

# AzMAT Mentors Program Organizational Benefits

Addressing opioid use disorder (OUD) in Arizona **continues to be an important public health priority**.<sup>1</sup> Access to medication assisted treatment (MAT) is an evidence-based practice to treat opioid use disorder (OUD).<sup>2</sup> We invite **diverse healthcare and behavioral health organizations** to partner with the Arizona Center for Rural Health (AzCRH) to support healthcare providers to register as DATA-waived providers and become active buprenorphine prescribers to individuals with an OUD.

The Arizona Department of Health Services and the AzCRH created the AzMAT Mentors Program to support new and less experienced DATA-waived MAT providers to increase access to evidence-based treatment. Through this collaboration, experienced MAT providers work with less experienced MAT providers to help them overcome specific barriers that limit their ability to offer MAT services.

## AzMAT Mentor Program collaboration entails:

- One-to-one support with an experienced DATA-waived provider using a collaborative consultation model,
- Support in accessing local and state resources, and
- Technical assistance from the AzCRH and the Opioid Assistance and Referral line (if requested).

## What are the benefits for participation in The AzMAT Mentors Program?

### Patient Benefits

Access to effective treatment.  
Improved physical and behavioral health.

### Provider Benefits

Increase capacity to offer substance use disorder services.  
Foster collaboration between providers.

### Organizational Benefits

Increase capacity to offer substance use disorder services.  
Foster in-house expertise for other providers.

## Other Potential Organizational Benefits

Clinicians who recently received a DATA-waiver or who currently do not have a waiver, can take part in the DATA 2000 Waiver Training Payment Program. In this program eligible healthcare organizations can apply for a \$3,000 payment for each eligible employed provider who attained a DATA 2000 waiver on or after January 1, 2019. More information [here](#).

**For more information**, visit the AzCRH website <https://crh.arizona.edu/mentor>.

Interested providers can complete the interest form at the top of the webpage or contact us for more information here [mat-mentors@arizona.edu](mailto:mat-mentors@arizona.edu)

1 Arizona Department of Health Services. Opioid Epidemic. Updated January 14, 2022. Accessed January 14, 2022. <https://www.azdhs.gov/prevention/womens-childrens-health/injury-prevention/opioid-prevention/index.php>

2 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. MAT Medications, Counseling, and Related Conditions. Updated November 4, 2021. Accessed January 14, 2022. <https://www.samhsa.gov/medication-assisted-treatment/medications-counseling-related-conditions>



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