**Opioid-Related News and the Courts**

**Weekly Review**

August 25, 2023

---

**National**

**Viewing Then Doing?: Problem-Solving Court Coordinators’ Perceptions of Medications for Opioid Use Disorders from a Nationally Representative Survey in the United States**

Substances Use & Misuse

Generally, court coordinators hold positive views of MOUDs, especially naltrexone. While state and local coordinators’ views do not differ greatly, their stronger attitudes align with different aspects of and issues in PSCs such as medication diversion (i.e., misuse). Conclusions. This study has implications for PSCs and their staff, treatment providers, and other community supervision staff (e.g., probation/parole officers, court staff) who can promote and encourage the use of MOUDs by clients.

**Ohio**

**How Ohio is handling the billions in opioid manufacturer and distributor settlement money**

News 5 Cleveland

“[The opioid crisis is] worse than ever, and COVID-19 was gasoline on the fire,” said Judge David Matia, a board member at the OneOhio Foundation.

Matia sees what works and what doesn’t from inside his drug court in Cuyahoga County.

But [Matia] knows what works in Cleveland may not work in rural communities. That’s why he told News 5 the OneOhio Foundation will support all sorts of ideas from different regions in the state, whether that’s rehabilitation, access to transportation, or other forms of support needed to survive.

**Wisconsin**

**Brown County Treatment Court Program celebrates graduation**

WBAY 2

“They gave me the tools I needed to get where I am,” said Laforge.

She began the program in 2021; she had to complete routine drug testing, supervision sessions, drug abuse treatment programs, and maintain a job. The drug court program began in 2015 as a response to the opioid epidemic.

---

Contact: Bill Raftery, Senior KIS Analyst
National Center for State Courts wraftery@ncsc.org