

The Ideal way to Provide Methadone Care

Methadone Maintenance Group

The Ideal

- Comprehensive;
- Accessible;
- Affordable;
- Adequate staff;
- Community engagement;



Comprehensive/Integrated Care

- Comprehensive care: medical care covering all the primary services and needs;
- Integrated care:
 - ✓ Anonymity;
 - ✓ Education;
 - ✓ Accessibility;



Accessibility

- Free of charge transport;
- Telemedicine;
- Innovative methods of dispensing medicine;



Affordability

- Adequate funding mechanisms through public and private involvement;
- Use of public resources and governmental grants;
- Partnerships with nonprofit organizations and insurance companies;
- Cooperation with religious organizations and community centers;



Community engagement

- Awareness campaign;
- Stigma reduction;
- Training law-enforcement agents;



Adequate staff

- On-going training and continuing medical education;
- Culturally and emotionally sensitive staff;
- Incentivizing the work force;



Conclusion

- We believe that it is possible to overcome the existing barriers related to methadone care.



Thank you!

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