUTH
- 22% OF NATIVE YOUTH EXPERIENCE PTSD – TRIPLE THE RATE OF GENERAL US POPULATION

- **CRIMINAL JUSTICE APPROACHES TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**

1. DIRECTIVE/COERCIVE

2. JUDGMENTAL/SHAMING

3. MORALISTIC NOT THERAPEUTIC



CARL THE FLOORWALKER



BRENE BROWN - THE POWER OF SHAME

- GUILT – I DID BAD
- SHAME – I AM BAD
- “THE ANTIDOTE FOR SHAME IS EMPATHY.”

MAT, ACUDETOX AND INDIGENOUS HEALING

- VOLUNTARY
- NOT JUDGMENTAL
- NOT MORALISTIC
- THERAPEUTIC
- DISEASE TREATMENT FIRST
- THEN CHANGE THINKING



THE “AHA MOMENT”

NOT LIKELY TO COME FROM
JUDGE OR PROBATION OFFICER

EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICES

- CHANGES FOCUS TO DATA COLLECTION INSTEAD OF UNDERSTANDING CURRENT EVIDENCE
- DEMANDS NO EVIDENCE FOR THE STATUS QUO
- TENDS TO JUSTIFY THE STATUS QUO
- "...efforts of federal probation are a baseline upon which it is difficult to improve."

NOTHING WORKS!

Robert Martinson's famous conclusion from his 1974 survey of 234 studies of prison rehabilitation programs, which led to four decades of dismantling prison rehabilitation programs



INDIFFERENCE AND INERTIA

do we know about:

TRAUMA AWARENESS

MEDICALLY ASSISTED TREATMENT

ACUDETOX

INDIGENOUS TRADITIONAL HEALING

CONTINGENCY MANAGEMENT

OPTIONS FOR GRADUATED SANCTIONS

FLASH INCARCERATION

MEDICATION ASSISTED TREATMENT (MAT)

- EFFECTIVE FOR OPIOID AND ALCOHOL USE DISORDER
- NOT EFFECTIVE FOR COCAINE AND METH
- GROSSLY UNDERUTILIZED IN US HEALTH CARE
- RARELY UTILIZED IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM DESPITE HIGH INCIDENCE OF OUD AND AUD

ADVANTAGES OF EAR ACUPUNCTURE

- PORTABLE FOR REMOTE LOCATIONS
- EASY TO TRAIN ADS's
- EXTREMELY LOW COST AND LOW RISK
 - NON-JUDGMENTAL

INCREASE AWARENESS OF MAT, ACUDETOX AND INDIGENOUS THERAPIES

- BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMUNITY
- COURTS
- CORRECTIONS
- POLITICAL LEADERSHIP
- FAITH-BASED COMMUNITY
 - (On and off the reservation)

NADA APPROACH “PRE-CONFERENCE”

- **TRAIN AND CERTIFY ADS's**
- **TRAIN AND CERTIFY MAT PROVIDERS**
- **EDUCATE ON TRADITIONAL HEALING**

CONFERENCE FOR AMERICAN INDIAN COMMUNITIES

- SERVICE PROVIDERS
- CRIMINAL JUSTICE LEADERS
- POLITICAL LEADERS
- People from on and off the reservation

NOW is time to PUSH for CHANGE

- PEOPLE NEED IT
- LEADERS ARE BECOMING MORE AWARE
- AGENCIES AND INSTITUTIONS ARE READY TO GROW
- STATUS QUO IS UNACCEPTABLE

CALLING FOR COLLABORATORS

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OTHERS AND EACH OTHER