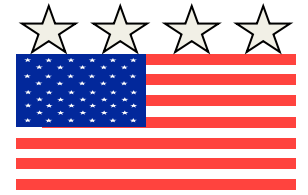


METHADONE FUNDING REDUCTION – CREATING A STATEWIDE DISASTER



- The Governor's budget would eliminate a \$53 million subsidy for methadone for 160,000 drug addicts. This is the equivalent to spending 91 cents/day on treatment per individual. California would also lose all \$61 million in federal matching funds.
- 35,000 to 40,000 chronic heroin addicts will be back on the streets creating a statewide disaster.
- Failure to engage opiate addicts in methadone treatment has tremendous adverse consequences, both for public health and safety.
- A study of drug treatment outcomes in the 1980's documented that methadone saved the taxpayers \$12 for every \$1 spent.
- A UCLA study documented repeated incarcerations, and deaths due to accidents, infections, and violence that could have been prevented by a more aggressive use of methadone.