

## “Medication for Substance Use Disorder in Prisons & Jails”

### Need for Episode Topic

Residents are not receiving the care and treatment they need for substance use disorder in many prisons/jails.

Correctional staff know little about medication assisted treatment (MAT).

The research on MAT shows many strong and positive outcomes.

### Key Episode Takeaways

- ✓ MAT is sparingly implemented in correctional facilities despite substantial evidence of its effectiveness and the fact that many residents go through withdrawal and/or seek the use of substances while incarcerated.
- ✓ Jails and prisons should partner with community MAT providers and work carefully to implement MAT in corrections settings to support correctional staff (and residents) facing this dangerous substance.

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