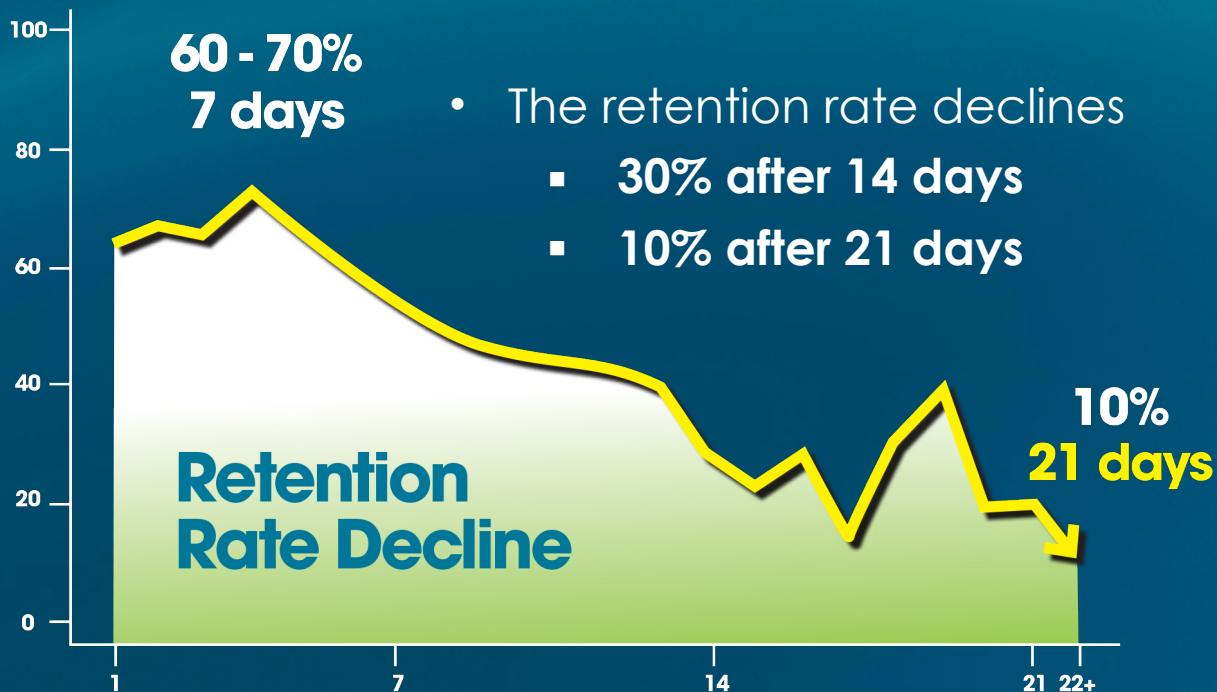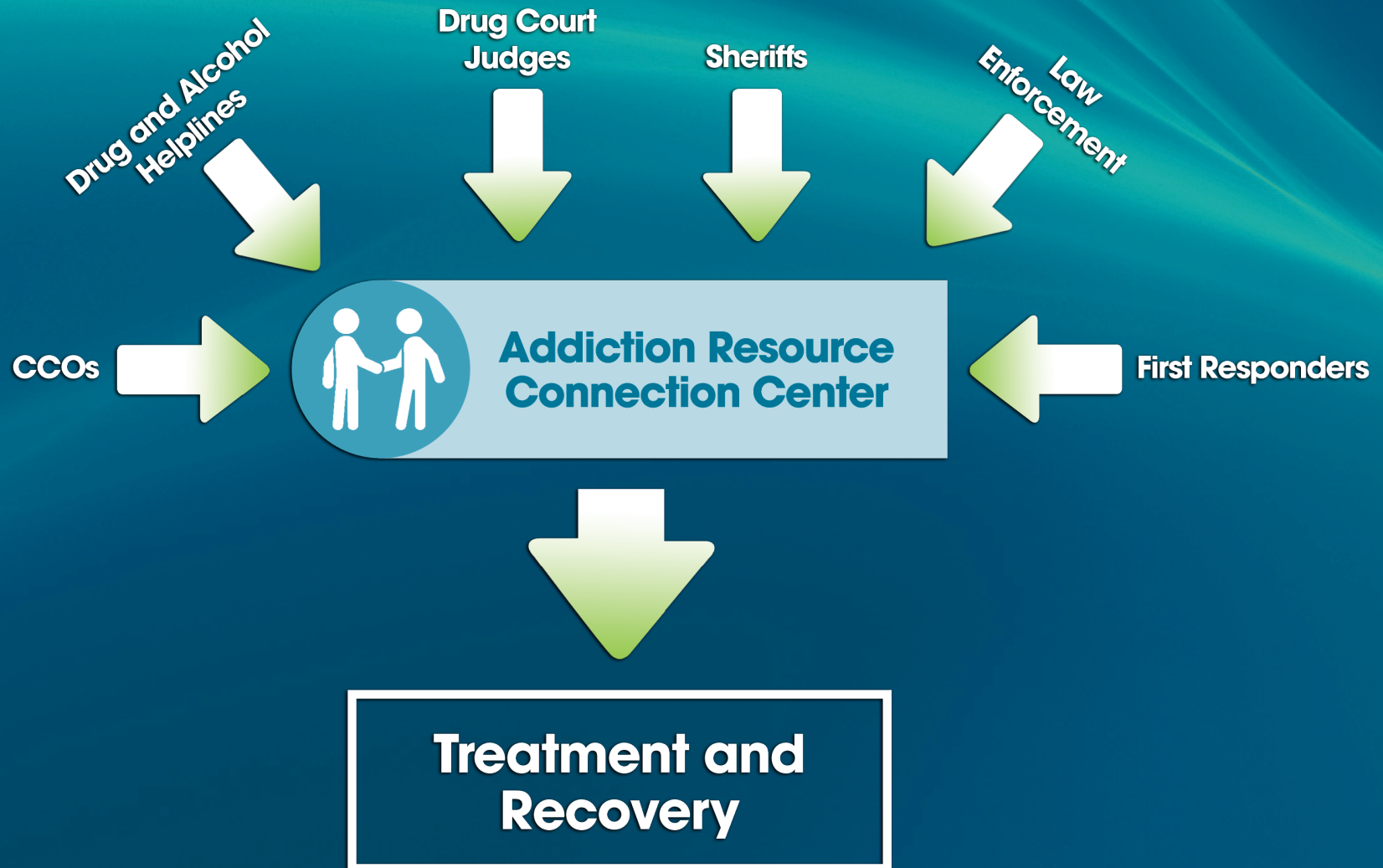# The Problem:

- Many individuals who seek treatment for alcohol and drug disorders are **unable to keep their first treatment appointment**

- The average wait tolerance of individuals waiting drug treatment is one month. **40% drop off a waiting list within two weeks**

- Generally, individuals who waited 30 days to enter care were **half as likely** to complete four sessions of outpatient care

The Problem: Delayed Recovery

- 60-70% of individuals who began care within 7 days completed four sessions of care

60 - 70%
7 days

- The retention rate declines
  - **30% after 14 days**
  - **10% after 21 days**

10%
21 days

Retention Rate Decline

Here's How It Works:

Drug and Alcohol Helplines

Drug Court Judges

Sheriffs

Law Enforcement

CCOs

Addiction Resource Connection Center

First Responders

Treatment and Recovery

Why?

- Ensures appropriate treatment at the most receptive time
- Links immediately to person who will coordinate care
- Offers personal touch to anyone choosing recovery
- First point of contact for treatment that will track and report all state documentation

The Bottom Line:

- **Delays in access to treatment lead to worse outcomes**

- **Reducing delay will improve chance for recovery**