

# State Opioid Response (SOR) Federal Grant

**CJPAC Meeting**  
**February 28, 2019**



---

Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services

# State Opioid Response (SOR) Grant

- Awarded September 2018
- \$11.3 million/year for two years (\$22 million through September 2020)
- SOR supplement may be issued soon



# Purpose of SOR Grant

Identify system gaps and evidence based practices to address gaps

Increase access to medication assisted treatment and recovery support services

Reduce opioid-related deaths





# Implementation Strategies

## Respond to SAMHSA's Priorities

- Medication Assisted Treatment
- Overdose Prevention

## Focus on Most Vulnerable and At-Risk Populations

## Support other State Agencies in Their Efforts to Address Opioid Crisis

## Consider Sustainability

- Minimize projects that cannot be maintained post-grant



# General Treatment and Recovery Support Initiatives

- Clinic-based Medication Assisted Treatment programs (6) statewide that include employment and recovery coaching services
- Residential treatment vouchers for people who are un-insured or under-insured
- Recovery Coaches at hospital Emergency Departments (13) and methadone clinics (8)
- “Imani Breakthrough” (faith-based support groups)



# General Treatment and Recovery Support Initiatives

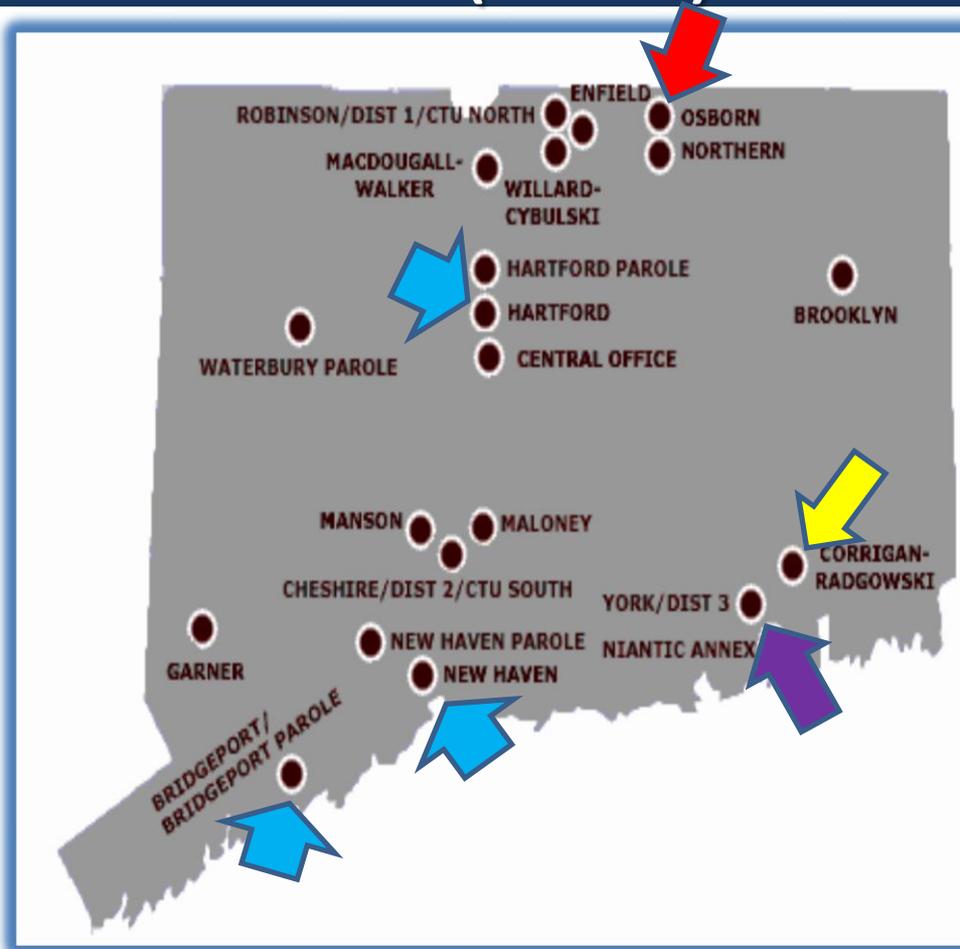
- Statewide Youth Coordinator to oversee statewide recovery support system for youth that includes “Smart Recovery” groups and “Alternative Peer Groups”
- Eight “How Can We Help?” initiatives to provide post-overdose support for users and family members
- Mobile Employment services for individuals living in halfway houses and sober houses

# Justice-Related Treatment and Recovery Support Initiatives

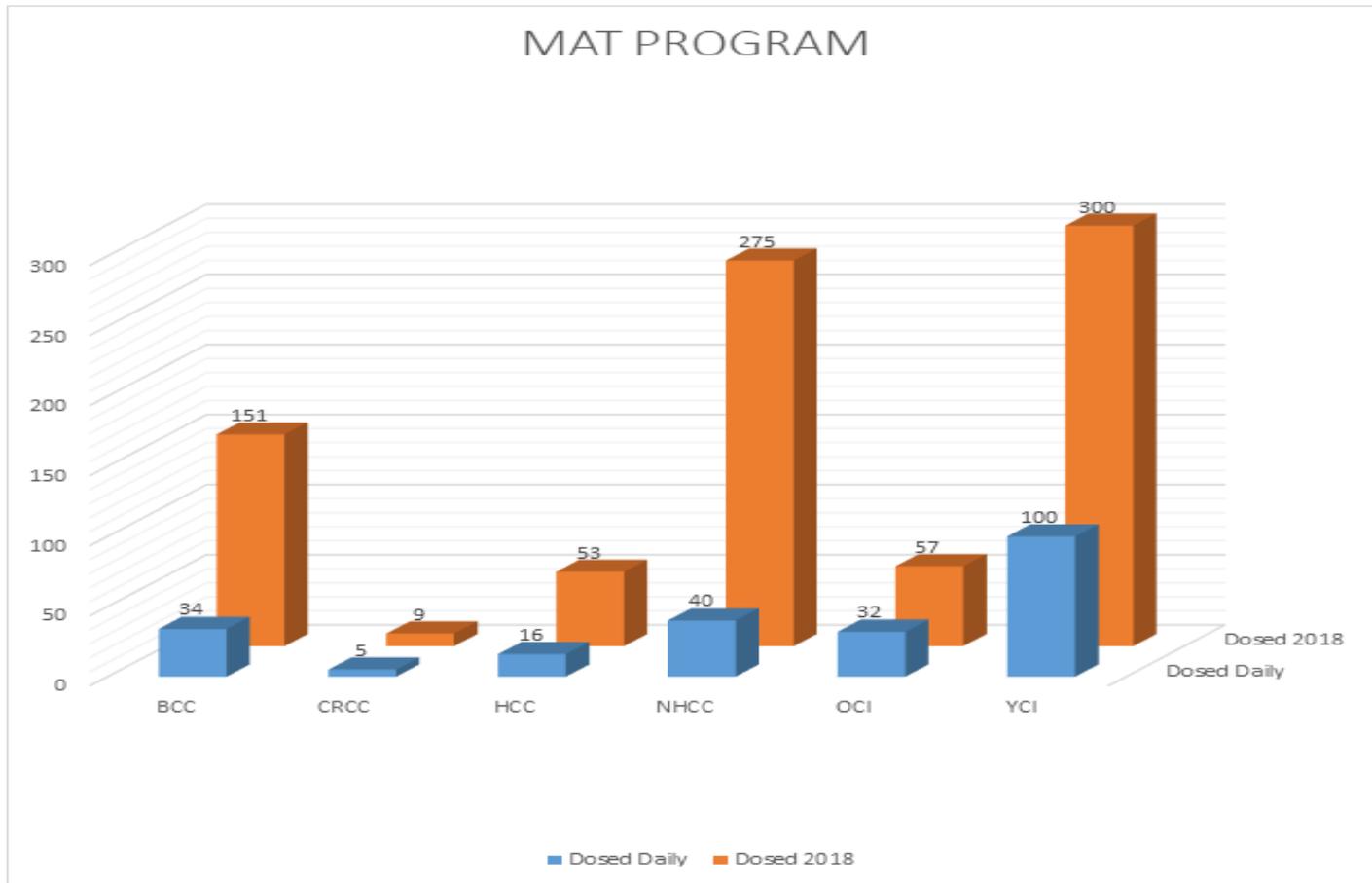
- Methadone maintenance at Hartford Correctional, New Haven Correctional and Bridgeport Correctional Centers
- Methadone maintenance and inductions at Osborne and Corrigan
- Updated methadone dispensing equipment at York
- 1,500 naloxone kits for DOC for staff, as well as for inmates being released to community



# Facility-based Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) -2019



# CT DOC MAT Patients--2018



# Justice-Related Treatment and Recovery Support Initiatives

- DOC's "Step Forward" re-entry initiative at Community Mental Health Affiliates: extensive in-reach pre-release, followed by treatment post-release.
- Judicial Branch-CSSD "Treatment Program Pathway": Clinician evaluates in court, then recommends treatment to judge
- Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion" (LEAD): Case managers working with police departments for arrest diversion in Hartford and New Haven



# Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion

- Originated in Seattle, WA in 2011
- Adults with substance use disorders at risk of arrest
- Pre-arrest diversion referral – requires needs assessment
- Prevention referral – voluntary
- Engagement Specialists conduct a needs assessment, offer assistance as requested by the participant – housing, insurance, treatment for SU/MAT/MH/Medical, basic needs, etc.
- Hartford and New Haven PDs started Feb 2018



# Prevention Initiatives

- Social media campaign: “Change the Script”
- Naloxone training and distribution
- Mini-grants to Community Coalitions
- Parenting training on communicating effectively with children on the dangers of drug use
- Opioid education and family support groups
- Provider Learning Collaboratives, training and conferences



# Sampling of Outcomes from SOR, STR, and previous MAT Expansion Grant

## 17 Outpatient Clinics Providing MAT

- Over 1,000 new clients

## Dozens Trained Recovery Coaches Deployed to Hospitals and Methadone & MAT Clinics

## 13 Hospital EDs supported by Recovery Coaches

- Over 4,000 individuals served to date

## Nearly 10,000 CT Residents Benefitting from Community Prevention Coalitions

- Opioid education and other health promotion activities

## Nearly 7,000 trained and naloxone kits distributed statewide

- Purchased an additional 12,000 naloxone kits for statewide distribution with SOR funds

