

Opioid-Related News and the Courts

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National

[Facilitators and barriers to collaboration between drug courts and community-based medication for opioid use disorder \[MOUD\] providers](#)

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Facilitator and barrier themes centered around the needs and resources of drug court participants, external policies such as MOUD access in jails, networking with external agencies, and beliefs about MOUD providers. Drug court staff preferred working with agencies that offered MOUD alongside comprehensive services. Drug courts benefited when jails offered MOUD in-house and facilitated community referrals. Existing relationships with providers and responsive communication eased referrals and served to educate the courts about MOUD. Barriers included logistical limitations (limited hours, few methadone providers) and inadequate communication patterns between providers and drug court staff. A lack of confidence in providers' prescribing practices and concerns around perceived overmedication of participants impacted referrals, interagency collaboration, and further burdened the participants.

New Hampshire

[Nashua's drug court one of only 10 nationally to earn recognition as 'mentor treatment court'](#)

Manchester Ink

National mentor courts serve a two-year term as model programs assisting new or growing courts. As part of the mentor court network for 2022-24, the Drug Court in Nashua will help to develop, identify, and test national best practices and provide technical assistance to jurisdictions interested in implementing an adult drug treatment court, including hosting site visits by team members from other jurisdictions around the country. Drug Courts in New Hampshire have been fully funded statewide as the result of a 2016 bipartisan legislative effort to combat the opioid epidemic.

Wyoming

[Opioid settlement funds received by county, more on the way](#)

Uinta County Herald

The settlement agreement is separated into segments describing [the] acceptable use of funds. The first is provisions for treatment... Part two of the agreement addresses prevention... Part three covers "other services."