

CONNECTION to CARE: POLICY to PRACTICE

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UPON RELEASE FROM INCARCERATION, PEOPLE WHO RECEIVED MEDICATIONS FOR OPIOID USE DISORDER WHILE INCARCERATED

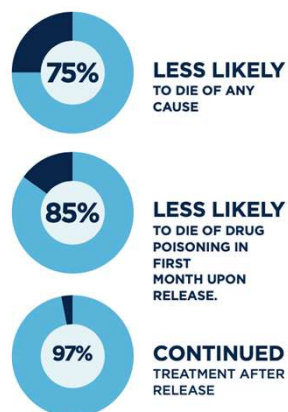


FIGURE 1: Treatment Courts Distance to M-OUD Providers (km)

Drug Courts: Distance to M-OUD providers (km): ■ ≤4.6 ■ 14.7-41.3 ■ 41.4-81.7 ■ 81.8-190.7 ■ 190.8+



THE NUMBER OF PREGNANT WOMEN WITH OUD WHO PRESENTED TO HOSPITAL LABOR/DELIVERY DEPARTMENTS QUADRUPLED BETWEEN 1999 AND 2014⁵

“I DIDN'T BELIEVE IN MEDICATION. BUT WE WERE CONVINCED TO TRY IT. IN THE FIRST THREE MONTHS WE SAW A REDUCTION IN DIVERSION AND RECIDIVISM. AND IT WAS SAVING LIVES. IT'S A NO-BRAINER.”

SHERIFF CRAIG APPLE — ALBANY COUNTY NEW YORK



- 50 Treatment Organizations
- 20 Emergency Departments
- >1100 Pharmacies
- >230 weekly appointments
- ~79% of patients in withdrawal received buprenorphine in ED



FURTHER EXPANSION ANTICIPATED

