

Medication Assisted Treatment – Prescription Drug and Opioid Addiction Grant Profile



Grant Info

- **Type of Grant:** Discretionary Grant
- **Area of Focus:** substance abuse treatment and recovery support
- **Purpose of Grant:** The purpose of this program is to expand/enhance access to medication-assisted treatment (MAT) services for persons with opioid use disorder seeking or receiving MAT. This program targets states identified with having the highest rates of primary treatment admissions for heroin and opioids per capita and prioritizes those states with the most dramatic increases for heroin and opioids, based on SAMHSA's Treatment Episode Data Set (TEDS): 2007 – 2013. The desired outcomes include: 1) an increase in the number of admissions for MAT; 2) an increase in the number of clients receiving integrated care/treatment; 3) a decrease in illicit opioid drug use at 6-month follow-up; and 4) a decrease in the use of prescription opioids in a non-prescribed manner at 6-month follow-up.
- **Start and End Date of Grant:** 9/1/2016 – 8/31/2019
- **Amount of Award (all years):**
 - **Federal Award Amount:** \$3,000,000
 - **State Award Amount:** \$0
- **% Match Required:** 0%
- **Source of Funding:** Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment
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Grant Info

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Overview

- The principal goal of this project is to provide rapid initiation and ongoing treatment for Opioid Use Disorder in high risk areas across the state. This project will serve approximately 880 individuals through the creation of 6 Centers of Excellence, over a 3 year period.
- Year one will focus on populations coming out of incarceration and victims of opioid overdose seen in emergency settings with special emphasis on transitional youth aged 18-25. Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) has not been readily available to individuals in these groups and we intend to address that deficit by making all FDA-approved medications for the treatment of OUD available and working with individuals needing this treatment to assist them in initiating MAT.



Required Activities

- Outreach and engagement strategies to increase participation in, and access to, MAT for diverse populations at risk for opioid use disorder.
- Assessment to determine diagnostic criteria for opioid use disorders relative to MAT, including determination of opioid dependence, a history of opioid dependence, or high risk of relapse.
- Establish and implement a plan to mitigate the risk of diversion and ensure the appropriate use/dose of medication by patients.
- Direct provision of MAT (the use of FDA-approved medications in combination with behavioral therapies) as defined in this FOA. MAT provided for only medical withdrawal (detoxification) does not qualify for the use of grant funds.
- Providing peer and other recovery support services designed to improve access and retention in MAT. [Note: Grant funds may be used to purchase such services from another provider.]
- Screening and assessment for co-occurring disorders and the coordination, or delivery when not otherwise available and accessible to the individual, of services determined to be necessary for the individual patient to achieve and sustain recovery.
- Use of the state Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP), where available, for each new patient admission throughout engagement with grant-funded services and in compliance with any relevant state rules or regulations.
- Key staff (Project Director) is expected to contribute to the programmatic development or execution of your project in a substantive and measurable way.



Approach

- **Rhode Island Centers of Excellence (COE)**
 - A Center of Excellence (COE) is a specialty center that uses evidence-based practices and is responsible for providing treatment to and the coordination of care to individuals with moderate to severe opioid use disorder. The goal is to ensure timely access to appropriate, high-quality Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) such as Buprenorphine, Methadone or Naltrexone. The grant will be used to provide start-up funds to certified COEs at two major healthcare systems within Rhode Island in Year 1. In Years 2 and 3 provide start-up funding to 4 additional healthcare organizations (2 each year).
- **Public Awareness/Media Campaign**
 - The Outreach and Education Specialist will also work with the grantee and its subcontractors and the Governor's Overdose Task Force to implement a statewide campaign to address stigma associated with medication assisted treatment and increase participation in MAT. This may include: Conducting focus groups and providing input to the development of a professional video that may be continuously streamed in primary care offices, assist with development of culturally appropriate literature, dissemination of e-blasts, creation of infographics, social media ads and other communication tactics.



Approach (Cont'd)

- **COE Community Liaison**

- The outreach and education component will include a dedicated staff person(s) at each of the 4 COE provider organizations to implement a local strategy to increase participation in medication assisted treatment (MAT). The Liaison will mobilize community partners in these efforts. Specifically, the Liaisons will be responsible for:
 - Providing MAT and discrimination education to physicians, police, families, affected individuals and other community partners;
 - Assisting in the creation of and implementation of a statewide communication strategy in collaboration with the Governor's Overdose Prevention Task Force;
 - Coordinating outreach efforts with peer service providers;
 - Conducting induction demonstrations for physicians;
 - Coordinating training and consultation to incorporate telehealth services including use of the SAMHSA's MAT X application;
 - Coordinating activities to enhance and standardize screening and referral protocols; and
 - Assisting with follow-up to ensure that outreach to patients and data collection match requirements by SAMHSA/

