

New Content Alert! Addressing the OUD Treatment Gap



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New Content: Addressing the OUD Treatment Gap Through Innovative Programs

[Less than one-third](#) of those with an opioid use disorder (OUD) receive any type of treatment and [even fewer](#) receive treatment with medications, considered the standard of care. Innovative programs have been implemented in several communities to address this treatment gap. The [Brandeis Opioid Resource Connector](#) has recently highlighted two of these program models.



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[Olympia Bupe Clinic](#) – a buprenorphine clinic co-located with a syringe service program in Washington State that minimizes barriers to treatment. This “low threshold” OUD treatment includes walk-in access, same-day treatment with dispensing of buprenorphine on site at no cost, no counseling requirements, no illicit drug screens, and no commitment to recovery.



[Project Connections at Reentry \(PCARE\)](#) – a mobile buprenorphine clinic in Baltimore that also provides harm reduction services and linkage to primary care. This program targets vulnerable populations by parking outside of the city jail and delivers low-threshold care by not requiring health insurance, identification, or a commitment to abstinences of counseling.

In case you missed it, please see some of the other innovative program models that address the OUD treatment gap on the Brandeis Opioid Resource Connector:

- [Houston Emergency Opioid Engagement System \(HEROES\)](#) – post-overdose response using a team that includes a peer to link people to treatment
- [Mobile Community-Based Access Team \(M-CAT\)](#) – mobile outreach in Connecticut integrating telemedicine, buprenorphine treatment, and case management to treat veterans experiencing homelessness
- [Project Ride](#) –providing low-threshold access to medications via mobile outreach to hard-to-reach populations in Philadelphia
- [Community Care in Reach](#) – using data-driven technology to deliver treatment and harm reduction services via mobile outreach to overdose hotspots

- [Recovery Initiation and Management after Overdose \(RIMO\) program](#) – community-based outreach program by first responders to opioid overdose survivors in Chicago

We continue to add material on interventions to address the opioid crisis across the continuum of care - prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery – and we now provide over 175 program models and 700 additional resources along with tools to inform a comprehensive and effective community response.

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