

# Addiction

- Medication – assisted treatment (MAT)
- Brain disease
  - Hijacks pleasure center
- Trauma informed
- Harm reduction





# Prescription Drugs

- Historically, a greater risk for women
  - Use more healthcare
  - Prescribed drugs vs. other services

# Opioids and Women

A photograph showing several orange capsules, a few yellow and white capsules, and a small pile of white powder on a light-colored surface. The pills are scattered across the right side of the slide, partially overlapping the text area.

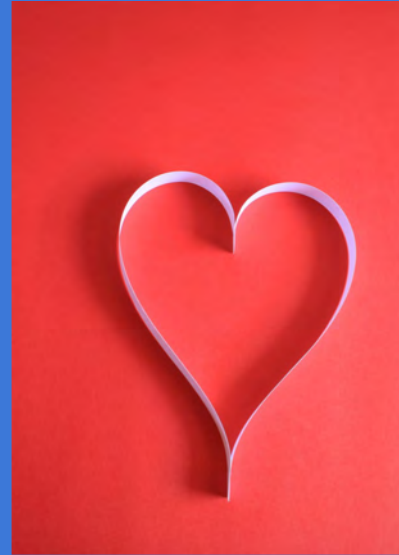
- Women have been disproportionately affected by the “opioid epidemic”; they represent a 400% increase in prescription opioid-related deaths compared to a 237% increase for men. (Hedegaard, Warner, & Miniño, 2017)
- For women, childhood sexual abuse and parental separation are highly correlated with opioid use. (Conroy, Degenhardt, Mattick, & Nelson, 2009)

# Addiction

- French: “Nailed to”
- Buddha: “Attachment is a source of suffering”

“

# Addiction as a Relationship



Love



Love-Hate