

Providers Clinical Support System (PCSS) Training Resources for MAT

The following list of resources was compiled by [PCSS](#) for providers looking to implement medication-assisted treatment for opioid-use disorder.

MAT Waiver Training Options

For Physicians – Full day (8 hour) and Half-and-Half courses – see [calendar of events](#) for a listing of upcoming trainings

- Half-and-Half courses (2 formats)
 - Half-and-Half (In-person) – The first half is offered in-person on a scheduled day and time and the second half is online (i.e. self-study). The online portion is provided to participants following the face-to-face session.
 - Half-and-Half (Webinar) - The first half is offered via a webinar on a set day and time and the second half is online (i.e. self-study).
 - These are typically held twice a month. The first is held on the second Saturday of the month, morning east coast time. The second is held on the fourth Wednesday of the month, evening pacific coast time. The online portion is provided to participants following the webinar.

- Full day (8 hour) – These are requested and are scattered throughout the country. Some courses are open to the public so folks are welcome to attend these trainings if they are geographically feasible.
 - **If you are interested in hosting a training for your constituents**, you can submit an application [here](#). **Please note:** PCSS can provide the course materials and speaker(s) as well as cover their expenses (travel and hotel). The organization requesting the training will be responsible for providing the space, AV, and outreach in order to get participants to the training.

- Online 8-hour MAT Waiver Training: <https://pcssnow.org/medication-assisted-treatment/waiver-training-for-physicians/>.

For NPs and PAs -

- NP page: <https://pcssnow.org/medication-assisted-treatment/waiver-training-for-nps/>
- PA page: <https://pcssnow.org/medication-assisted-treatment/waiver-training-for-pas/>

Behavioral Health Webinars

The National Council for Behavioral Health (PCSS Steering Committee organization) developed a three-part webinar series focused on educating Community Behavioral Health Organizations (CBHOs) about various elements of medication assisted treatment (MAT). Trainings:

- Part 1 - [Opioid Dependence 101 and MAT](#)
- Part 2 - [Medication-Assisted Treatment of Opioid Use Disorders: Why Community Behavioral Health Organizations \(CBHOs\) Need to Lead This Effort](#)
- Part 3 – [Lessons Learned from CBHOs Implementing MAT for Opioid Dependence](#)

NCBH also developed a three-part webinar series focused on the successful implementation of medication assisted treatment (MAT) within an organization. Trainings:

- Part 1 - [Medication Assisted Treatment: Ready, Set, Implement](#)
- Part 2 - [Implementing Medication-Assisted Treatment \(MAT\): Organizational Considerations and Workflows](#)
- Part 3 - [Financing Factors for Implementing Medication-Assisted Treatment](#)

Additional behavioral health courses:

- [The Role of Behavioral Interventions in Buprenorphine Maintenance Treatment](#)
- [Developing a Behavioral Treatment Protocol in Conjunction with MAT](#)

Education on SUD/ODU/MAT

Videos regarding treating people with OUD

- [Treating Patients with OUD Can Be Incredibly Rewarding](#): PCSS video highlights clinical experts discussing the importance and the rewards of treating opioid use disorder patients using medication assisted treatment (MAT).
- [A Rallying Call to the Medical Community](#): PCSS video featuring Dr. Hillary Kunins discusses the opioid epidemic and the urgent need for providers to begin treating opioid use disorder patients. In the video, Dr. Kunins compares the opioid epidemic to the early days treating HIV when the medical community united for a cause.
- [Why medications are effective for OUD](#): PCSS video with Dr. Hillary Kunins, a Providers Clinical Support System Clinical expert, discussing the importance of treating opioid use disorder using medications.

SUD 101: PCSS developed four one-hour modules to provide an overview of Substance Use Disorders and Treatment for clinicians and admin staff (Brian Fuehrlein, MD, PhD)

- [Understanding Substance Use Disorders](#)
- [Alcohol and Drug Use Disorders](#)
- [The Opioid Epidemic](#)
- [Medication and Behavioral Treatment of Substance Use Disorders](#)

Additional PCSS training on MAT/ODU/Stigma:

- [Introduction to Medication Assisted Treatment \(MAT\)](#)
- [Medication Assisted Treatment of Opioid Use Disorders: Progress and Challenges](#)
- [MAT in the OTP Setting: Integrating the Three Approved Medications](#)
- [Integrated Treatment Continuum for Substance Use Dependence - “Hub/Spoke” Initiative—Phase 1: Opiate Dependence](#)
- [Medication Assisted Treatments: Focus on Alcohol and Opioid Use Disorders](#)
- [ASAM Pocket Guide](#): The ASAM National Practice Guideline for the Use of Medications in the Treatment of Addiction Involving Opioid Use
- [Myths and Misconceptions: Medication-Assisted Treatment for Opioid Addiction](#) (This is not a PCSS training, but has useful information)
- [Stigma in Methadone and Buprenorphine Maintenance Treatment](#)
- [Stigma and OUD](#)
- [TIP 63: Medications for Opioid Use Disorder – Full Document \(Including Executive Summary and Parts 1-5\)](#) (SAMHSA, March 1, 2018): This Treatment Improvement Protocol (TIP) reviews the use of the three Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved medications used to treat opioid use disorder (OUD)—methadone, naltrexone, and buprenorphine—and the other strategies and services needed to support recovery for people with OUD. Download full document at no cost.

Mentor opportunities

PCSS Discussion Forum is comprised of PCSS mentors and other experts who help provide prompt responses to clinical cases/questions. Create a new login account here:

<http://pcss.invisionzone.com/register>.

PCSS Mentor Program is aimed at improving providers' confidence and skills in preventing, identifying, and treating substance use disorders, opioid use disorder, and chronic pain. The program is designed to assist providers in using evidence-based practices when prescribing opioids and the effective use of medications in treating OUD.

- The program is no cost to health professionals
- Mentors are a national network of trained clinicians with expertise in addiction and pain management. These mentors can provide support by telephone, email, or in person if logistically possible.
- **Requesting a mentor** - Completing [mentor application](#). A listing of mentors can be found [here](#).
- **Small group discussions** – The goal of these discussions is to support interactions among experts and health professionals in the field through an informal “round table” conversation. Discussions are limited to 10-15 participants. Invitations are sent to those enrolled in PCSS' Mentor Program. Registration is on a first-come/first-served basis. Once limit is reached, registrants will be placed on a waiting list and notified if spots become available. Participants are asked to submit clinical cases/questions based on the discussion topic, and the presenter will address during the live session.

SBIRT Resources

PCSS SBIRT trainings:

- [An SBIRT Approach to Pain and Addiction](#)
- [Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral for Treatment: Evidence for Use in Clinical Settings](#)
- [Mini Guide to Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment: An Overview of SBIRT and Resources](#)
- [Screening, Brief Interventions, Referrals to Treatment: Use of SBIRT in Practice](#)