



## 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act Criminal Justice Stigma Reduction

Promoting Wellness and Recovery

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# Reducing Stigma Among Criminal Justice Professionals

## 396 Criminal Justice Professionals Trained

### Project

Provide ten, eight-hour trainings on the nature, application, efficacy, and implementation of Medication Assisted Treatment to criminal justice staff throughout Ohio.

### What Is MAT?

Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) for opioid addiction is the use of medications such as buprenorphine, naltrexone, and methadone (in combination with counseling and behavioral therapies) to provide a whole-patient approach to treatment. They are not meant to cause euphoria once a steady state of daily dosing is achieved, but can block the effects of shorter-acting opioids that send opioid addicts into impulsive and self-defeating behaviors.

### Training Survey Results

- MAT is an effective tool for treating Opioid Use Disorders
  - Before: 42% Agreed
  - After: 74% Agreed
- MAT can help reduce crime and reincarceration
  - Before: 47% Agreed
  - After: 70% Agreed
- MAT can help reduce relapse
  - Before: 47% Agreed
  - After: 70% Agreed
- Using MAT to treat addiction is substituting one drug for another
  - Before: 42% Agreed
  - After: 13% Agreed

### Project Successes

Survey results demonstrate a positive change in perception of Medication Assisted Treatment and trainings received positive feedback as demonstrated from the evaluation feedback and survey results.



### Training Locations:

Franklin	Trumbull
Lucas	Cuyahoga
Hamilton	Clark
Scioto	Summit
Warren	Montgomery