

West Virginia Alliance for Creative Health Solutions



Dear Participant,

We are inviting you to complete a survey on factors that help people get into and stay in Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) programs for opioid addiction in West Virginia. We also want to know what factors prevent people from getting into MAT programs in our state. Your knowledge and experience with this important topic will be incredibly helpful.

This study is from the West Virginia Alliance for Creative Health Solutions (WVACHS). The WVAHCS is a nonprofit group of health care providers and researchers who want to improve health care in West Virginia. We had a lot of help designing this survey from people who have lived experience in MAT.

We will keep your personal information private and secure. We will not collect any information that could link your identity with your answers on the survey.

Participation in this research is completely voluntary. You can withdraw at any time. You may or may not directly benefit from participating in this research. However, results from the survey could be used to improve MAT and harm reduction programs. This could help more people get into MAT programs and have a satisfying and successful experience. We expect this survey will take about 30 minutes to complete. You must be 18 years of age or older to take part.

If you have any questions or concerns about this research, you can contact Martha Carter, Principal Investigator, or Adam Baus, Co-Investigator, at 304-293-1083. If you have any questions about your rights as a research participant, please contact the West Virginia University Office of Human Research Protection by phone at 304-293-7073 or by email at IRB@mail.wvu.edu. This study is approved by the West Virginia University Institutional Review Board, Protocol #2001837052.

We hope that you will participate in this research because it could help us better understand what helps people get into MAT programs and what helps them stay in treatment. It's important to return this as soon as you can. Please keep this letter as an indication of your approval to take part.

- **To complete the survey online**, use this link <https://www.papersurvey.io/s/cvfnmh> or scan the following code:
- **To complete the survey on paper**, use the pre-addressed, postage paid envelope to return your completed survey to us.



To show our thanks for your help with our survey, you can register for a drawing for a \$200 gift card using this link: <https://is.gd/MATSurveyDrawing>

Sincerely,

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