



**Office of Alcoholism and  
Substance Abuse Services**

# **Recognizing the Needs of Populations Served through Inter- agency Partnerships**

**NY Connects Fall 2016 Regional Trainings**

# OASAS “101”

- OASAS oversees a comprehensive system of substance use treatment, prevention and recovery services throughout NY State.
- This system includes over 1,500 nonprofit service providers and 12 Addiction Treatment Centers (ATC) directly operated by OASAS.
- On any one day, there are more than 120,000 individuals receiving services through this system.

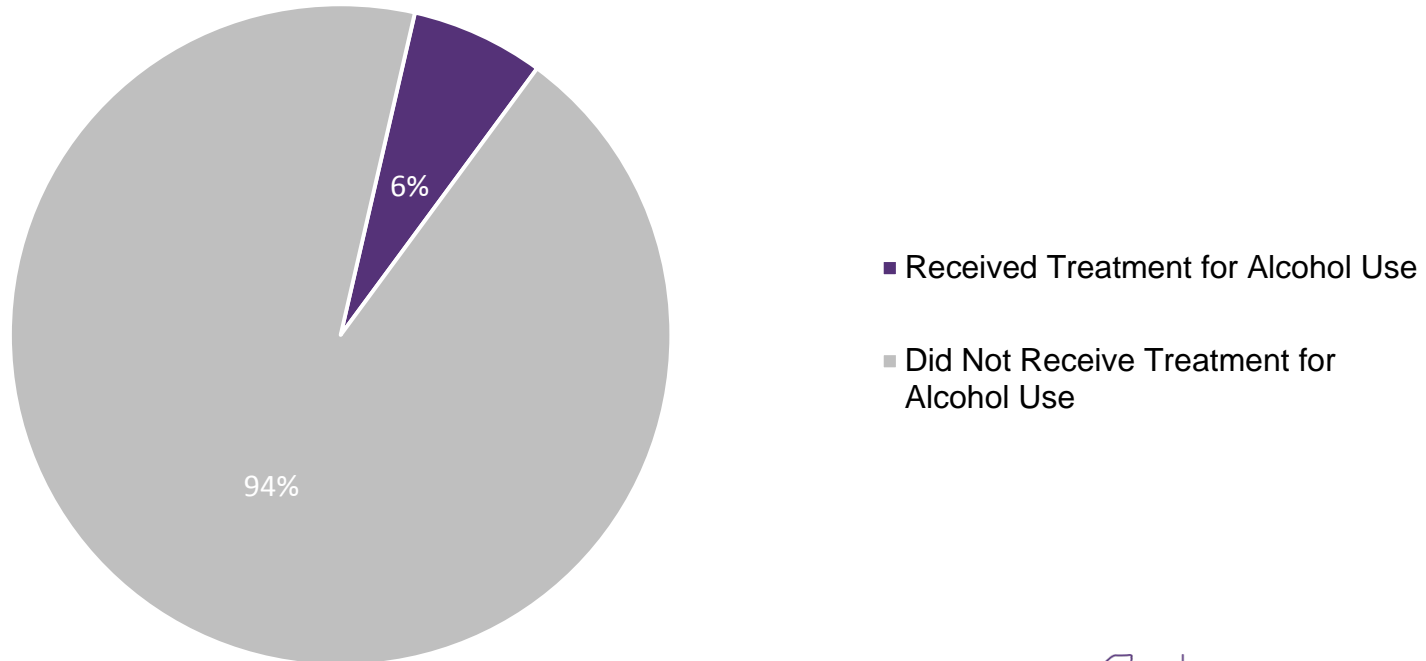


# OASAS Program Categories

- Crisis Services
- Methadone
- Outpatient
- Inpatient
- Residential



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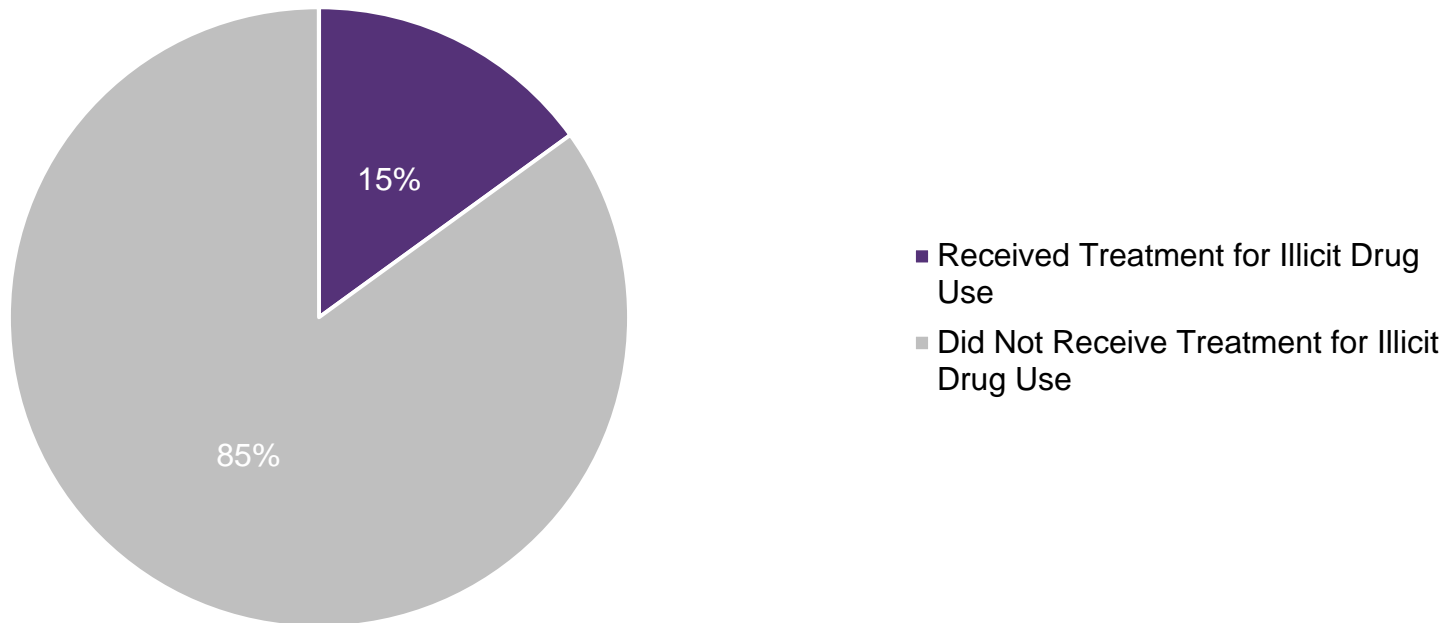


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## Past Year Treatment for Illicit Drug Use Among Individuals Aged 12 or Older with Illicit Drug Dependence or Abuse in New York (Annual Average, 2010–2014)



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# A Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Is:

1. A diagnosed dependence
2. A chronic and fatal disease
3. NOT a moral failing or issue.
4. Not curable, but it is treatable.



# Common Characteristics of SUD

- Hypertension
- Lack of interest in sex
- Lack of energy/fatigue
- Slowed thought processes
- Boredom or loss of interest
- Seeking / use of mood altering drugs
- Frequent hospitalizations
- Change in sleep patterns
- Isolation
- Recurrent episodes of confusion
- Tremors
- Depressed or anxious mood
- Progressive memory loss
- Irritated, angry, combative



# Lack of Recognition in the Provider Community

- For example, physicians often fail to recognize geriatric substance abuse for various reasons:
  - Lack of training and awareness
  - Embarrassment over screening for substance abuse
  - Failure to perceive the significance of substance abuse related medical problems
  - “Therapeutic underestimation”:
    - “He is old, let him have his small pleasures.”





## Some Concerns and Fears Individuals Report When Thinking About Treatment

- Treatment takes too long
- It is embarrassing to tell people
- Treatment is just for “hard core addicts”
- Treatment is too expensive
- It is hard being away from home



# OASAS Resources

**Treatment Provider Directory Search:**

[http://www.oasas.ny.gov/providerDirectory/index.cfm?search\\_type=2](http://www.oasas.ny.gov/providerDirectory/index.cfm?search_type=2)

**NYS HOPEline: 1-877-846-7369**

**OASAS Field Offices**

<https://www.oasas.ny.gov/pio/regdir.cfm>

**Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)**

<http://www.samhsa.gov>

**National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism**

<http://www.niaaa.nih.gov>

**National Institute on Drug Abuse**

<http://www.drugabuse.gov>



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