



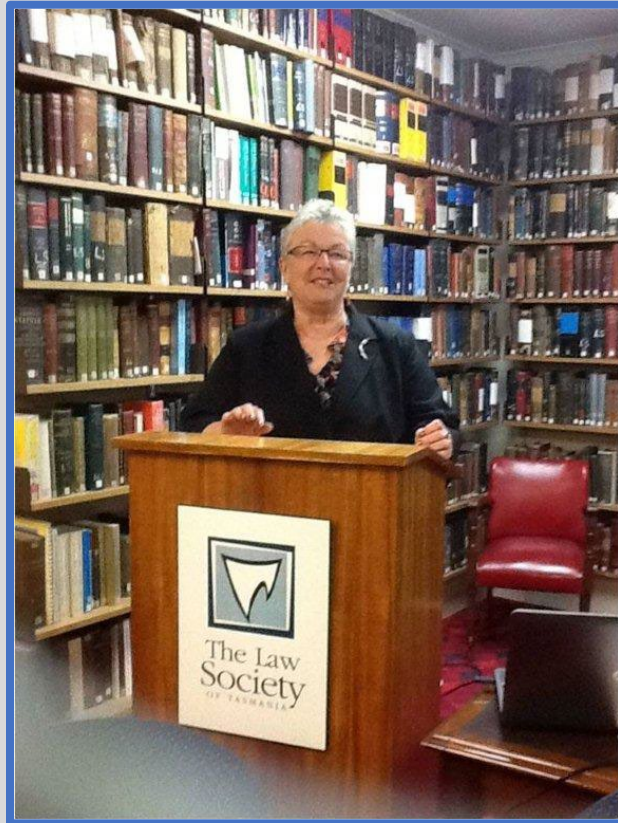
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# Drug Use in Tasmania



In 2019, about 1 in 6 (16.5%) people in Tasmania had used an illicit drug in the previous 12 months ('recent use')—similar to 2016 (17.4%).

Cannabis is the most common illicit drug.



In 2019, pain-killers and opioids used for non-medical purposes (2.5%) were the second most commonly used illicit drug in the previous 12 months after cannabis.



# Alcohol Abuse Use in Tasmania



1 in 4  
consumed 5 or  
more drinks in  
one sitting (at  
least monthly)

# How Do We Protect Our Communities?

Punishment  
or  
Rehabilitation?



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# Why Can't People Just Change?



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# Change is Hard



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# What is a Drug?

Any substance that alters mood, level of perception, and/or brain functioning



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# Natural Rewards

Food

Water

Sex

Nurturing

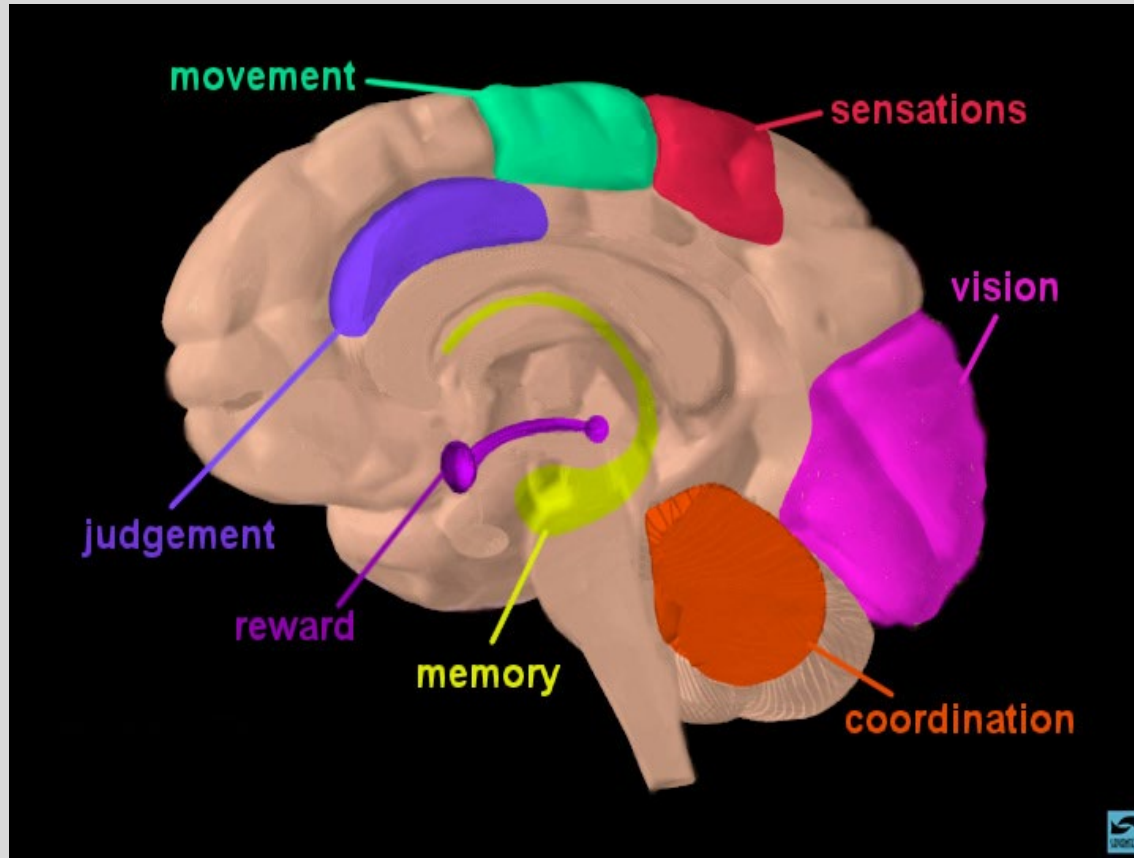


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# Percentages Of Dopamine (DA) Released

Dopamine (DA) is the brain's most powerful "pleasure" chemical.



# Percentages Of Dopamine (DA) Released

How much dopamine (DA) is typically released during following activities . . .



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# Percentages Of Dopamine (DA) Released

Approximately how much (DA)  
is released during a good  
meal?

**50 %**

For approximately 20  
minutes!



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# Percentages Of Dopamine (DA) Released

Using marijuana?

**150 %**

For approximately 1 to 2 hours



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# Percentages Of Dopamine (DA) Released

Using cocaine?

**300%**

...“crack” cocaine for  
approximately 10 to 15 minutes . . .

...“powder” cocaine for  
approximately 20 to 60 minutes.



# Percentages Of Dopamine (DA) Released

Using Methamphetamine?

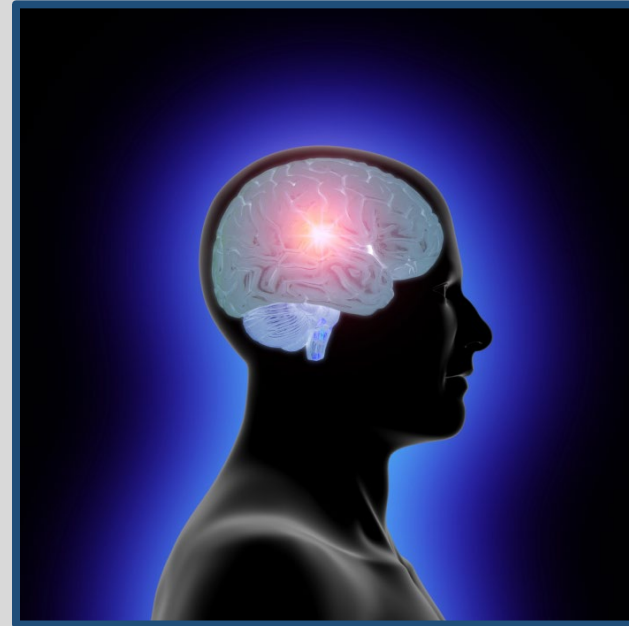
**1,100%**

From 12 to 24 hours



# Substance Use Dependency is a Brain Disease

Any use causes acute and temporary changes and prolong use changes the brain in fundamental, destructive and long lasting ways.



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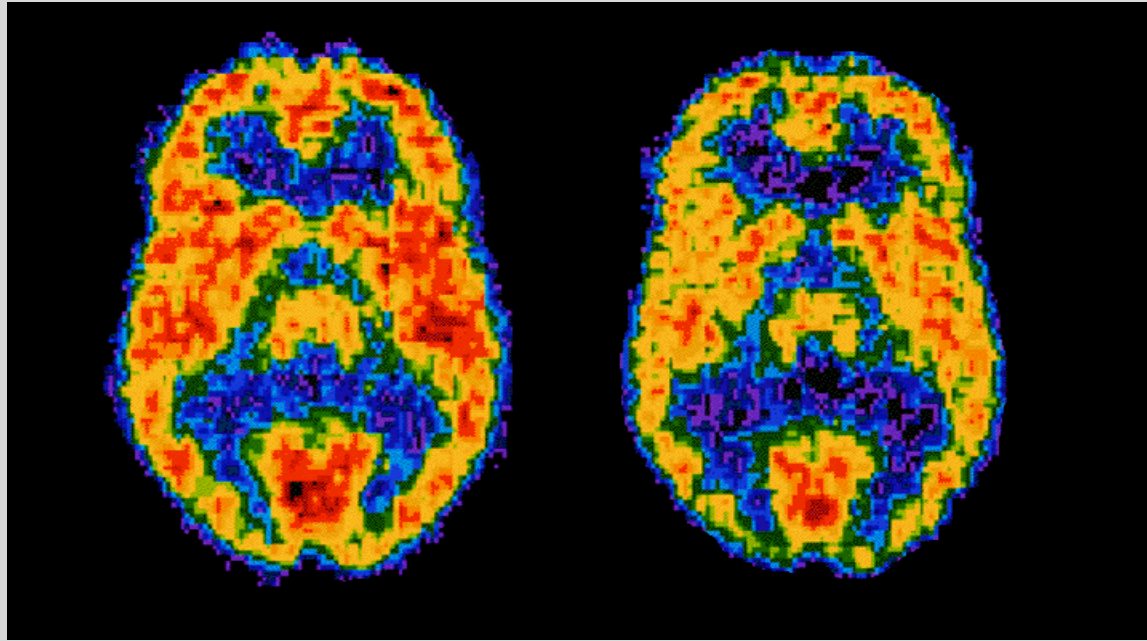


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# Your Brain On Drugs

control

on cocaine



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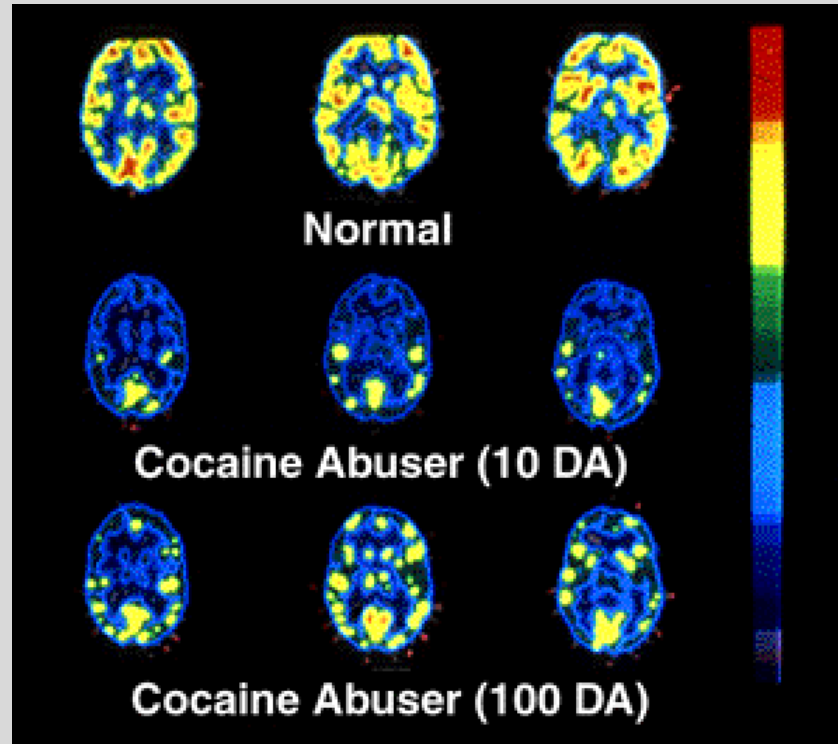


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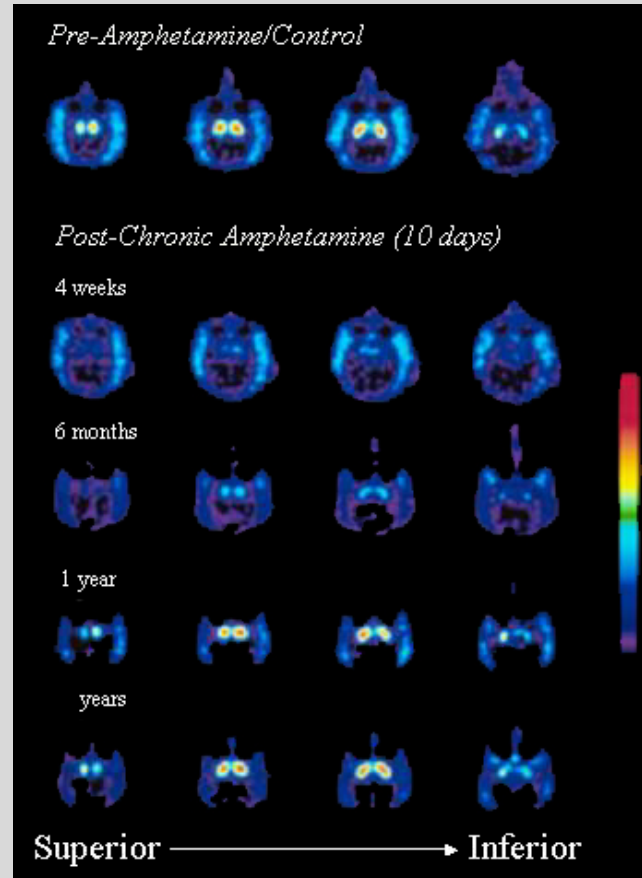


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# Your Brain After Drugs



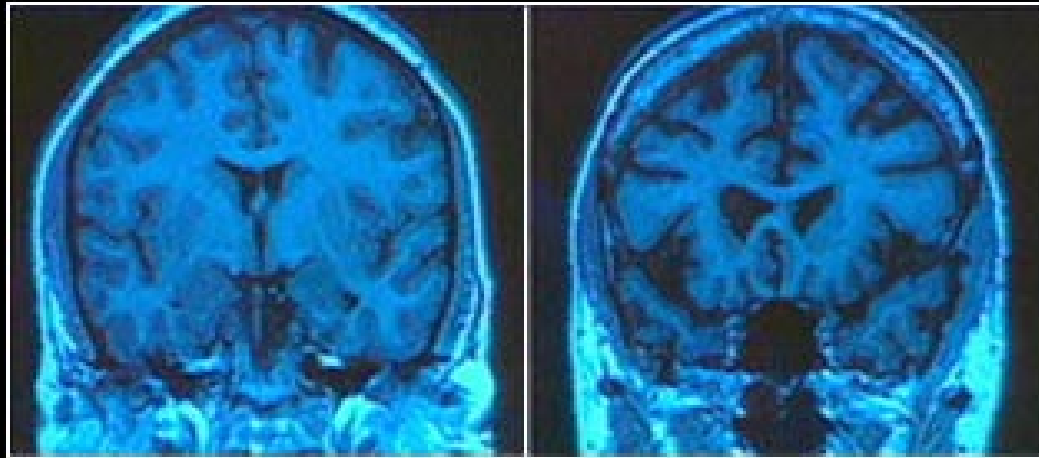
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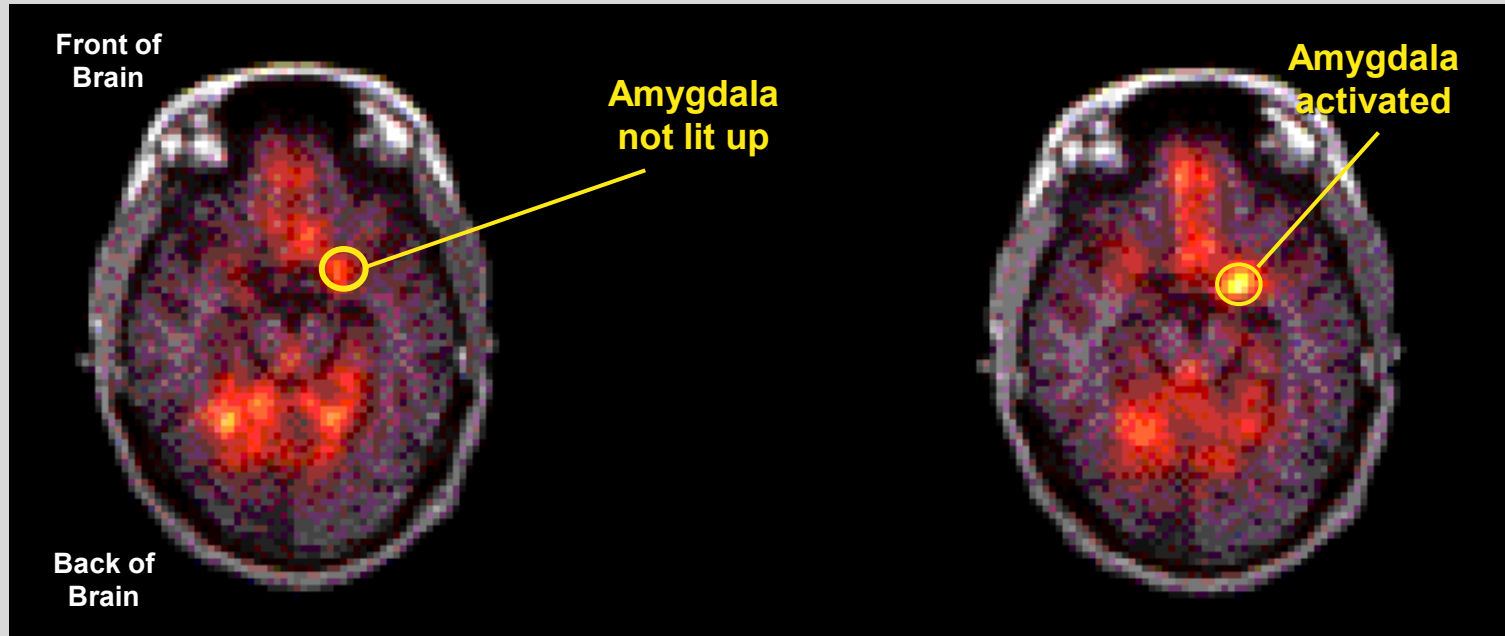


Normal  
43-year-old

Alcoholic  
43-year-old



# The Memory of Drugs



Nature  
Video

Cocaine  
Video



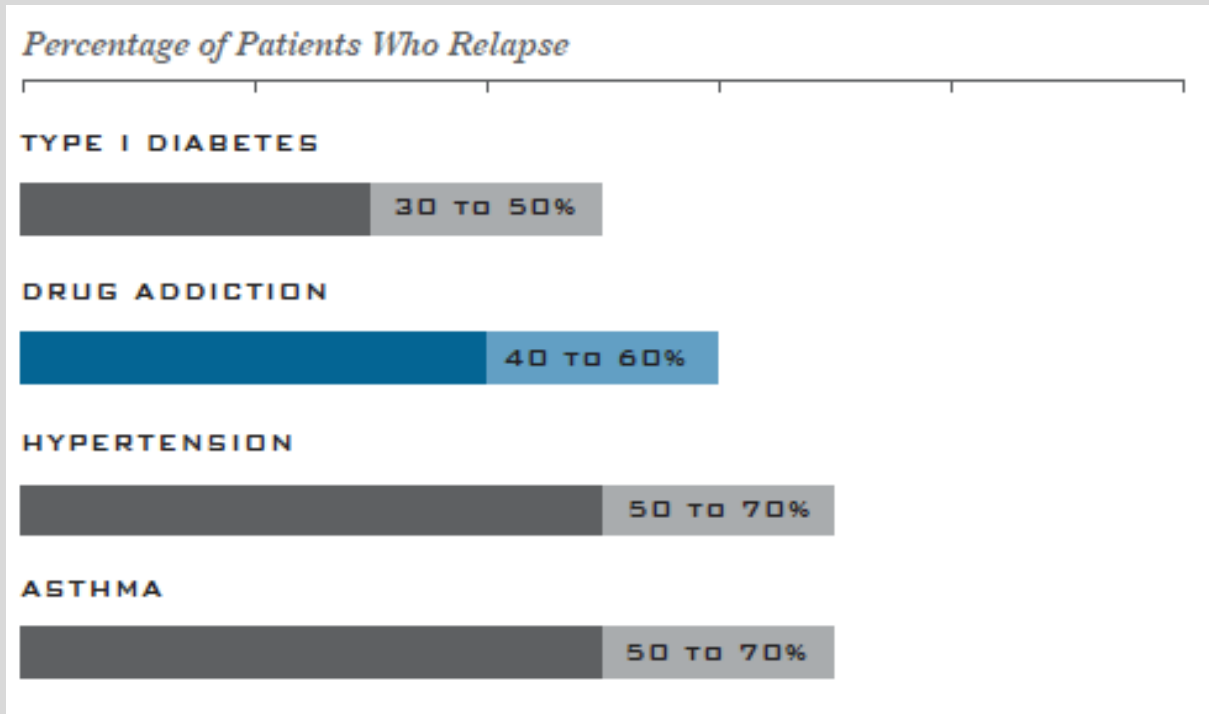
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# Relapse Happens



Treatment can work . . . BUT . . .

Not if the person isn't  
there.



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# Research Findings

The length of time a patient spent in treatment was a reliable predictor of his or her post treatment performance.



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# Research Findings

Coerced patients tend to stay longer in treatment.



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# The Answer

“We need to punish the offenders we are afraid of and treat the ones we are mad at”



# What is a Drug/DWI Court?



Drug Dependent  
Offender

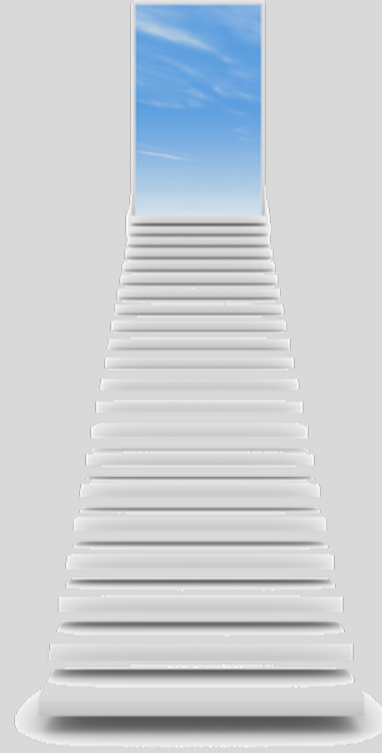
Quick  
Accountability

Intensive



# A Drug/DWI Court's purpose:

- To expedite the time interval to get offenders into accountability and treatment QUICKLY
- To keep the individual engaged in treatment LONG ENOUGH to receive treatment benefits
- It is a common-sense approach to the drug/alcohol offender



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# Crime Impact

A long-term evaluation of the Multnomah County (Portland, OR) Drug Court found that crime was reduced by 30% over 5 years and effects on crime were still detectable an astounding 14 years from the time of arrest.



*Finigan, M., Carey, S. M., & Cox, A. (2007, April). The impact of a mature drug court over 10 years of operation: Recidivism and costs. Portland, OR: NPC Research, Inc.*



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# Re-Arrest

Another study of four adult drug courts in Suffolk County, MA, found that drug court participants were 13% less likely to be re-arrested, 34% less likely to be re-convicted and 24% less likely to be re-incarcerated than probationers who had been carefully matched to the drug court participants using sophisticated “propensity score” analyses.

*Rhodes, W., Kling, R., & Shively, M. (2006). Suffolk County Court Evaluation. Cambridge, MA: Abt Associates.*



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# Saves Money

An economic analysis in California concluded that drug courts cost an average of about \$3,000 per client, but save an average of \$11,000 per client over the long term.



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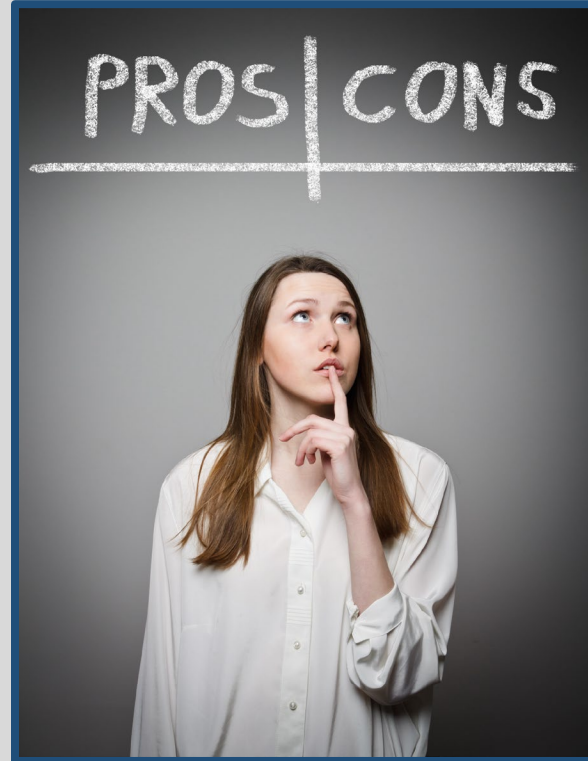
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# Research

“We know beyond a reasonable doubt that Drug Courts significantly reduce drug use and crime and do so with substantial cost savings.”



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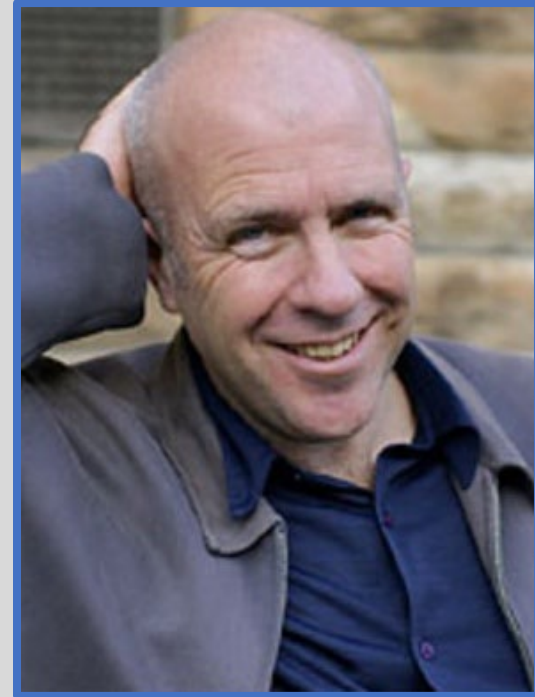
*“We cannot solve the problems we have created with the same thinking that created them”*

*Albert Einstein*



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*“The journey is long, the road is dark and frightening, but together we can reach our destination: the Tasmania of which we all dream, where all are welcome and all prosper, made no longer of lies but truth, built not of rich men's hate but our love for our island and for each other.”*





# A Dream where all are welcome and all prosper



Before



After

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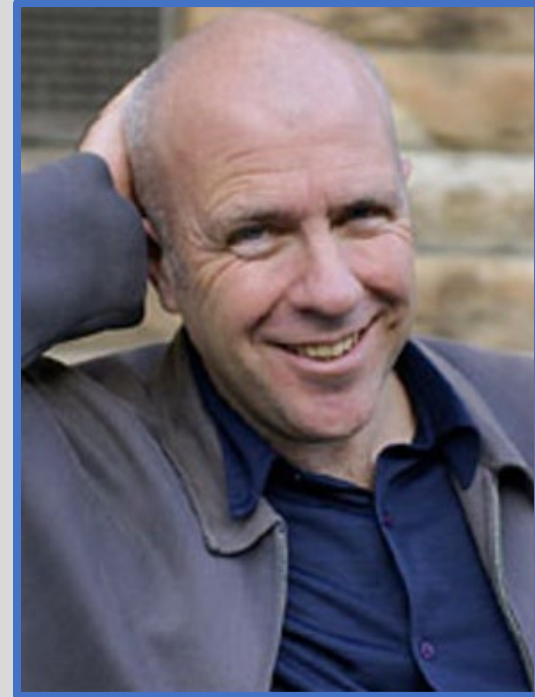


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