

Lived Experience/ Changed Outlook

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Reality of the MAT Program

- ✧ Better management of the offender while incarcerated/ controlling withdrawal symptoms/ not “craving” for the drug
- ✧ Not conveying drugs into the facility
- ✧ This is not a cure all for other drugs preventing diversion
- ✧ RI high population opiate users



Understanding the Goal of the M.A.T. program:

- ✧ To heal the brain through developing new habits
- ✧ Developing a support system
- ✧ Utilizing medication to replace the illicit opioid



Diversion Prevention

- ✧ As the inmates divert the medication the Correctional Officers have to adjust their checks before and after the medication is administered, these are just a few extra checks but are not limited to:
- ✧ Patience and persistence, keeping up with diversion
- ✧ Mouth checks, to include no dentures or partials
- ✧ Nothing in the mouth that can absorb the medication
- ✧ No sweat shirts or long sleeves
- ✧ Hair either tied back or off the shoulders
- ✧ Hands are checked, ID cards are checked, uniforms are visually inspected



The end goal

- ✧ Security- do not rush the operational plan of implementation of the program
- ✧ Staff Development- need staff “buy in”, Security Staff need to trust the administrators/ understanding why drugs are being introduced into the facility when it is securities job to keep illegal drugs out of the facilities
- ✧ Programming/ Counseling – Seamless transition into the community
- ✧ Re-entry into the community, responsibility for recovery
- ✧ Making them a Law abiding citizen- tax payer



Working with communities to address the opioid crisis.

- ✧ The Opioid Response Network (ORN) provides local, experienced consultants in prevention, treatment and recovery to communities and organizations to help address this opioid crisis.
- ✧ The ORN accepts requests for education and training.
- ✧ Each state/territory has a designated team, led by a regional Technology Transfer Specialist (TTS), who is an expert in implementing evidence-based practices.



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- ✧ SAMHSA's State Targeted Response Technical Assistance (STR-TA) grant created the *Opioid Response Network* to assist STR grantees, individuals and other organizations by providing the resources and technical assistance they need locally to address the opioid crisis .
- ✧ Technical assistance is available to support the evidence-based prevention, treatment, and recovery of opioid use disorders.

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