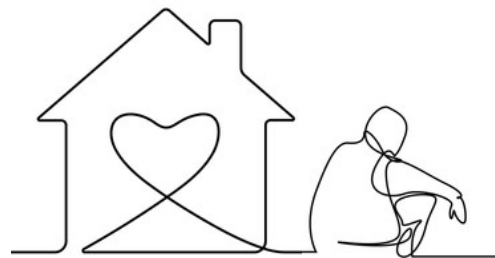


“Having Unhoused Loved Ones with Addiction”

Episode Overview

In this episode, I talk about people’s experiences of having unhoused loved ones with SUD/overdose incidents. I talk about how family relationships impact people’s paths *into* and *out of* houselessness and drug misuse. I discuss how people perceive and access treatment for drug addiction while they are houseless, and how family support impacts these decisions.



- Data indicates that unhoused people have disproportionately higher rates of SUD and overdose than housed people (up to 30x higher).
- If we’re going to talk about SUD, overdose, and loved ones ... we *must* talk about the experiences of the unhoused.

TAKEAWAYS

- ✓ All pathways into houselessness have to do with family conflict (as do many paths out of houselessness).
- ✓ Among unhoused people with addiction, family unity is a universal motivator for treatment.
- ✓ Numerous barriers (e.g., transportation, stigma) prevent treatment engagement/retention.

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