The Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) in County Criminal Justice systems learning collaborative is a technical assistance program that is available to teams from all California counties interested in developing or expanding MAT for opioid addiction in their jails and through their drug court systems. County teams must demonstrate an interest in expanding access to at least two forms of MAT for opioid use disorder (naltrexone, methadone, buprenorphine) in order to be eligible.

HMA is currently working with 29 counties through the learning collaborative. Each county receives an initial grant of $25,000 to cover the cost of attending the in person learning sessions and participation in other MAT related activities, and other approved expenses. Additional funding is available after the first few months of the collaborative of $100,000 – $300,000 for participating counties to expedite implementation of SUD screening, assessment, treatment, MAT, and community engagement while sustainable local funds are secured.

29 Participating Counties

Alameda  Contra Costa  Plumas  Riverside
Humboldt  Imperial  San Bernardino  Sacrament
Inyo  Kern  San Diego  San Luis Obispo
Kings  Los Angeles  Santa Barbara  Santa Clara
Marin  Mariposa  Shasta  Siskiyou
Mendocino  Mono  Solano  Tehama
Nevada  Orange  Ventura  Yolo
Placer

Teams include jail health care staff, sheriffs, probation, drug courts, county behavioral health agencies, and others.

Watch this video to learn about how California county justice systems are increasing access to treatment in jails and in the community.

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The overall goal of this program is to increase access to Medicated Assisted Treatments in jails and drug courts. Each county starts at a different point in access to MAT and need not end at the same point. Therefore, individual county goals are different, depending on how far along the county is regarding implementation of MAT in the criminal justice system.

Each county team participates in four in-person learning collaboratives that provide didactic training, interactive breakout sessions, and cross-county dialogue.

Project coaches conduct monthly coaching calls with each team. Topic-specific webinars and podcasts are posted to the project website at addictionfreeca.org.

Each county team has made significant progress in identifying how to assure that persons in the drug courts and jails have access to MAT. Nearly all the 22 Cohort One teams are continuing detainees on MAT, and the rest are nearly ready. Many are also considering inducting detainees onto buprenorphine during incarceration and some have already begun to do so. The seven Cohort Two teams are moving quickly in the same directions.

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