

[Tribal MAT]

A unified response to
the opioid crisis in
California Indian Country

TRIBAL MAT 2.0

The Tribal Medication-Assisted Treatment (TMAT) is designed to meet the specific opioid use disorder (OUD) and stimulant use disorder prevention, treatment, and recovery needs of California's American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) communities with special consideration for Tribal and Urban Indian values, culture, and treatments. The TMAT project has expanded to continue the successful trajectory of TMAT projects and offer additional resources to Tribal and Urban Indian organizations. Expanding under SOR, Tribal MAT 2.0 is focused on sharing knowledge among Tribal and Urban Indian communities, Tribal and Urban Indian health programs, and community-based partners on best practices for prevention, treatment and recovery from opioid and stimulant use disorders and other co-occurring use disorders.



California Indian Opioid Safety Coalitions

Led by the California Consortium for Urban Indian Health (CCUIH) and the California Rural Indian Health Board (CRIHB), California Indian Opioid Safety Coalitions (CIOSC) is a statewide coalition of Native and Native serving organizations collaborating in an organized response to the opioid epidemic in Indian Country. CIOSC shares successful and emerging examples of Tribal and Urban Indian community health approaches to promote opioid safety, integrate MAT services into health care, and address stimulant misuse.

MAT Champions

CCUIH and CRIHB serve as MAT Champions to support the development of Tribal and Urban Indian stakeholders' prevention, treatment, and recovery services coordinating relevant MAT-related resources and technical assistance services available to Tribal and Urban Indian providers. In addition, MAT Champions develop and disseminate culturally adapted prevention, treatment, and recovery materials that are specific for Tribal and Urban Indian communities, patients, providers, and stakeholders. They also distribute and provide training for naloxone.



TeleMAT

TeleWell Behavioral Medicine will continue to provide teleMAT and co-occurring psychiatry services to AI/AN patients of Tribal and Urban Indian health programs, and support providers on emerging issues. In addition, TeleWell will continue to provide MAT practice transformation support to Tribal and Urban Indian health providers led by Grace "Katie" Bell.

Tribal Local Opioid Coalitions

CRIHB and Kauffman & Associates, Inc., (KAI) will continue supporting Tribal Local Opioid Coalitions (TLOCs), which are extensions of the CIOSC and California Opioid Safety Network specific to Tribal communities. TLOCs' activities include developing a community readiness assessment, developing tribal action plans, conducting program evaluation, and implementing plans to combat opioid and stimulant misuse.



Tribal MAT Project ECHO

Using the Project Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes (ECHO) model, a distance-based learning method that links specialists at an academic medical center with primary care clinicians in local communities, UCLA is implementing the Tribal MAT ECHO Project to support health providers in Indian Country to deliver MAT.

California Indian Harm Reduction Workgroup*

CCUIH and CRIHB will support this statewide workgroup to develop and articulate approaches and principles for Native harm reduction that represent Tribal and Urban Indian communities' values and needs. The workgroup will identify and disseminate best practices for harm reduction strategies within California AI/AN communities. It will also provide funding opportunities for local harm reduction. CCUIH and CRIHB will convene this workgroup with Tribal and Urban Indian community members from across the state.

Tribal MAT Learning Communities*

KAI will partner with the CCUIH, CRIHB and the Sierra Foundation to develop a funding and technical assistance opportunity for Urban Indian and Tribal organizations to implement MAT and stimulant use disorder services and facilitate peer-to-peer learning. The goal of the TMAT learning communities is to establish a vibrant community of Tribal and Urban Indian MAT providers that integrate cultural values, traditions, and language as part of a sustainable community response.

SUD Policy Trainings Opportunities*

The University of Southern California will lead policy trainings to support Tribal and Urban Indian community members with data-driven policy advocacy and communication strategies regarding substance use disorder (SUD) to local, state, and Tribal policymakers.

Provider Trainings*

UCLA will provide regional, in-person training opportunities to Tribal, Urban Indian, and Drug Medi-Cal providers to learn more about culturally driven treatment modalities and practices for AI/AN individuals with SUD.

TMAT Data Analytics*

UCLA will spearhead the TMAT data analytics initiative to produce data regarding the need for services, access, and quality of care delivered to AI/AN individuals with SUD as compared to other ethnic and racial groups. Stakeholders such as Medi-Cal managed care plans and county substance use disorder agencies will be able to review the data and identify key opportunities for designing data-informed payment, policy, and program interventions to better meet the needs of AI/AN individuals with SUD.

Tribal Defined Best Practices*

A new funding opportunity for Tribal and Urban Indian organizations, this partnership between CCUIH, CRIHB, and KAI will support the integration of culturally validated traditional healing and recovery practices into Tribal and Urban Indian health programs. It will also offer support for conducting a readiness assessment, strategic planning, and implementation.

* Indicates a new program for Tribal MAT 2.0

To learn more about the TMAT program, visit
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