

## **Medication-assisted Treatment Prescriber Mentoring Program**

### **What is medication-assisted treatment?**

Medication-assisted treatment (MAT) is an evidence-based approach that combines behavioral therapy and medications to treat individuals with substance use disorders.

MAT can reestablish normal brain function, reduce substance cravings, and prevent relapse.

### **What are the benefits of MAT?**

- Decreases opioid-related deaths
- Decreases illicit opioid use
- Increases social functioning and retention in treatment
- Decreases criminal activity
- Improves maternal and fetal outcomes for pregnant or breastfeeding women
- Decreases transmission of infectious diseases, such as human immunodeficiency virus and hepatitis C
- Reduces neonatal opioid withdrawal syndrome, a subset of neonatal abstinence syndrome

### **How do I learn more?**

The Florida Alcohol and Drug Abuse Association (FADAA) offers an extensive portfolio of activities that include a variety of MAT training and technical assistance events. FADAA is considered a leading voice in substance use policy and related practice improvement by national, state and local policymakers, treatment providers and the recovery community.

### **What is the peer prescriber mentoring program?**

FADAA hosts a team of nine prescriber mentors who support the expansion of MAT throughout the state of Florida. The team of peer prescribers specialize in a variety of areas including:

- Addiction medicine
- Addiction psychiatry
- Emergency medicine
- Psychiatry
- Obstetrics/gynecology

Peer prescribers are responsible for providing training, support and consultation to other providers who are interested in prescribing MAT.

Peer prescriber support

- Case consultation
- Technical assistance
- Staff training

### **How can I take the training?**

Peer prescribers are located throughout the state of Florida and are available to provide training in-person or virtually. Training also is available via their website and can be viewed at the attendee's leisure. Continuing medical education credits are available for attendees who take the training.

The training document can be found at [https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.fadaa.org/resource/resmgr/files/resource\\_center/webianrfiles/Medical\\_Education\\_Slide\\_Deck.pdf](https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.fadaa.org/resource/resmgr/files/resource_center/webianrfiles/Medical_Education_Slide_Deck.pdf).

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### **Additional resources**

[Medications for Substance Use Disorders | SAMHSA:](https://www.samhsa.gov/medications-substance-use-disorders)

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[FADAA: Services Arm of the Florida Behavioral Health Association:](https://www.fadaa.org/)

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