MATClinics Launches Mobile Treatment Unit to Expand Addiction Care in Baltimore County

Maryland's largest comprehensive outpatient addiction treatment provider brings access to
 medication and counseling directly to communities in need –

DUNDALK, Maryland (September 9, 2025) – MATClinics, Maryland's largest comprehensive outpatient addiction treatment provider, today announced the launch of a mobile treatment unit that will expand access to care for Baltimore County residents with substance use disorders (SUD) including opioid use disorders (OUD).

The mobile treatment unit is largely funded by a grant from the Baltimore County Department of Health consisting of Opioid Abatement Funds based on the recommendation of MATClinics Program Director Lauren Reck. "The use of buprenorphine and other medication-assisted treatment for OUDs often requires frequent in-person visits, especially early in treatment," Reck said. "Without reliable transportation, patients may miss appointments, leading to withdrawal or relapse."

"The road to recovery is even more difficult for those who lack dependable transportation," said MATClinics Chief Medical Officer Enrique Oviedo, MD, a triple board-certified psychiatrist specializing in addiction treatment. "We are proud to partner with Baltimore County to improve access to life-saving treatment to the many residents affected by an opioid use disorder."

"We've utilized a multi-pronged approach that resulted in a 30% decrease in the number of fatal overdoses in Baltimore County in 2024, as well as a 49% decrease in overdoses since 2021," said County Health Officer Lucy E. Wilson, MD. "We look forward to continued progress in this area as we increase our partnerships with local organizations like MATClinics."

MATClinics' 35-foot mobile treatment unit will operate three days a week to provide access to the following services to people with a SUD without appointment.

- Medication-assisted treatment: Suboxone®, Zubsolv® and naltrexone to reduce cravings and withdrawal symptoms. These medications will be prescribed but not dispensed at the mobile treatment unit.
- Substance use counseling: outpatient and intensive outpatient substance use counseling.
- Mental health therapy: individual mental health therapy.
- Psychiatry: medication for the treatment of co-occurring mental health disorders, including depressions, anxiety, bi-polar disorder.
- **Patient support services:** 24/7 access to a case manager with a shared SUD experience for assistance with questions and needs in between scheduled appointments.

The dates and locations of the mobile treatment unit will be promoted by means of the MATClinics website, as well as the organization's <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u> channels.

Noah Wheeler, MATClinics Case Manager Supervisor said: "As a recovering alcoholic, and someone who lost a very close friend to a fentanyl overdose. The mobile treatment unit enables us to meet people where they are in recovery - literally. I love seeing the growth of our patients."

Maryland's Above Average Overdose Death Rate

Maryland is disproportionately affected by the <u>public health emergency</u> arising from overdose deaths involving opioids. According to the most recent <u>provisional data</u> from the Center for Disease Control, the state reported an age-adjusted drug overdose death rate of 40.3 deaths per 100,000 population in 2023 – a notably higher than the national average of 31.3 per 100,000 recorded in 2023.

About MATClinics

MATClinics is the largest provider of comprehensive outpatient addiction treatment in Maryland. Founded in 2016, MATClinics provides medication-assisted treatment, substance use counseling, mental health therapy, psychiatry and patient support services at eight outpatient locations throughout the state. For more information, visit www.matclinics.com.