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Colorado Opioid Abatement Region 4 Council: Evaluation of Jail-based Medication for Opioid Use Disorder Programs

Quarter 1 (July – September 2024)

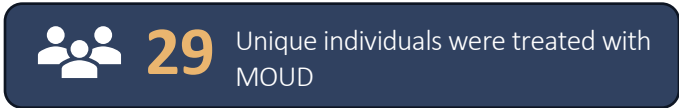
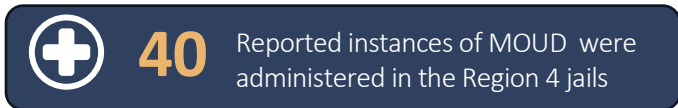
In 2024, six jails within Colorado’s Region 4 lost funding to support their medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD) programs. MOUD is an evidence-based treatment approach that uses medicine to help people with opioid use disorder (OUD) manage withdrawal symptoms and cravings. **These programs are helpful for those with OUD but have been found to be especially helpful for individuals in jail who are re-entering society.**

Region 4 Jails

- Elbert County Jail
- Kit Carson Correctional Center
- Lincoln County Jail
- Logan County Detention Center
- Morgan County Jail
- Washington County Justice Center

When the Region 4 Opioid Abatement Council heard about these funding losses, the Board voted to approve \$100,000 of abatement funding during a one-year period to maintain the programs while the jails sought out new funding sources.

During this year, OMNI Institute, the contracted evaluator for Region 4, has been tracking how many people have been accessing MOUD through Region 4 funds each quarter. This report provides a summary of the MOUD programs’ activities during the first quarter of the grant period (July 1, 2024 – September 30, 2024). In Quarter 1, data was provided for Logan, Morgan, and Washington Counties.

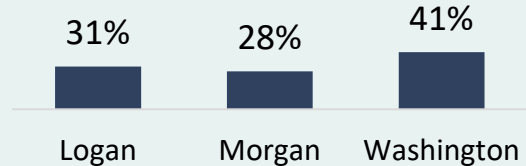


Demographics

Below are the demographic information for the 29 unique individuals who received MOUD in a Region 4 jail in Q1.

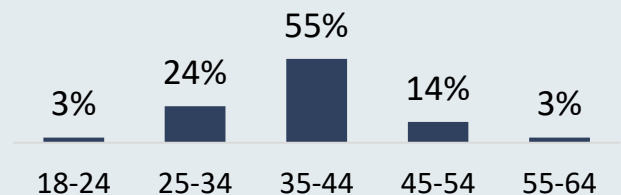
Location

Washington County Justice Center had the highest number of unique individuals who received MOUD, followed by Logan County Detention Center and Morgan County Jail.



Ages

Most of the individuals who received MOUD were below the age of 45, with the **majority being 35-44**.



Race and Ethnicity

About two-thirds of individuals identified as White or Caucasian. Three percent identified as either African American or Asian. The race was unknown for 28% of individuals. Of individuals, 28% identified as Hispanic and 72% as non-Hispanic.

