

FACILITATOR GUIDE

County Touchpoints in Access to Medications for Addiction Treatment for Justice Involved Individuals

Module 3. The Case for Treating Opioid Addiction in Justice and Human Service Settings

Module Overview

This module offers a 29-minute video that briefly reviews the history of addiction treatment in prisons and jails and provides a variety of “cases” for treating OUD in jails, prison, courts, probation/parole, and child welfare. Considerations include recent lawsuits and findings against settings that terminate the use of MAT during incarceration or require that MAT be terminated for eligibility in justice and child welfare programs. Discussion questions and additional resources are provided to help participants translate this information into action in the workplace.

Content

- Video Recording: The Case for Treating Opioid Addiction in Correctional/Criminal Justice Settings, 29 minutes. It was recorded in September 2019 in Sacramento and the audience was leaders from the targeted organizations in Northern California.
 - Presenters: Donna Strugar-Fritsch, Health Management Associates
- PowerPoint slide deck: Contains the slides from the video. Created by Health Management Associates
- Issue Brief: MAT for Opioid Use Disorder: Overcoming Objections. This brief presents the most common objections to MAT and evidence-based responses, with citations. Prepared by the California Health Care Foundation
- MAT Toolkit for Criminal Justice Professionals, developed by Harbage Consulting:
 - [Medication Assisted Treatment Toolkit for Justice System Professionals](#) (complete toolkit as a single file)
 - [Medication Assisted Treatment Toolkit for Justice System Professionals](#)
 - [Connecting Individuals to Treatment in the Community](#)
 - [Participant resource on MAT](#)
 - [Quick Guides: Medication Assisted Treatment Use for Opioid Use Disorder and Alcohol Use Disorder](#)

The toolkit materials are for your use internally and with clients. They are an excellent resource. You can print the toolkit components individually from the links here and on the County Touchpoints training website under Module 6. You can also order – free of charge - high-quality printed copies in any quantity from Harbage Consulting, which is the organization contracted by the state to produce a variety of MAT toolkits. The Justice toolkit can be ordered as individual documents or as a folder that includes all the documents. E-mail Chelsea@HarbageConsulting.com to place an order.

Facilitator Steps

1. Print and distribute Toolkit component parts, Issue Brief, Module Overview and Learning Objectives to participants as they enter the room
2. Distribute the pre-test questions to participants and have them complete it. Then discuss the responses
3. Review the Module Overview, Learning Objectives, Issue Brief and Toolkit component parts
 - o Explain that the toolkit should be considered supplemental material for wide distribution in formal and informal meetings, other settings, to keep attention on the need to master this new material.
4. Show the video and then review presentation slides
5. Discussion questions for after viewing the video and reviewing the presentation slides:
 - a) What are the current practices in my workplace related to the use of MAT?
 - b) What are the reasons presented in the video for supporting MAT that are the most compelling or meaningful in your setting?
 - c) Do professionals that you work with have biases against the use of MAT? What are they?
 - d) What are some of the barriers that need to be overcome? How can you take steps to address these?
6. Provide an opportunity for questions and discussions
7. Distribute post questions, capture responses in accordance with CEU requirements and then discuss responses

Learning Objectives

At the end of this session, the participant can:

1. Articulate at least two reasons for justice and child welfare systems to embrace medication assisted treatment for individuals with OUD.
2. Explain how the Americans with Disabilities Act is a factor in treating OUD.
3. Identify a barrier to supporting treating OUD with MAT in your workplace, and a proposed rationale for working to overcome that barrier

Pre-Test Questions

1. Most state prisons and jails have refused to allow any medication assisted treatment until recently. True/False Correct answer: TRUE
2. The risk of overdose when a person is release from custody is lower than the general population. True/False Correct answer: FALSE

Post-Test Questions

1. In medical practice, the evidenced-based standard of care is that all persons with opioid addictions should have FDA-approved forms of MAT available to them. True/False Correct answer: TRUE
2. Providing MAT to inmates while in custody improves behavior during incarceration. True/False Correct answer: TRUE
3. There have been no legal adverse reactions to terminating treatment for OUD when entering custody. True/False Correct answer: FALSE

Continuing Education Options

Refer to the County Touchpoints Training Site website for information about continuing education credits by discipline. (red arrow)



California MAT Expansion Project

- California MAT Expansion Partner Projects
- County Touchpoints in Access to MAT for Justice-Involved Populations
- Expanding Access to MAT in County Criminal Justice Settings
- Mom&Baby Substance Exposure Initiative
- Transitions of Care

Welcome To TRAINING SITE For County Touchpoints In Access To MAT For Justice-Involved Populations

This site contains all the materials necessary for group or individual training about the use of Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) to treat Opioid Use Disorder in justice system and human service systems.

- Click here for a comprehensive Training Manual designed for use by internal organizational training teams to help plan, execute, sustain, and evaluate internal training. [Read More](#)
- Click here for a brief overview of the nine program modules and some recommended combinations that you can customize for unique audiences. [Read More](#)
- Click here for information on continuing education credits by discipline. [Read More](#)

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