

Addiction Treatment Unit Program and MOUD Overview



A Unified System

- The Connecticut Department of Correction operates under a "unified" correctional system, a structure that distinguishes it from the vast majority of the United States. Leading to a centralized system where one state agency handles both functions. This means we maintain a single, continuous electronic health record (EHR) for every offender. This ensures that a substance abuse history captured during the intake process at a correctional center (jail) remains immediately accessible to treatment staff if the individual is later moved to a high-security prison or a specialized reentry unit.

Jails

- **Mens Facilities:**

Bridgeport Correctional Center

Corrigan Correctional Center

Hartford Correctional Center

New Haven Correctional Center

Women's Facility:

York Correctional Institution

Sentenced Facilities

Cybulski Community Reintegration Center (level 2): DUI, SMART Recovery, Outpatient Programming, Methadone/Suboxone/Vivitrol

Carl Robinson Correctional Institution (level 3): TOP, DUI, SMART Recovery, Outpatient Programming, Residential Programming, Methadone/Suboxone/Vivitrol

Osborn Correctional Institution (level 3): TOP, DUI, SMART Recovery, Outpatient Programming, Residential Programming, Methadone/Suboxone/Vivitrol

Garner Correctional Institution (level 4): Outpatient Programming, Methadone/Suboxone/Vivitrol

MacDougall/Walker Correctional Institution (level 4/5): Outpatient Programming, Methadone/Suboxone/Vivitrol

Brooklyn Correctional Institution (level 3): SMART Recovery, Outpatient Programming, Vivitrol

Cheshire Correctional Institution (level 4): Outpatient Programming, SMART Recovery, Vivitrol

Manson Youth Institution (level 4): SMART Recovery, Outpatient Programming, Suboxone/Vivitrol

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Parole

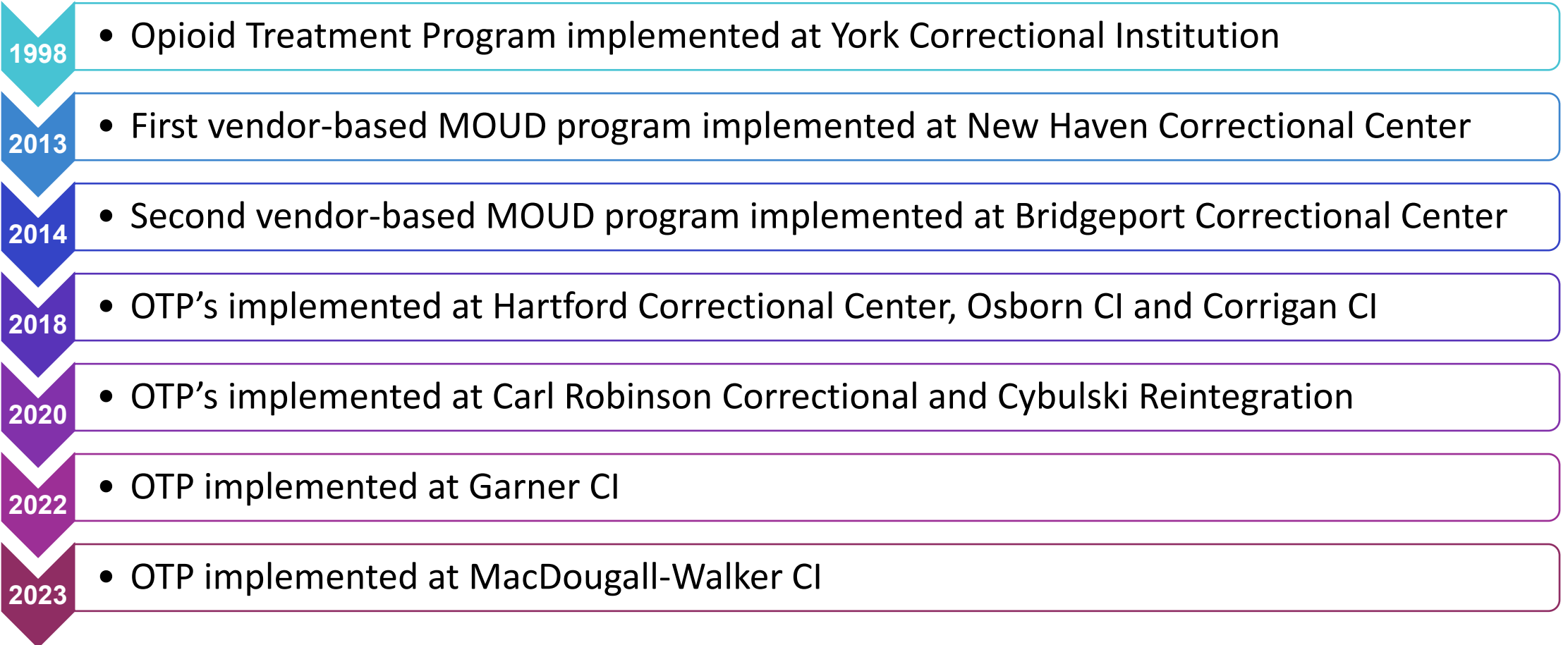
27 Halfway Houses in 5 Districts:
Bridgeport, Hartford, New Haven,
Norwich and Waterbury

Specialty Units include:
Mental Health
Special Management
Women's ReEntry

Medicated Assisted Treatment

The Department of Correction is currently treating between 1,000-1200 incarcerated individuals daily with medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD). We have expanded to offer the full scope of services in 10 of the 13 correctional facilities with methadone, naltrexone (Vivitrol) and buprenorphine* (suboxone).

Implementation of MOUD in DOC



Current MOUD numbers as of 10/19/2026

Facility Name	Buprenorphine/Suboxone	Methadone	Total	% of Total
Bridgeport Correction Center	15	69	84	8.02%
Cheshire Correctional Institution		1	1	0.10%
Corrigan Correctional Center	12	61	73	6.97%
Cybulski Community Reintegration Center	4	69	73	6.97%
Garner Correctional Institution	3	14	17	1.62%
Hartford Correctional Center	10	127	137	13.09%
MacDougall Correctional Institution	6	45	51	4.87%
New Haven Correctional Center	4	94	98	9.36%
Osborn Correctional Institution	5	119	124	11.84%
Robinson Correctional Institution	16	98	114	10.89%
Walker Reception Center	1	23	24	2.29%
York Correctional Institution	25	226	251	23.97%
Total	101	946	1,047	100.00%

1041 total



Assessment

The Addiction Treatment Unit (ATU) assessment process is dynamic and responsive to the evolving needs of offenders throughout their incarceration. All offenders admitted or readmitted into all Department of Correction (DOC) facilities are accurately assessed for substance use disorders and treatment needs. Once assessed, offenders will then be screened for appropriate treatment program placement.



Programs

The Addiction Treatment Unit (ATU) provides a graduated system of substance abuse treatment programs. Based on the offender's individual need, determined through a formal assessment, they may receive treatment in any of the various programs including:

Assessment Tools

The following assessment tools may be utilized: Texas Christian University Drug Screening V (TCUDS), Addiction Severity Index (ASI), Drug and Alcohol Demographic Admission Profile (DDaP), Driving Risk Inventory-II (DR-II), and CRAFFT 2.1+N Interview (Manson youth offenders under 21 years old).

Disciplinary history , pre-sentencing investigation reports, and Judicial records assist the Counselor to determine a needs score.

Current Scores of the Offender population as of 10/19/2026

Substance Abuse Score

SA Score	Substance Abuse	Total Count	% of Total
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0	Not assessed	62	0.6%
1	No substance use	909	8.4%
2	Minimal substance use history	1,564	14.4%
3	Moderate substance use problem	3,457	31.9%
4	Serious substance use problem	3,200	29.6%
5	Extremely serious substance use problem	1,637	15.1%



Tier 1

A 9-session program centered on the evidenced based “Beat the Streets” curriculum. This program consists of Basic Substance Abuse Education and Reentry Resource Information for offenders.





Tier 2

An evidence-based curriculum driven treatment program provided two times a week in a non-residential setting. Using Hazelton's "Living in Balance" Curriculum, Tier 2 helps the offender develop an understanding of addiction, triggers and relapse prevention and how addiction has affected the cognitive, physical, social and familial spheres of their lives. Tier 2 also helps offenders identify and plan for the educational, vocational and consumer-based issues they may face upon release





Tier 4

The highest level of intervention. This 6-month treatment program is conducted in a residential modified therapeutic community setting with full-time programming. Programs are in housing units separate from general population. Offenders are encouraged to practice and learn the material presented in the curriculum. The program components and community atmosphere stimulate the development of personal responsibility and discipline. Offenders take an active role in the treatment community through assignments to jobs and program committees. Offenders in the Tier 4 programs move through phases as they demonstrate improvement in their behavior and attitude.





DUI

The Driving Under the Influence Program offers intensive treatment to offenders who have committed driving related offenses. (An assessment conducted by the ATU determines the appropriate level of treatment based on the identified need. The treatment levels are divided by tracks offering a range of 1- 4)





TOP

Provides Substance Abuse Treatment for offenders returned to custody for non-compliance with the stipulations and/or conditions of their release from a DOC facility. ASU-TOP programming serves to reinforce the offender's foundation of substance abuse information, personal identification with recovery, and to motivate his or her continued use of formal and informal recovery support services upon their return to the community.





SMART

SMART Recovery focuses on services for those under the age of 28 who have issues with substance use and abuse. SMART focuses on self-empowerment, avoids labels, and supports Medicated Assisted Treatment





AFTERCARE

Upon completion of Tier 2 or Tier 4, offenders are offered an Intensive Aftercare Program designed to provide a continuum of care and maintenance of recovery





Recovery Coaching

The ATU has been collaborating with Connecticut Community for Addiction Recovery (CCAR) program to provide training in Recovery Coaching to offenders who are incarcerated. This collaboration between both programs has allowed the offenders who have completed or actively participating in programming the ability to work towards becoming a Recovery Coach in their community upon their release.





Meetings

The Addiction Treatment Unit coordinates with outside organizations, such as local Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous committees, to bring volunteer-led support groups into correctional facilities.



Overdose Prevention Coordinator

- This role involves managing the distribution of free Narcan kits across all 13 correctional facilities and 5 parole districts. The position ensures that both releasing offenders and their parole sponsors receive life-saving medication to prevent overdoses.
- Systematic monitoring of both fatal and non-fatal overdose incidents across incarcerated and paroled populations. By utilizing real-time data visualization tools like PowerBI.