



## MATRI

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Building better lives...one step at a time

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- ❑ Partnership between the Department of Correction and the Department of Public Health's Bureau of Substance Abuse Services in response to the opioid epidemic;
- ❑ An interdisciplinary workgroup developed and implemented a MATRI protocol for full implementation in August 2014;
- ❑ MATRI shifts prison based substance abuse treatment from a strict evidence based public safety model to a hybrid that incorporates the elements of a public health approach.



# PURPOSE

To provide pre-release treatment and post-release referral for opioid- addicted and alcohol-addicted offenders at participating sites in the Department of Correction.

The goal is to facilitate transition into an outpatient substance abuse treatment program which employs a multi-faceted approach to treatment including the use of the medication Naltrexone, counseling, and aftercare referral to community-based providers



# WHAT IS NALTREXONE?

- ❑ Naltrexone is an antagonist, or blocking medication that attaches to opioid and alcohol receptors in the brain but doesn't activate the brain's pleasure response;
- ❑ Naltrexone does not contain opioid or other drugs unlike methadone or suboxone - it is non-addictive and non-narcotic;
- ❑ A single shot provides one month of medication;
- ❑ Naltrexone is only successful with on-going counseling.



# Recovery Support Navigator Model

- ❑ The Recovery Support Navigators coordinate with the Discharge Planners to facilitate referrals to the community based clinics and assist in the offender's post release SUD treatment plan.
- ❑ The RSN plays a key role in developing a community network of providers and volunteer agencies to assist the offender once released into their community.
- ❑ Strengthening existing partnerships with community-based agencies and creating new ones, improves the continuity in our *continuum of care* model in an effort to sustain reentry success and reduce recidivism.



# ELIGIBILITY

- ❑ Offenders who have graduated/successfully completed the intensive residential substance abuse treatment program or are enrolled in a non-residential substance abuse treatment program;
- ❑ Opioid and/or alcohol dependent;
- ❑ Remain engaged in recovery/treatment.



# Outcomes

- ❑ 333 Offenders have received pre-release injection
- ❑ 79% of those received injections post-release or engaged in other forms of OTP
- ❑ 1<sup>st</sup> year recidivism rate is 9.6%

