


# MATRI

## Medication Assisted Treatment Reentry Initiative

**Massachusetts Department of Correction**

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- ▶ Partnership between the Department of Correction and the Department of Public Health's Bureau of Substance Abuse Services in response to the opioid epidemic;
  - ▶ An interdisciplinary workgroup comprised of medical, mental health, prison based substance use treatment provider, community based substance use treatment provider and correctional staff developed and implemented a MATRI protocol for full implementation in August 2014;
  - ▶ MATRI shifts prison based substance use treatment from an evidence based public safety model to a hybrid that incorporates the elements of a public health approach.
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# PURPOSE

- ▶ To provide pre-release treatment and post-release referral for opioid-addicted and alcohol-addicted offenders in the MA Department of Correction;
- ▶ The goal is to facilitate transition into an outpatient substance use treatment program which employs a multi-faceted approach to treatment including the use of the medication Naltrexone, counseling, and aftercare referral to community-based providers.

# ELIGIBILITY

- ▶ Within 9 months to release;
- ▶ Offenders who have graduated/successfully completed the intensive residential substance use treatment program or are enrolled in a non-residential substance use treatment program;
- ▶ Opioid and/or alcohol dependent;
- ▶ Remain engaged in recovery/treatment.

# CURRENT PROGRAMMING

- ▶ Current programming includes the residential substance use treatment program, graduate support program, graduate maintenance program, Gateway to Treatment and Pathway to Recovery;
  - ▶ There are currently 473 intensive treatment beds and 110 graduate support beds at 4 facilities;
  - ▶ The department expanded the residential substance use treatment program at MCI-S making it one of the only almost entirely treatment facilities;
  - ▶ Offenders who graduate the residential substance use treatment program are able to remain engaged in treatment up to their release through the graduate support program and/or the graduate maintenance program;
  - ▶ Currently 623 enrolled in Graduate Maintenance Program.
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# Spectrum Health Systems

## Recovery Support Navigator Model

- ▶ The RSN plays a key role in developing a community network of providers and volunteer agencies to assist the offender once released.
- ▶ The RSNs coordinate with the following:
  - ▶ Medical Discharge Planners to facilitate referrals to the community based clinics;
  - ▶ Assist in the development of the offender's post release substance use treatment plan.
  - ▶ Linkages to faith based organizations, mentors, parole and probation.
- ▶ Strengthening existing partnerships with community-based agencies and creating new ones, improves the continuity in the *continuum of care* model in an effort to sustain reentry success and reduce recidivism.

# SPECTRUM POST-RELEASE TREATMENT & OUTPATIENT TREATMENT CENTERS

- ▶ Over 30 Outpatient Treatment Centers across the state
- ▶ Spectrum provides supported case management:
  - ▶ Implements individualized service plans
  - ▶ Coordinates medical & counseling appointments
  - ▶ Identifies a Managed Care Organization or Accountable Care Organization for the inmate based on their release address and scheduled outpatient site to ensure MA Health is accepted
  - ▶ Educates about MAT & other recovery strategies
  - ▶ Arranges transportation to and from appointments
  - ▶ Facilitates communication among providers
  - ▶ Maintains contact between clients and providers

# WELL PATH DISCHARGE PLANNERS

## Discharge Planners:

- ▶ Complete MATRI Referral Request Form;
- ▶ Obtain consent for release of information;
- ▶ Document discharge plans in the Inmate Management System.



# MA DOC MATRI RECOGNITION

- ▶ BJA identified the Department's MATRI as a best practice. Funding was allocated to produce a video featuring Massachusetts, Missouri and Pennsylvania's Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) programs. The video was featured at the annual National RSAT Workshop in New Orleans, Louisiana in July, 2015;
- ▶ Based on the interest generated from the presentation, BJA requested that a follow up presentation be facilitated via a national webinar. On September 16, 2015, MATRI was featured on a webinar titled "Mediation Assisted Treatment: Changing Correctional Paradigms";
- ▶ MA DOC's MATRI was featured at the National RSAT Workshop in Cranston, RI on July 25, 2016; the NIJ Conference in Philadelphia, PA on August 9, 2016 and the ACA Conference in Boston, MA on August 9, 2016.

# RECOGNITION CONTINUED

- ▶ The DOC hosted two MATRI Learning Labs on expanding access to opioid use disorder treatment for justice-involved populations. Representatives from New York, Delaware, Pennsylvania, and Louisiana attended the training in March 2017 and representatives from Arizona, New Jersey, Illinois and Virginia attended the training in June 2017;
- ▶ In June 2017, representatives from the Department were invited by the National Governor's Association to participate on a panel in which numerous other states attended to learn about MA strategies, barriers and lessons learned while implementing the MATRI program;
- ▶ In July 2017, NIC and AHP invited representatives from MA to attend the National RSAT (Residential Substance Abuse Treatment) Workshop in Louisville, KY and participate in a panel to discuss strategies, barriers and lessons learned.

# PARTICIPANTS

- ▶ Since implementation in September 2014, 539 offenders have received an injection pre-release;
- ▶ Of those who received a pre-release injection, 79% remained engaged in some form of treatment post-release.

# NEW INITIATIVES

- ▶ Recovery Pathfinder Program - DOC MAT program that services section 35 civilly committed individuals at the Massachusetts Alcohol and Substance Abuse Center (MASAC) in Plymouth, MA and Hampden County Sheriff's Department's (HCSD) Stonybrook Stabilization and Treatment Centers in Ludlow, MA and Springfield, MA;
  - ▶ Recovery Pathfinders and clients develop an Individualized Wellness Plan (IWP) that serves as a guide to their recovery while in the community;
  - ▶ Recovery Pathfinders collaborate with clients and families, community support services, health care providers, employers, transitional support services, substance use treatment, mental health, medical treatment, housing and employment assistance.
  
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