



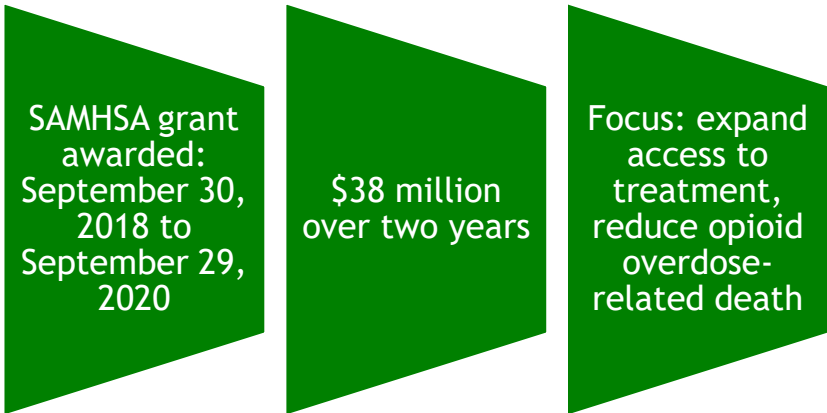
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***MAT on Wheels
in Rural Colorado***
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State Opioid Response (SOR)



- SAMHSA grant awarded: September 30, 2018 to September 29, 2020
- \$38 million over two years
- Focus: expand access to treatment, reduce opioid overdose-related death



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Mobile Health Units

With \$6.7 million from the State Opioid Response grant, OBH will provide six mobile health units specializing in medication-assisted treatment (MAT) to improve access to MAT in rural and underserved areas of Colorado.

The mobile health units offer:

- Access to a doctor who can prescribe medication for opioid use disorder
- Flu shots
- Sharps containers for syringe disposal
- Naloxone distribution
- Referral to wraparound services



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Mobile Health Unit Counties:

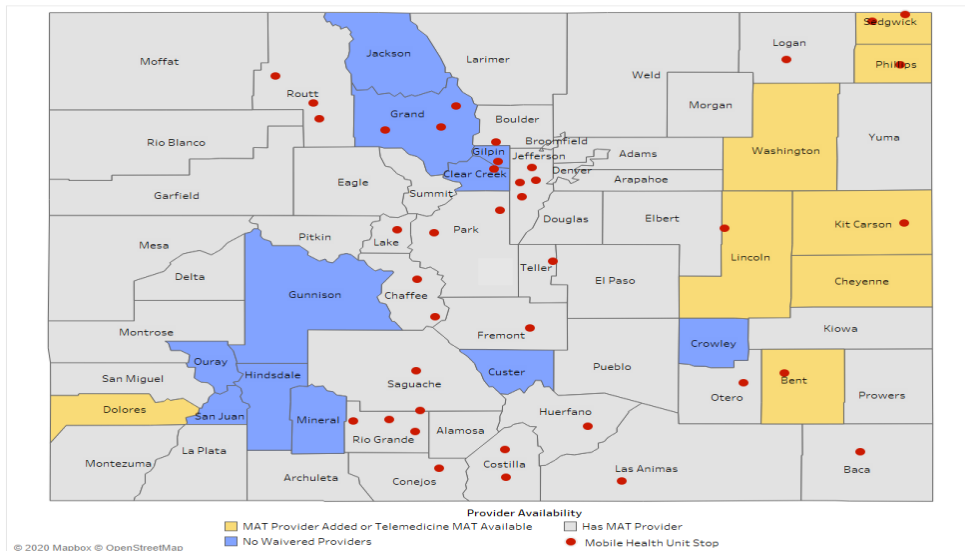
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| • Baca | • Kit Carson |
| • Bent | • Las Animas |
| • Boulder | • Lincoln |
| • Chaffee | • Logan |
| • Clear Creek | • Otero |
| • Conejos | • Park |
| • Costilla | • Phillips |
| • Fremont | • Rio Grande |
| • Gilpin | • Routt |
| • Grand | • Saguache |
| • Huerfano | • Sedgwick |
| • Jackson | • Teller |
| • Jefferson | |



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Locations of MAT Providers and Mobile Health Unit Stops



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Inside a Mobile Health Unit

Each unit has a:

- Medical exam room
- Counseling room
- Bathroom with observation panel

Staff aboard the unit:

- Nurse
- Licensed/Certified Addictions Counselor
- Peer Navigator



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Medication Provided



Buprenorphine (available by prescription)



Depot-naltrexone (administered on the units)

Telehealth:

- Provider will call in prescriptions for buprenorphine
- Connect patients to behavioral health supports, like telecounseling and telepsychiatry



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Mobile Health Unit Providers



Serving Baca*, Bent*, Chaffee, Fremont*, Huerfano*, Kit Carson*, Las Animas*, Lincoln*, Logan*, Otero*, Park, Phillips*, Sedgwick*, and Teller counties



Serving Boulder, Gilpin, Jefferson, and Clear Creek counties



Serving Conejos, Costilla, Rio Grande, and Saguache counties



Serving Grand, Jackson and Routt counties

* Indicates a county currently being served with a unit



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Community Engagement

Locations were determined by:

- OBH and local partners (county commissioners, county associations, local public health departments, county public health department association, providers, etc.)
- Opioid prescription fill rates
- Lack of treatment services
- Rate of opioid overdose deaths
- Community willingness



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Community Engagement

- OBH staff visited all communities that would be receiving a mobile health unit
- Community readiness assessments were conducted to determine what support these communities would need ahead of launch
- To reduce stigma before mobile health units arrived in communities, training and information on Lift The Label, Colorado's anti-stigma campaign, was provided
- Lift The Label also increased stigma reduction messaging in those communities through digital and print media.



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Mobile Unit Goals

Short-term goal: Each unit should be serving 50 people per week. This number includes both MAT induction and maintenance.

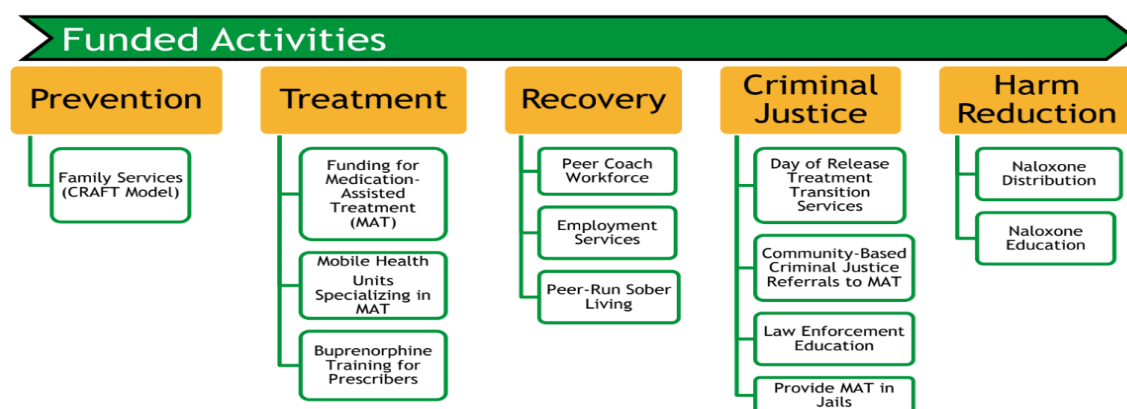
Long-term goal: Have more MAT providers in these mobile unit communities. The units are a way to normalize MAT and to show that there is local demand for treatment services. After building capacity for MAT services in one community, we can move to another.



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Other Opioid Grant Activities



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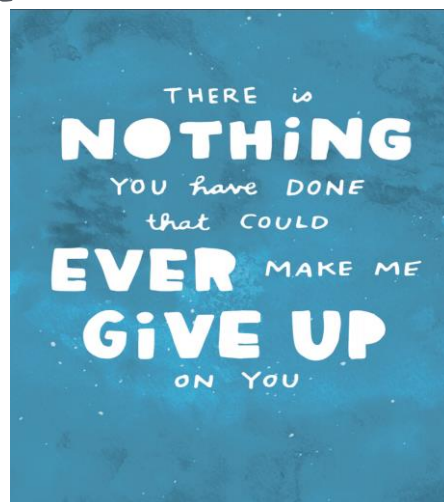
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Recovery Cards Project

A line of greeting cards available to Coloradans free of charge as a celebration of recovery, the efforts of those working to achieve it, and the people who support and encourage them every day.

To date, 14,600 cards have been mailed out to all 50 states.

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