



**Office of Alcoholism and  
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# **Substance Abuse Treatment for the Criminal Justice Population**

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# OASAS Criminal Justice Partnerships



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**Corrections and Community Supervision**



**Children and Families**



**County Jails**

# OASAS Role with CJ System

- Treatment for CJ involved individuals
- Training – Courts, Corrections Staff, Parole/Probation Officers
- Monitoring of DOCCS SUD programs
- Encouraging OASAS certified providers to adopt EBP's
- Developed LOCADTR-3 – tool designed to ensure that people are appropriately placed in treatment programs – will be shared with Drug Courts and Parole/Probation.

# Criminal Justice Services

- Approximately 40% of all admissions have CJ involvement (111,000)
- Referrals come from:
  - Drug Courts
  - Probation
  - Parole
  - Diversion Programs



# Drug Treatment Courts/Judicial Diversion

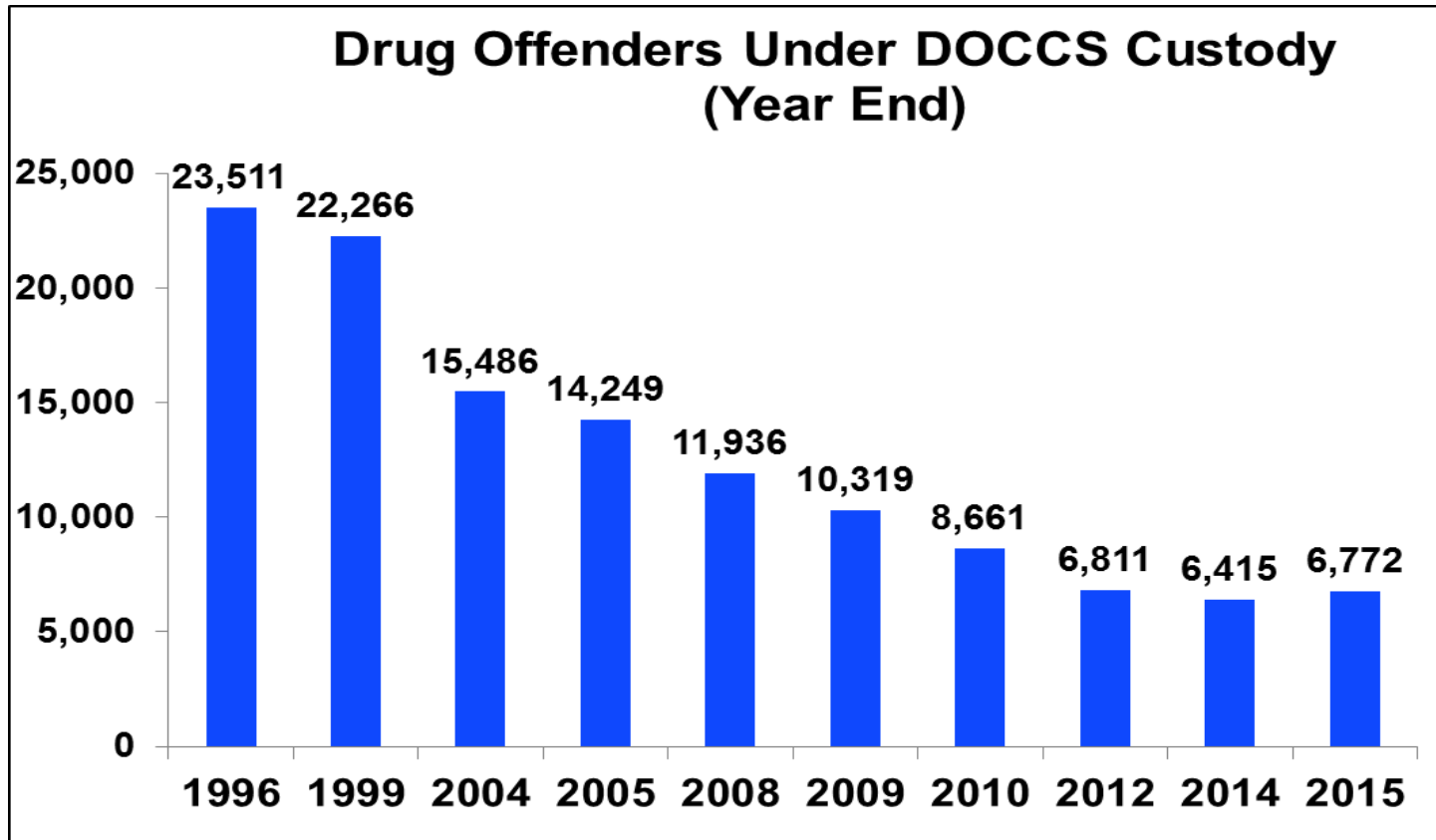
- Drug Courts began in New York State in 1995
- 2009 Drug Law Reform – increased eligible offenses
- 141 Courts in NYS
  - 93 Criminal/Town Courts
  - 33 Family Courts
  - 15 Juvenile Courts
- To date over 95,000 participants, 44,000 graduates, 878 drug-free babies



# Clinical Approaches

- OASAS encouraging the adoption of Evidence Based/  
Promising Practices
- Trauma informed treatment is becoming more of the  
norm – Seeking Safety©
- Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
- CBT focusing on Criminogenic Thinking – Thinking 4  
Change©





# SUD Services in Corrections Facilities

- NYS DOCCS operates 54 facilities, 52 have an SUD service – OASAS monitors services
- DOCCS offers several different programs
  - ASAT – Alcohol and Substance Abuse Treatment – 6 month intensive program
  - CASAT – Comprehensive ASAT – includes serving in a DOCCS work release facility with the offender participating in a community based OP SUD program.
  - Willard Drug Treatment Facility





# Edgecombe Treatment Facility

- Specialty program located at Edgecombe Correctional Facility in NYC
- Parolees who test positive or admit to substance abuse are taken to Edgecombe rather than returned to State Custody
- 45 day treatment program provided in the facility by Odyssey House.
- Once completed, the parolee is placed back in the community with referrals to aftercare.



# Medication Assisted Treatment in Criminal Justice Services

- CJ system has been highly skeptical of ORT (methadone/buprenorphine)
- Concerns about “just another addiction”, mingling with other patients, diversion of buprenorphine
- State law passed: Judicial Diversion participants can not be required to stop MAT as a condition of participation or graduation from program



# Medication Assisted Treatment in Criminal Justice Services (cont.)

- OASAS working with Office of Court Administration on training on importance of MAT
- Edgecombe Vivitrol Project – Began 1/16. Parolees with opiate use offered Vivitrol prior to release – Alkermes provides the facility with first dose at no charge
- OASAS working with County Jails to develop similar programs.



# NARCAN in Corrections Setting

- OASAS/DOH implementing program in state prisons to train soon to be released offenders on the use of Narcan and provide them with a kit upon release

