

“Opioid Intervention Courts”

Study Overview

The New York State Unified Court System launched in 2016 with the goal of reducing overdoses and helping individuals with substance use disorder (SUD), developing the first opioid intervention courts. This study, Project Opioid Court REACH, examines scale-up and fidelity regarding the original court model and assesses whether outcomes improved compared with those of drug courts.



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The Study Approach

Partnerships in 10 NY Counties

Two Strategies

Large teams include...

A local interagency change team

AND

External facilitation to guide & coach the change team

TAKEAWAYS

- ✓ Emergent findings suggest that the opioid court model fills a critical gap for individuals with OUD may be getting to MOUD treatment quicker.
- ✓ Partnerships among counties, treatment providers, and courts is *incredibly* important for the success of the court model. It is equally important that law enforcement and pretrial services identify court participants early and facilitate their linkage to the court.
- ✓ The study is still in the data collection phase. Stay tuned to Dr. Elkington’s work to learn more.