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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