

“Exploring MOUD Programs in Rural Jails”

Episode Overview

This episode discusses a study that evaluates the implementation and outcomes of MOUD programs in two rural jails in Massachusetts.



- Most MOUD treatment takes place in metropolitan jails, not rural jails. However, Massachusetts is one of the first states in the nation to provide comprehensive MOUD programs in rural jails.
- Little is known about the correlates of MOUD offered in jails.

TAKEAWAYS

- ✓ About half of people with OUD are being treated with MOUD at jail entry. People who were receiving MOUD in the community were more likely to also receive MOUD while incarcerated. MOUD during incarceration is linked to continued use of MOUD post-release.
- ✓ Jails in rural communities can continue and initiate these life-saving medications, and thereby play a critical role in expanding access to and use of MOUD.