

Did You Know?

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Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT): There are currently three medications used to treat Opioid Use Disorders: Naltrexone, Buprenorphine and Methadone. Even though they have varying effects on the body and function differently, they are all designed to help facilitate recovery.

What You Should Know:

- For every \$1 spent on addiction treatment, up to \$3 are saved in crime reduction.
- There is no “one-size fits all” in the addiction treatment. Some people may need to try several medications under the supervision of their doctor to find what works for them. The best options involve combining medication with counseling and behavioral therapy.
- Suboxone (Buprenorphine combined with Naloxone) is used to deter those with Opioid Use Disorders from abusing opioids and can be prescribed in a doctor's office by a qualified physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner.
- Methadone for addiction treatment needs to be obtained in a Methadone clinic.

What You Can Do:

- Fight back against stigma and support those who are seeking or are in treatment for addiction. A strong support system can make a great difference in their path to recovery.
- Educate your community on the need for increased access to MAT, options for MAT and behavioral therapy that are already available, and the importance of asking for more services to be made available.
- To find a doctor who prescribes Buprenorphine in their office, check SAMHSA’s list online: <https://www.samhsa.gov/medication-assisted-treatment/physician-program-data/treatment-physician-locator>



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