

MAT in County Criminal Justice

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Expanding access to MAT for opioid addiction in jails and drug court systems

MAT IN COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE LEARNING COLLABORATIVE



Health Management Associates (HMA) is currently working with 29 counties to implement the Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) in County Criminal Justice systems learning collaborative, a technical assistance program for California counties interested in developing or expanding MAT for opioid addiction in their jails and through their drug court systems.

29 PARTICIPATING COUNTIES

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



VIDEO

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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PROGRAM GOALS

Historically, individuals with SUDs have not been able to access MAT during periods of incarceration, despite an estimated 65 percent of individuals in the criminal justice system meeting the criteria for an SUD. Individuals leaving prisons and jails are 40 times more likely to die of an overdose in the first two weeks compared to CA's general population. This is due to decreased tolerance and lack of treatment during incarceration. The goal of the program is to expand access to at least two FDA-approved MAT medications in jails in the 29 counties participating.



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

PROGRAM FEATURES

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

AS OF DECEMBER 2019, THE MAT IN COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROJECT HAS RESULTED IN:

1,003 + **643** = **1,646**
individuals maintained on MAT individuals starting MAT total people treated with MAT

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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