Strategies for Effective Clinician Partnerships with Treatment Courts

Early use of Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) helps participants stay engaged and benefit from the full treatment court program.

ESTABLISH EARLY COLLABORATION

Learn whether a treatment court exists in your area and connect with its coordinator or judge to discuss MOUD and your role.

OFFER TO SHARE RESOURCES

Offer brief education and resources to court staff to dispel MOUD myths and promote recovery-focused, overdose-prevention principles.

INTEGRATE ADDICTION MEDICINE

Partner with the court to include MOUD in comprehensive care and highlight its lifesaving benefits for engagement and retention.

MAINTAIN CONFIDENTIALITY

Create a confidential referral system with CFR 42–compliant consent forms while maintaining medical independence.

FOCUS ON CLIENT-CENTERED CARE

Respect participant autonomy, keep medical care separate, and clearly outline goals, medication options, and shared information.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Use these trusted resources to guide your work with treatment courts.

National Treatment Court Resource Center

NTCRC.ORG/MAPS/INTERACTIVE-MAPS/

All Rise Best Practices

ALLRISE.ORG/PUBLICATIONS/STANDARDS/

ASAM Policy Statement

ASAM.ORG/ADVOCACY/PUBLIC-POLICY-STATEMENTS

ADA Protects People with Opioid Use Disorder

People in recovery or using prescribed medications such as **methadone**, **buprenorphine**, or **naltrexone** are protected from discrimination under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Further Strategies for Effective Clinician Partnerships with Treatment Courts

BUILD ONGOING COMMUNICATION

Maintain open communication with the court team and address concerns promptly to improve outcomes.

FORMALIZE ROLES

Use Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) to define roles, fees, and coverage, and assign a court and/or clinic contact for consistent communication.

PARTNER WITH PHARMACIES

Partner with pharmacies to ensure timely, confidential access and medication options for uninsured participants.

SUPPORT SUSTAINABILITY

Identify funding for MOUD services and share successes to build awareness and support.

COLLECT FEEDBACK

Use anonymous evaluations and feedback to improve coordination and strengthen partnerships.

FUNDING & USEFUL LINKS

Explore these funding sources to support MOUD access and enhance your partnership with treatment courts.

Public Insurance and Commercial Payors

WWW.HEALTHCARE.GOV/

Federal Grant Resources Available

HTTPS://WWW.GRANTS.GOV

Additionally, confirm the requirements with the state agency that oversees addiction services in your area.

Paying for the MOUD Program

FUNDING SOURCES Grant funding obtained by the treatment court, along with federal, state, and opioid abatement settlement funds.

COST COVERAGE MOU defines physician and pharmacy fees, and the court covers participant costs for MOUD.

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