

# WHY WE NEED TO TREAT SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER AS A CHRONIC CONDITION



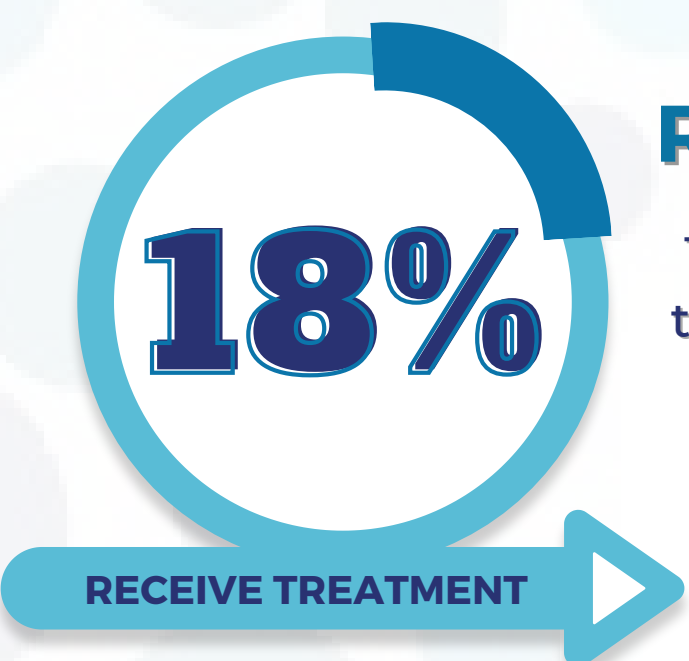
**40% - 60%**

SUD, like diabetes, has a significant potential for relapse. For diabetes, it's a 30-50% risk and for SUD, it's 40-60%.

Over 107,000 fatal drug overdoses in the U.S. in 2021—the highest number of overdose deaths ever recorded in a single year.



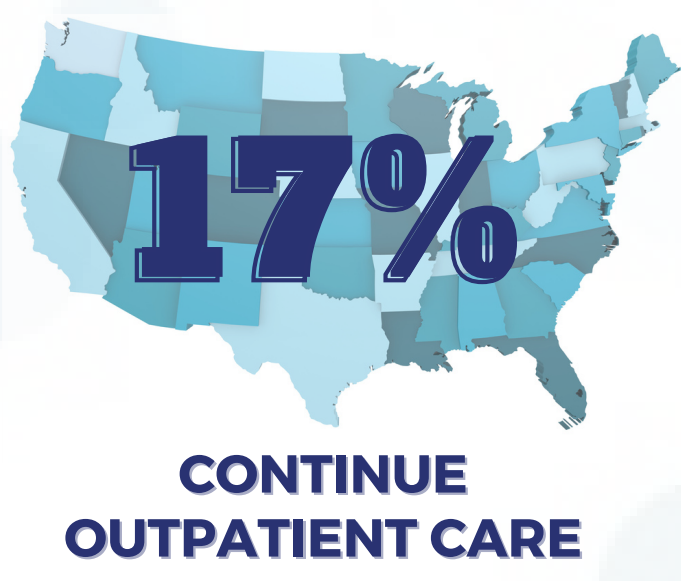
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## REDUCE THE STIGMA

The stigma around SUD is part of the reason why only 18% of people with drug use disorders receive treatment for their addiction.

Although 58 percent of patients successfully completed detoxification, hospital, residential treatment, or intensive outpatient programs, only about 17 percent proceeded to regular outpatient care



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