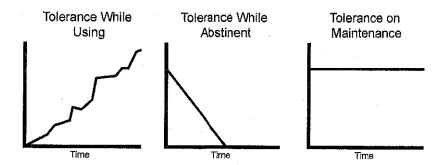
## Medication-Assisted Treatment (M.A.T.) for Opioid Use Disorder

When people have addiction, they will keep using despite negative consequences.

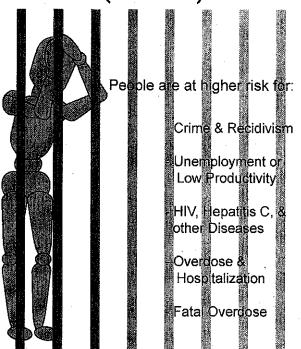
Their brains are altered so that:

- rational thinking and decision-making are compromised
- cravings are intense
- reward systems are desensitized
- emotions are magnified



Tolerance happens when people's bodies adapt to a drug over time, and doses must keep increasing for people to continue to get high or to keep from getting sick.

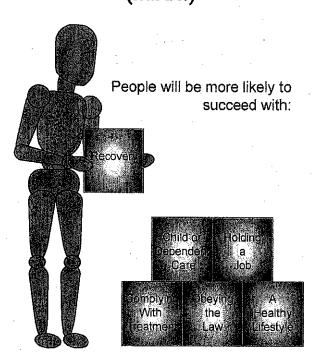
## Opioid Use Disorder Untreated (No M.A.T.)



People not on M.A.T. will experience withdrawal and cravings, especially when under stress.

Their tolerances are low, so they are twice as likely to fatally overdose.

## Opioid Use Disorder Treated (M.A.T.)



People on M.A.T. when stabilized on the right dose, will not experience withdrawals, cravings, or a high.

Their tolerances are stable, so they are 50-70% less likely to fatally overdose.