

FACILITATOR GUIDE

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

Module 6. Your Profession and MAT

Module Overview

This module will take about 90 minutes to complete. It includes three components:

- A video created for this project in which senior leaders from adult and youth/dependency courts, probation, and child welfare agencies, public defenders, and district attorneys reflect on how their professions have changed to address addiction as a chronic brain disease and to accept and adapt to the role of Medication Assisted Treatment in treating OUD.
- A video “Tale of Two Inmates” that illustrates the similarities and differences that two persons with OUD experienced in the justice system, including elements which can significantly impact the likelihood of successful recovery.
- Workbooks specific to child welfare and various criminal justice professions about OUD and its treatment are provided. Position statements from relevant national organizations are included, as are case studies and discussions tailored to the profession.

The module translates general information about treating OUD in justice settings to specific client activities and approaches that reflect current best practice.

Content

- A video created for this project in which senior leaders from adult and youth/dependency courts, probation, and child welfare agencies, public defenders, and district attorneys reflect on how their professions have changed to address addiction as a chronic brain disease and to accept the use of Medication Assisted Treatment. (13 minutes) Developed by Health Management Associates with funding from California Health Care Foundation.
- A video that illustrates the similarities and differences that two persons with OUD experienced in the justice system, including elements which can significantly impact the likelihood of successful recovery. (7 minutes) Developed by Health Management Associates with funding from California Health Care Foundation.
- Workbooks specific to child welfare and various criminal justice professions about OUD and its treatment are provided. Position statements from relevant national organizations are included, as are case studies and discussions tailored to the profession. Developed by County Touchpoints Stakeholder Champions, Health Management Associates, and California Health Policy Solutions
- MAT Toolkit for Justice System Professionals: These 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 amount 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. The components are:

- [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](#)

Facilitator Steps

1. Print and distribute Module Overview, Learning Objectives, Toolkit components and Workbooks as people 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 and Learning Objectives.
 - a. 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. Begin the content video.
5. When the discussion questions appear, pause the video and discuss them:
 - a. How does your personal professional experience align or differ from that articulated by the senior leader representing your profession in the video?
 - b. How does your agency's overall approach to MAT align with the content of the video?
 - c. How does your professional experience with the other disciplines represented align with what their senior leaders related in the video?
6. Restart the video and view the "Tale of Two Inmates" video.
7. When the discussion questions appear, pause the video and discuss them:
 - a. Have you experienced disparities in how your clients experience the justice system like that between what Dallas and Renee experienced?
 - b. Does your county provide services closer to what Dallas received, or Renee?
 - c. What do you see as the goal for how your county should provide services to clients with OUD?
8. Walk participants through the workbook
 - a. Professional organization position – review and discuss
 - Objectives: review
 - Case study – review and discuss
 - Discussion questions - discuss
9. Wrap-up. Ask for comments on key take-aways and any issues or questions that did not get resolved.

10. 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. Describe changes in practice that are occurring related to addiction for your profession.
2. Articulate, with specific examples, the degree to which your agency practices align with best practices and your professional organization's positions on MAT.
3. Describe how the differences experienced by Dallas and Renee reflect the values and beliefs of the agencies that served them.
4. Identify at least one concrete action that would advance support for evidence-based MAT practices in your organization.

Pre-Test Questions

1. Your national professional organization supports access to all three forms of FDA-approved MAT under a medically supervised, individualized treatment plan for persons with OUD. True/False
Correct answer: TRUE
2. The experience of a person who is on MAT for an OUD in the justice or child welfare system can vary widely depending on the county they are in. True/False Correct answer: TRUE

Post-Test Questions

1. While relapse is an expected part of recovery from addiction, a positive urine toxicology screen should always be treated as a treatment failure by child welfare and justice professionals. True/False Correct answer: FALSE
2. Most people with OUD need MAT for about a month. True/False Correct answer: FALSE
3. It is appropriate for justice and child welfare professionals to recommend a client be referred for clinical evaluation of OUD and the appropriateness of MAT. True/False Correct answer: TRUE

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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