



Understanding the SUD Ecosystem: Solution Focused Opportunities for Change

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SERIES OVERVIEW

- A series of **provocative conversations** based on the latest evidenced based research and innovation with leaders in the field of SUD and OUD
- An opportunity to **spark solution focused approaches** to the continuing public health epidemic that continues to take lives every day
- A high-level overview of the many facets that make up the **SUD Ecosystem** that go beyond assessment, treatment and supports to include prevention and health promotion
- An understanding of the need to **be community centric and equity focused**



WHY WE ARE HERE—PEOPLE ARE CONTINUING TO DIE

| The SUD crisis is not improving... | | |
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| 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
| 40.3 million (14.5%) Americans ages 12 and older were diagnosed with a substance use disorder in the past year. | 43.7 million (15.6%) Americans ages 12 and older were diagnosed with a substance use disorder in the past year | 48.7 million (17.3%) Americans ages 12 and older were diagnosed with a substance use disorder in the past year |

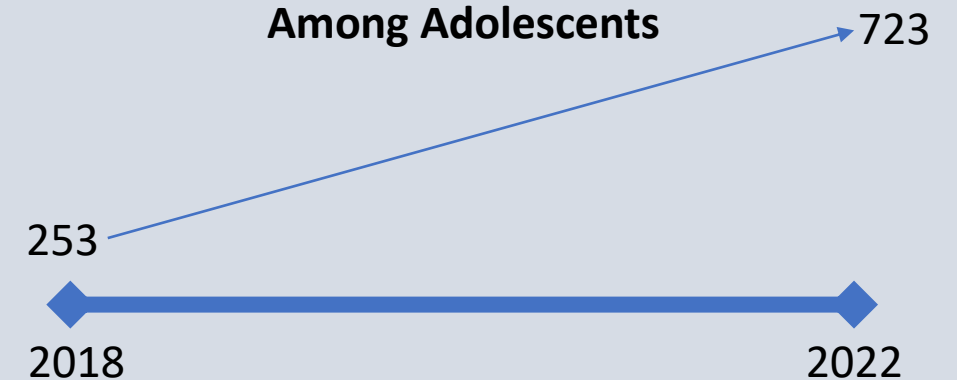


In a 2022 survey, **4 in 10** Americans who needed SUD treatment did not receive it



Among those who did receive care, **8 in 10** report difficulties getting the care they needed

Drug Overdose Deaths Among Adolescents



- Drug overdose deaths nearly tripled in 4 years
- 57 percent (2019) and 78 percent (2022) of these deaths involved opioids

GUIDING PRINCIPLES: PIVOTING TO SAVE LIVES

Act Differently

We have an **imperative to think & act** differently.

Empower Change

Empower change through equity grounded, person centered and **community driven approaches** that respond to what individuals want and need.



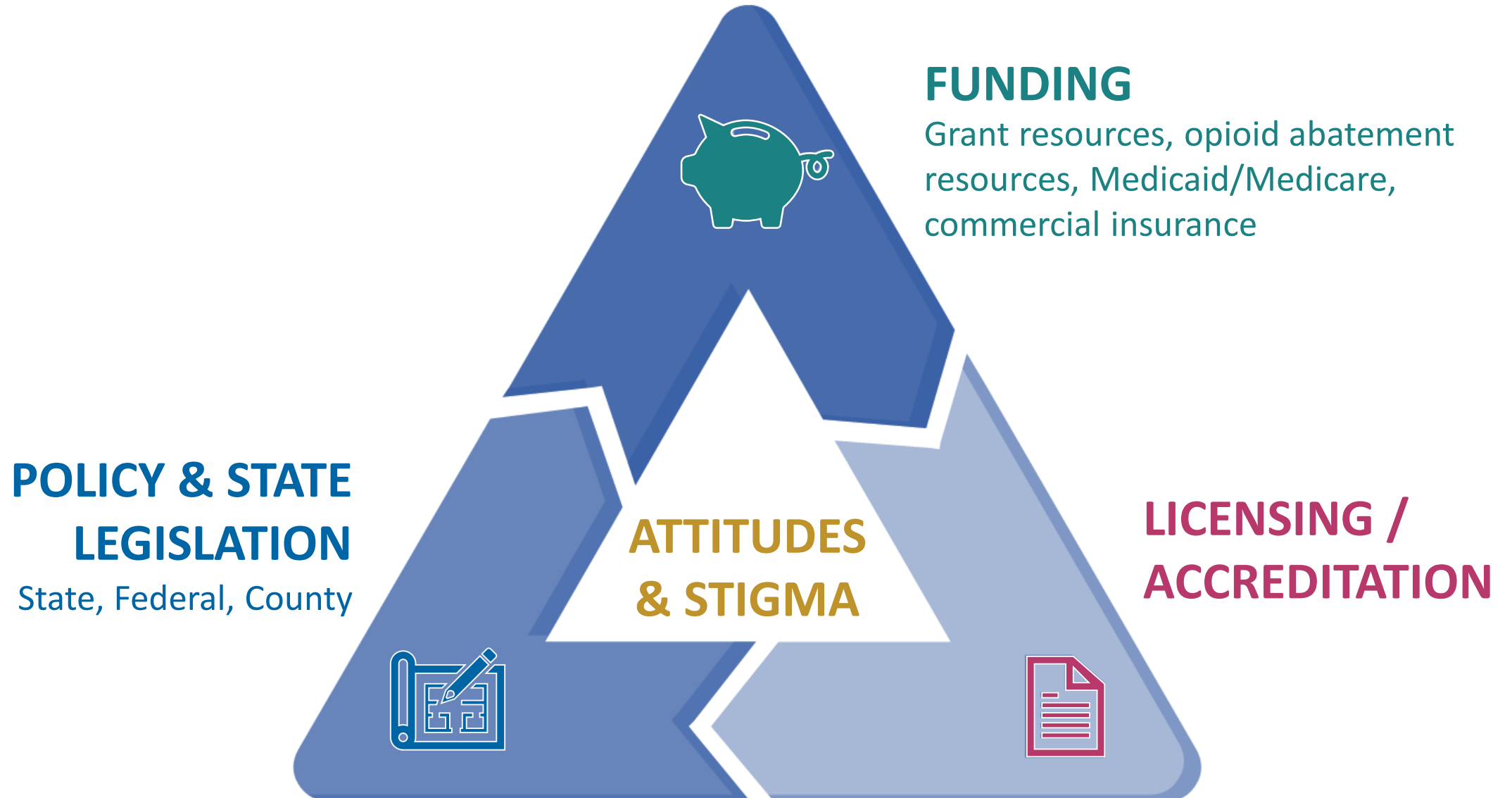
Be Accountable

See each interaction as life and death-
Be accountable to the care for each individual and ensure there are **no wrong doors** by embracing navigation and continuity of care.

Build System Thinking

Building system thinking for a comprehensive and interconnected spectrum of engagement and treatment strategies.

LEVERS TO DRIVE CHANGE TO MORE EFFECTIVE APPROACHES



WEBINAR 1:

Act Differently

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- Policy aimed at eliminating criminalization of substance use is vital to saving lives.
- Stigma remains embedded within the treatment field and within communities. We all must include progressive approaches to improve care.

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- Warm handoffs, don't lose people between "buildings"
- Equitable and accessible. What barriers are put into place unintentionally by systems and how to eliminate them
- Intentional navigation

NEXT WEBINAR

Empower change through equity grounded, person centered and community driven approaches that respond to what individuals want and need.

Wednesday April 10th
at 12 PM ET



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