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**Substance Abuse and the Courts:  
Why Judges Need to Understand Addiction**

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**64%**

NCDOC DACDP 2005-2006 Legislative Report

**North Carolina Department of Correction  
 Division of Alcoholism and Chemical Dependency Programs  
 Virginia N. Price, Assistant Secretary**

- Largest substance abuse treatment organization in North Carolina
- Prison-based programs (approximately 1,000 bed capacity)  
 Located within nineteen NCDOC facilities
- Contracted private facilities (200 bed capacity)  
 Mary Frances Center and Evergreen Rehabilitation Center
- Community-based program (300 bed capacity)  
 DART Cherry Residential Program for Probationers and Parolees
- Education/Prevention and Aftercare Services

**Of interest.....**

What country comprises a mere **4%** of the world's population.....



yet consumes **66%** of the world's illegal drugs?

The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University, 2007

## Why should we be so concerned?



Hollywood, Florida Police Department - March 1981

Because individuals suffering from addiction are a part of her community....



Hollywood, Florida Police Department - May 1986

his community....



Hollywood, Florida Police Department - 1988

their community....



Hollywood, Florida Police Department - April 1988

our community....



Hollywood, Florida Police Department - June 1988

**MY** community!!



Hollywood, Florida Police Department - January 1989



# What Do You Think Of?



Addict

Alcoholic



Drunk



Pot Head



Substance-Abuser

## Estimated Economic Impact

**Illicit Drugs \$181 Billion / Yr**

**Alcohol \$185 Billion / Yr**

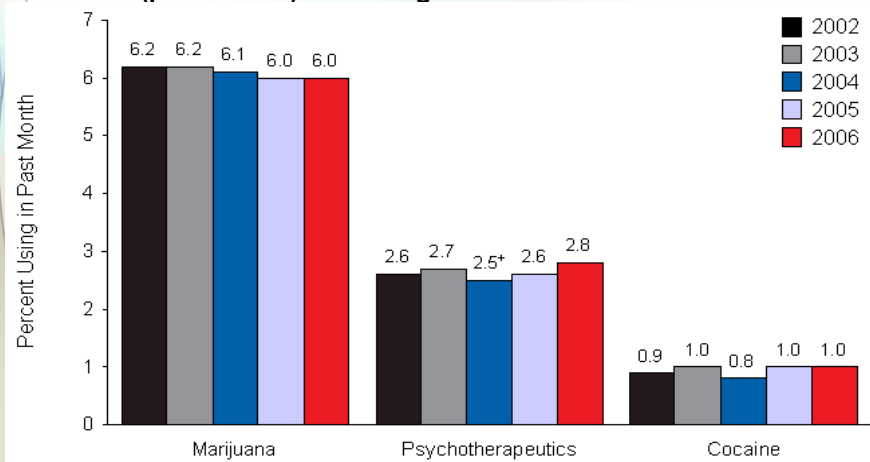
**Tobacco \$158 Billion / Yr**

**TOTAL \$524 Billion / Yr**

Surgeon General's Report, 2004; ONDCP 2004, Harwood 2000

## How Pervasive is the Problem?

- In 2006, an estimated 20.4 million Americans aged 12 or older were current (past month) illicit drug users.



2006 National Survey on Drug Use and Health: National Findings; DHHS

## Alcohol Use

- More than half of all Americans aged 12 or older, estimated 125 million, reported being current alcohol drinkers.
- More than one fifth participated in binge drinking at least once in the 30 days prior to the survey in 2006. This translates to about 57 million people.
- Heavy drinking was reported by 6.9 percent of the population, or 17 million people.

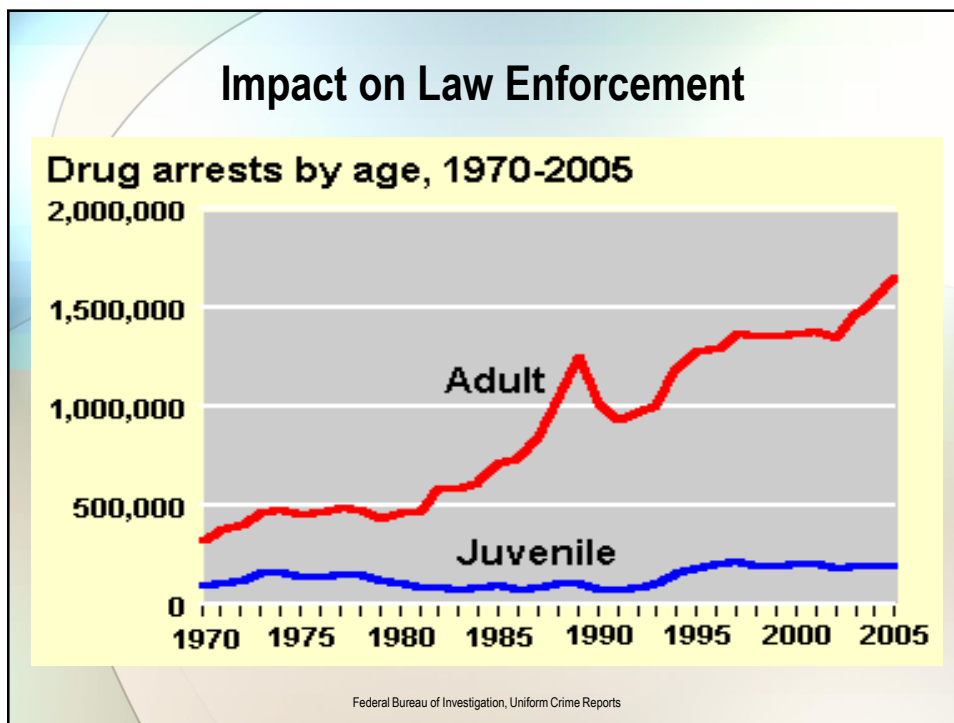
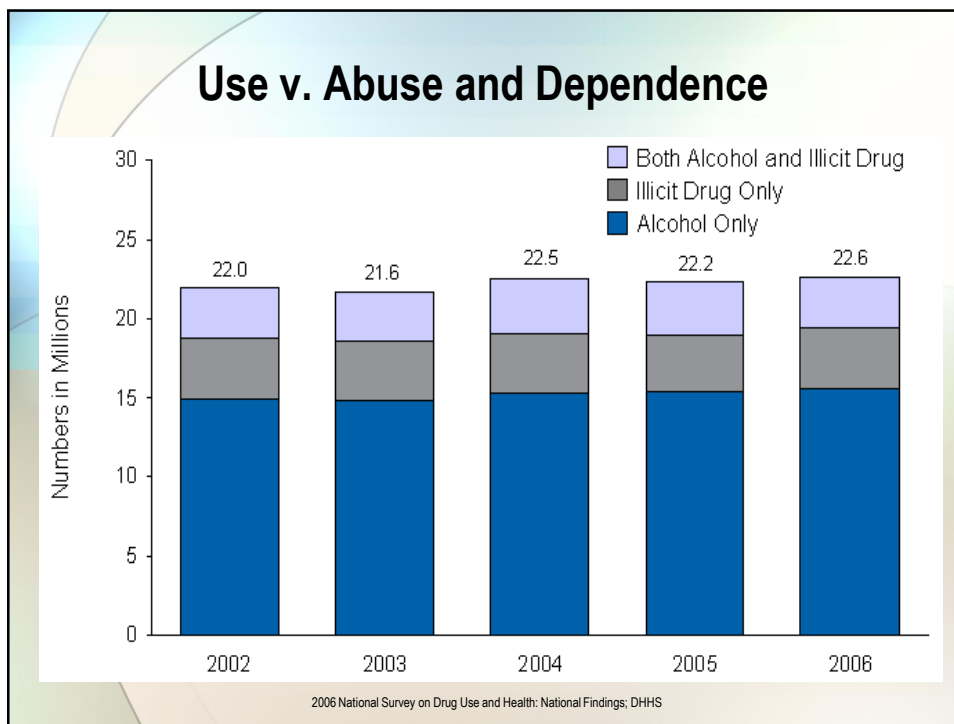
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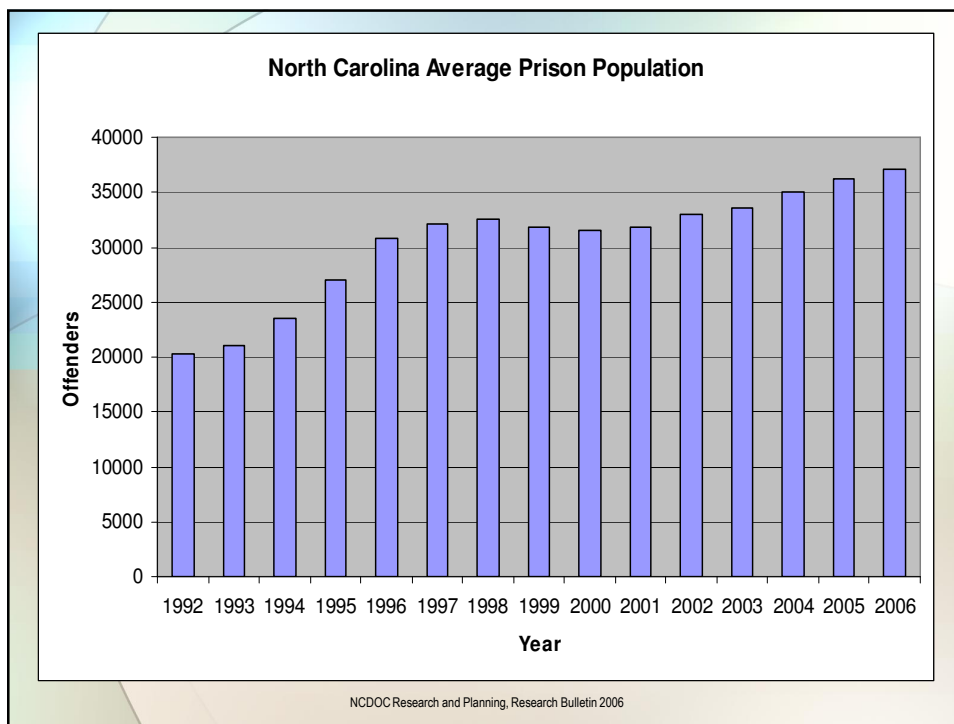
## Use v. Abuse and Dependence

- In 2006, an estimated 22.6 million persons (9.2 percent of the population aged 12 or older) were classified with substance dependence or abuse in the past year
- 3.2 million were classified with dependence on or abuse of both alcohol and illicit drugs
- 3.8 million were dependent on or abused illicit drugs but not alcohol
- 15.6 million were dependent on or abused alcohol but not illicit drugs

2006 National Survey on Drug Use and Health: National Findings; DHHS







### Cost of Incarceration

- **NCDOC 2007-2008 Authorized Budget**      **\$1,214,065,645**
- **Division of Prisons**      **\$ 980,914,459**
- **Daily Custody Costs**
  - 1. **Minimum**      **\$54.81**
  - 2. **Medium**      **\$70.83**
  - 3. **Close**      **\$79.72**

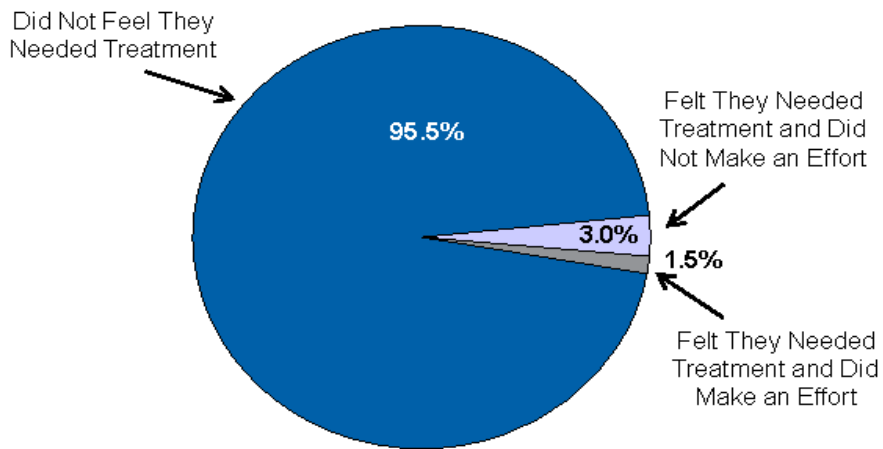
NCDOC Research and Planning, Research Bulletin 2006

## Treatment Works

- According to national statistics, effective substance abuse treatment with regards to criminal justice populations can.....
  1. Reduce recidivism
  2. Reduce criminal activities as much as 64%
  3. Produce savings of \$7.00 for every \$1.00 spent on treatment programs in the areas of public assistance, costs to victims of crimes, criminal justice costs, thefts, automobile accidents, hospitalizations and other medical care

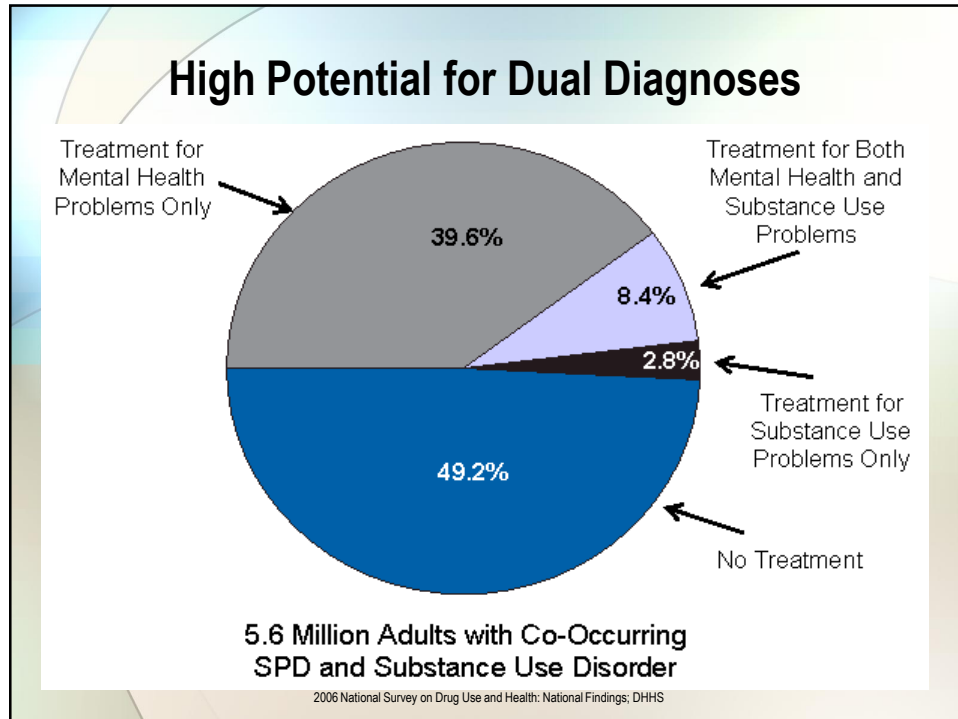
Substance Abuse Treatment for Adults in the Criminal Justice System, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, 2005

## How Can We Make a Difference?



21.1 Million Needing But Not Receiving Treatment for Illicit Drug or Alcohol Use

2006 National Survey on Drug Use and Health: National Findings, DHHS



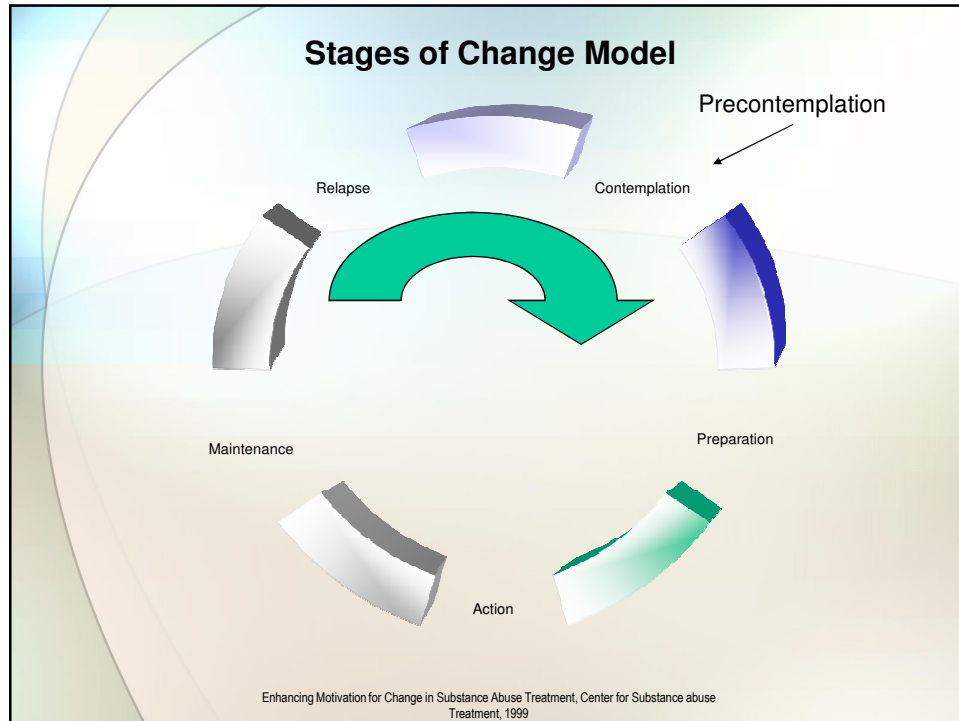
## They Have to Hit Bottom.....Right?

- Although some believe that an addicted person must want to get treated in order for recovery to begin,

**this is not true!**

- Coerced or mandated treatment has demonstrated effectiveness; in fact, many people enter in treatment as a result of circumstantial pressure (i.e., arrest, conviction, marital and custody issues)

National Institute on Drug Abuse, Principles of Drug Abuse Treatment, 2000



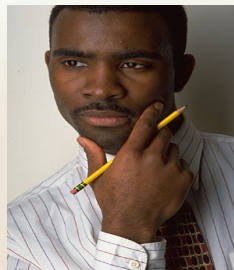
## Precontemplation

- Entry point to the process of change. Person is not yet considering the possibility of change. Does not see themselves as having a problem.
- Intervention – Provide information and feedback to raise awareness of the problem and the possibility of change; raise doubt; increase perception of risks and problems.



## Contemplation

- Characterized by ambivalence; both considers and resists change. Seesaws between reasons to change and reasons to stay the same.
- Intervention – Tip the balance in favor of change; evoke reasons to change; risks of not changing; strengthen client's belief that change is possible.



## Research Suggests.....

Addiction is the  
Quintessential  
Biobehavioral  
Disorder

National Institute on Drug Abuse; The Science of Addiction, 2007

Science has generated  
substantial evidence  
indicating....

**No single factor determines  
whether a person will become  
addicted to drugs.**

National Institute on Drug Abuse; The Science of Addiction, 2007

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