IMAGINE THE FUTURE:

When Impaired Driving is Eliminated

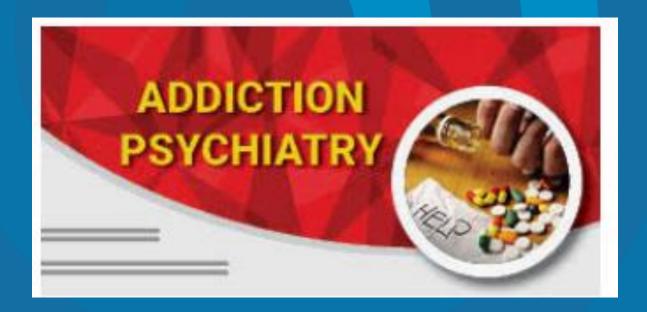






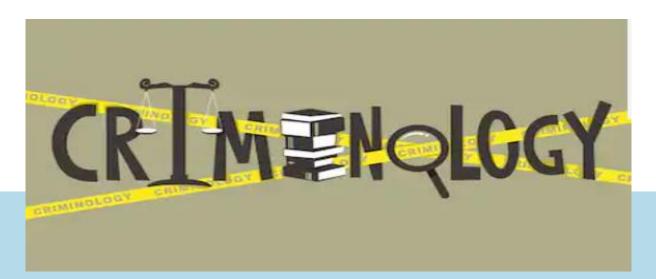
Just a little bit about me...

I am an addiction psychiatrist.



I worked in the emergency department. It led to my interest in addiction studies.





Which led to more school...





I was CEO at Phoenix House



I am excited to lead Responsibility.org



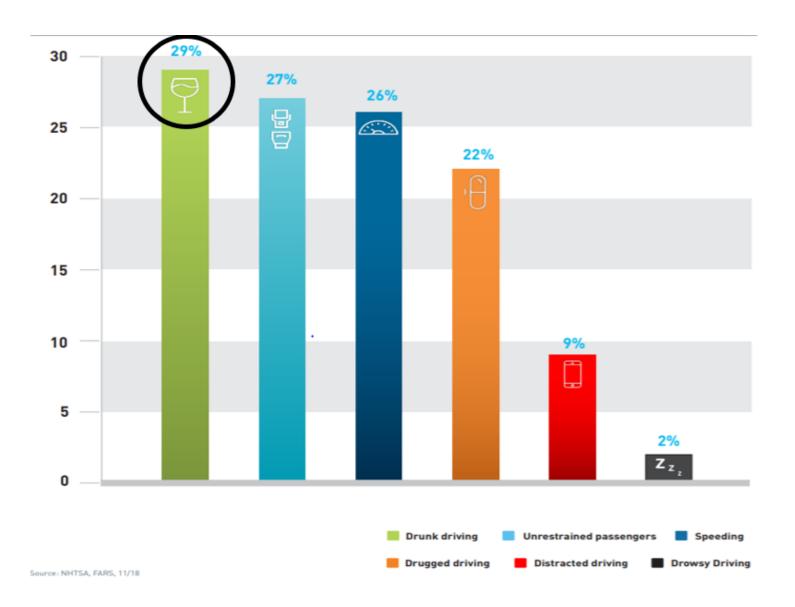
Current State of Impaired Driving



Drunk Driving Deaths Decreased in 2017



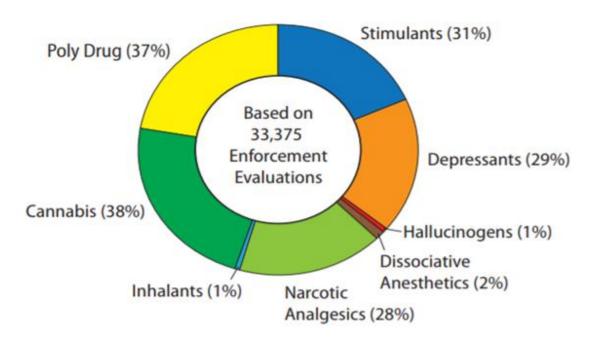
Despite progress, drunk driving persists



Drug-Impaired Driving Is Increasing

2017: 46% of fatally-injured drivers with known test results tested positive for drugs, up from 28% in 2007. (NHTSA, 2019)

Confirmed Toxicology Results from Drug Recognition Expert Enforcement Evaluations, 2017



Source: Sobriety Testing Resource Center



Polysubstance-Impaired Driving

"In Colorado there has been a 300 percent spike in polysubstanceimpaired driving cases between 2013-2016 with alcohol and THC being the most common combination."

-Sgt. Alan Ma, Denver Police Department



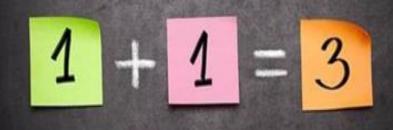




"In 2016, there were more than twice as many poly-drug drivers than alcohol-only drivers and five times more than THC-only drivers."

- Dr. Darrin Grondel, WA Traffic Safety Commission

Polysubstance use

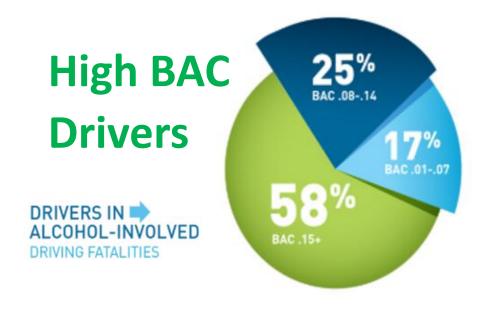


- Drug use combined with alcohol use exponentially increases traffic crash risk:
 - Low amounts of marijuana combined with low amounts of alcohol cause severe impairment.
 - Research has shown that combining substances has a multiplicative effect on collision risk.
 - Combining alcohol and marijuana is common among seriously and fatally injured drivers.

Highest-Risk Impaired Drivers: Who are they? The ones who pose the greatest fatal crash risk

Repeat offenders





Polysubstance-Impaired Drivers

16%

The number of alcohol-positive drivers* killed in crashes who also tested positive for drugs increased more than 16% from 2006 to 2016.

*With known test results for both drugs and alcohol.

What's the Best Solution for These Offenders?

If only we could reach the future right now



"Automated vehicles hold tremendous promise, but both driver-operated and highly automated vehicles will be sharing the roadways for a long time – maybe forever," - GHSA Executive Director Jonathan Adkins.

About DADSS



In the meantime, how do we stop them?





Identify Underlying Issues of Offenders

Failure to Diagnose

Failure to Treat

Failure to Change Behavior



Sentencing: Everyone is different!

- Assessment is a GPS for sentencing.
- Individual approaches are best.
- Supervision plans based on risk.
- Treatment plans based on need.
- Some programs/practices do not work for both genders.



Improve the System – Fill the Gaps

Collaborate

Break down silos

Communicate

Improve Offender Accountability



Restrictions and Recovery

Recovery is possible, but relapse is likely

Important to put safeguards in please to ensure public safety

Interlocks

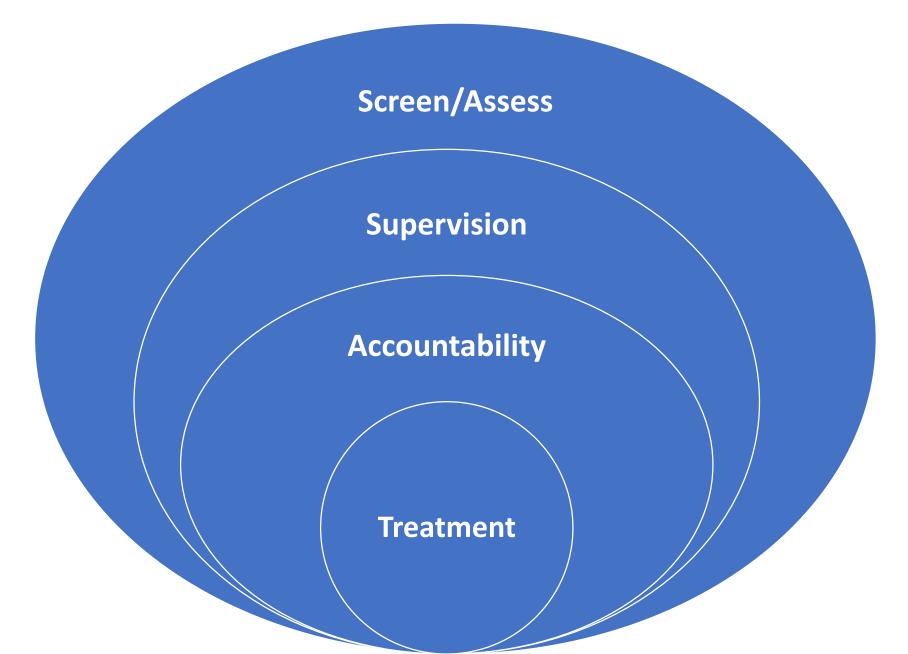
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Employ a Comprehensive Approach:



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