



WINDSOR-ESSEX
COMMUNITY
**OPIOID &
SUBSTANCE**
STRATEGY

WECOSS Treatment and Recovery Working Group: 2025 Project

*Expanding Access of Opioid Agonist
Therapies (OAT)*

Project Recap

Project Purpose and Goals

Purpose:

Support improved use and access of opioid agonist therapy (OAT) amongst those with opioid use disorder (OUD).

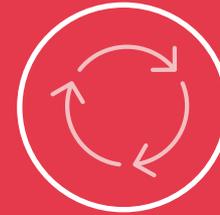
Goals:



Improve knowledge and awareness amongst health and social service providers about OAT as an evidence-based care modality for people living with OUD.



Increase confidence and skill level of service providers to facilitate supportive/judgement-free conversations with clients/patients who may benefit from OAT and connect them to appropriate supports.



Create additional clinical/care pathways across the health and social service system to support clients/patients who may benefit from OAT in gaining timely and low-barrier access to this service.



Project Activities



Group Discussion

Defining Project Scope and Specifications

Defining the “WHO?”

Target Audience(s)

Ranking Poll:

Which audience might benefit most from OAT education and training?

Defining the “WHERE?”

Target Setting(s)

Word Cloud Poll:

In which community service settings
might we offer OAT education and
training?

*Previous Examples Discussed: Emergency Departments, Shelters,
Pharmacies, Primary Care or Physicians’ Offices*

Defining the “WHAT?”

Delivery Methods

Single Choice Poll:

Which medium(s) should be used to deliver this training? What will our deliverable look like?

Defining the “HOW?”

Developing and Implementing Deliverables

Discussion Questions:

1. Who in our community has the knowledge, experience, and expertise to contribute to content development and/or delivery around OAT?
2. Are you aware of any training or education resources that have already been developed on this topic that can be leveraged for the purposes of this project?
3. What partnerships might we explore to support project implementation?
4. How might we approach the development of new or improved care pathways for OAT (e.g., WEC Connect, existing referral tools)?

Defining the “WHEN?”

Timelines

Activity	Timeline	Lead(s)
Identify organizations and/or service providers to engage for OAT education and training.	April 30, 2025	Co-Chairs & WECHU *Based on today’s discussion
Develop and deliver relevant education/training and resource materials to service providers.	October 31, 2025	Local Experts WECHU and Co-Chair Supports
Collaborate with community partners to create, implement, and promote additional care pathways for OAT across health and social service settings.	October 31, 2025	Local Experts WECHU and Co-Chair Supports
Evaluate the efficacy and effectiveness of service provider education resources and care pathways established through this project.	November 30, 2025	WECHU