# SAMHSA: Activities Relating to Increasing Access to Care for OUD

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#### SAMHSA's Mission

**Mission**: To reduce the impact of substance abuse and mental illness on America's communities.

**Vision**: SAMHSA provides leadership and devotes its resources towards helping the nation act on the knowledge that:

- Behavioral health is essential for health;
- Prevention works;
- Treatment is effective; and
- People recover.

#### HHS Five-Point Strategy to Combat the Opioid Crisis

- 1. Strengthen public health surveillance.
- 2. Advance the practice of pain management.
- 3. Improve access to prevention, treatment, and recovery services.
- 4. Target availability and distribution of **overdose-reversing drugs**.
- 5. Support cutting-edge **research**.

#### **Substance Abuse Block Grant (SABG)**

- About one-quarter of total state substance abuse agency funding
- For many, only funding source for treatment
- Flexible structure enables states to use for pressing challenges within their communities, such as the opioid crisis
- Includes 20% set-aside to support primary prevention efforts
- \$1.9 billion (FY2017)
- samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements-2018

## **Opioid State Targeted Response Grants (STR)**

- Two-year program authorized by the 21st Century Cures Act that focuses on prevention, treatment, and recovery activities
- Single largest opioid-specific funding program within HHS: \$500M in FY2017 and in FY2018
- States determine how to use the funds to address the opioid crisis in their state
- Distribution of funds based on severity of the crisis in each state

#### STR Technical Assistance (STR TA)

- Central coordinating point for State Targeted Response TA managed by American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry
- Provide local physicians, other clinicians, and other providers, for example, advance practice nurses, physician assistants, peers and other healthcare professionals with expertise in treatment and in recovery services for opioid use disorders (OUDs) to ensure the provision of evidence-based prevention, treatment, and recovery support programs/services across the Opioid STR program

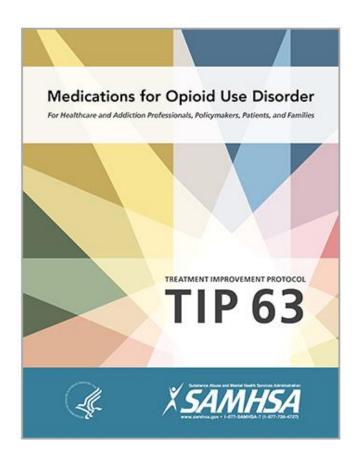
## **Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs)**

- SAMHSA regulates and accredits OTPs
- In FY 2017, SAMSHA worked to bring multiple new OTPs online in states hard-hit by the opioid crisis (total=1408)
- 1.1M people across 14,399 SUD treatment facilities
  - 30% on methadone (all in OTPs)
  - 5% on buprenorphine (most of which are in non-OTP programs)
  - 1% on naltrexone

#### Office-Based Opioid Treatment (OBOT)

- Drug Addiction Treatment Act (DATA) of 2000 Waiver Program
  - Enables physicians to dispense or prescribe medications such as buprenorphine in office-based outpatient treatment settings for the treatment of opioid use disorder, based either on specialty board certification (Addiction Psychiatry or Addiction Medicine) or on 8-hour training course and subsequent DEA registration (X-license)
  - Maximum 30 or 100 patients... up to 275 (with annual reporting, added later)
- Comprehensive Addiction Recovery Act (CARA) of 2016 Waiver Program
  - Enables nurse practitioners (NPs) and physician assistants (PAs) to do the same, based on specified 24-hour training course and subsequent DEA registration
- Free training via SAMHSA's web site

#### TIP #63: Medications for OUD



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- 1: Introduction to Medications for OUD Treatment
- 2: Addressing OUD in General Medical Settings
- 3: Pharmacotherapy for OUD
- 4: Partnering Addiction Treatment Counselors w/Clients and Healthcare Professionals
- 5: Resources Related to Medications for OUD

## Pregnant and Parenting Women (PPW)

- 19 awards (FY2017) totaling \$19.9 million under the Pregnant and Postpartum Women's (PPW) Residential Program to expand comprehensive treatment, prevention, and recovery support services for women and their children in residential substance use treatment facilities
- \$9.8 million over three years for State Pilot PPW grants (CARA)
  - support family-based services SUD, including OUD
  - help state substance abuse agencies address the continuum of care, including services provided to women in nonresidential-based settings
  - promote a coordinated, effective, and efficient state system managed by state substance abuse agencies by encouraging new approaches and models of service delivery

#### **Protecting Our Infants Act (POIA)**

- National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare (NCSACW), a technical assistance resource center jointly funded by SAMHSA and ACF, provided in-depth technical assistance to seven states to address OUD in PPW and neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS)
- Expand screening, SBIRT
- STR targeting OUD in PPW in at least 14 states (AR, AZ, DE, FL, IN, KY, MA, ME, MN, MS, MT, OH, TX, WV)
- Technical expert panel on long-term impact of fetal opioid exposure
- Clinical guidance on treating OUD in PPW (NEW!)

#### SAMHSA's Clinical Guide



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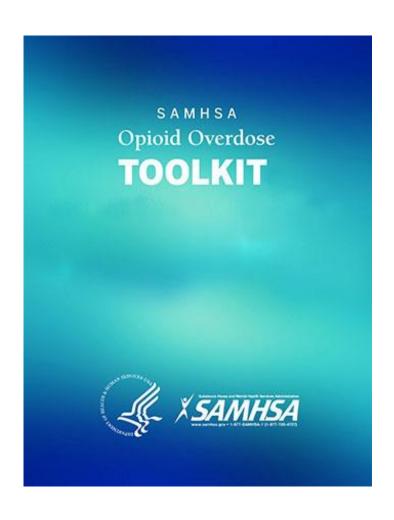
#### **State Youth Treatment Initiative (SYT)**

- 12 new awards (FY 2017) to improve treatment for adolescents and young adults with substance use disorders, including opioid use disorders
- expand access to evidence-based screening, assessments, treatment models, and recovery support services
- includes access to MAT drugs when there is no other source of funds to do so

#### **Criminal Justice Portfolio**

- 64 awards (FY2017) totaling over \$30 million for drug courts and offender reentry programs
- May pay for MAT medications when there is no other source of funds
- Since 2013, steady increase in the number of drug courts integrating MAT into their programs
- 57 percent of active programs currently integrating MAT

#### Overdose Prevention Toolkit



- Originally released 2013, updated 2014, 2016, and 2018
- Promotes awareness
- Increases knowledge
- Focuses on co-prescribed naloxone



#### Addiction Technology Transfer Centers (ATTCs)



#### Domestic ATTCs' Mission

#### Established in 1993 by SAMHSA, the domestic ATTCs:

 Accelerate the adoption and implementation of evidence-based and promising addiction treatment and recovery-oriented practices and services;

attcnetwork.org

- Heighten the awareness, knowledge, and skills of the workforce that addresses the needs of people with substance use and/or other behavioral health disorders; and
- Foster regional and national alliances among culturally diverse practitioners, researchers, policy makers, funders, and the recovery community.

## PCSS-MAT (Providers Clinical Support System)



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PCSS provides evidencebased training and resources to give healthcare providers the skills and knowledge they need to treat patients with OUD. Join the dedicated health professionals who are making a difference in millions of lives.









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### Thank you.

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