



# The Face of the OTP

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When we discuss the challenges and changes that OTP’s are having to embrace, it is important to remember that during the last two decades the number of people addicted to prescription opioids has increased dramatically.

“Although heroin use has been the central target of addiction treatment, the emerging use of non-prescribed prescription opioids has changed the picture of opioid use in the United States.”

Source: Zacny et al. 2003; Fischer et al. 2007; SAMHSA. 2009

### Discussion Topics

How has the face of your OTP changed since your employment or first experience with an OTP?

What do you consider as major challenges or trends when it comes to managing the current OTP environment?

## Experiential Activity

### 1. SWOT Exercise – My OTP facility

Note: Use the grid to map out S-trengths, W-eaknesses, O-pportunities and T-hreats currently faced by your OTP.

### 2. Blue print of the PERFECT OTP

The *Federal guidelines for Opioid Treatment (pages 5-6)* gives us a detailed description of the organizational, administrative and structural requirements for an OTP.

Today, you will be assigned to teams and with the materials in front of you, your team will create a picture of the PERFECT OTP. Feel free to openly discuss the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats existing in your OTPs that we listed earlier. Upon completing the activity, be prepared to describe your perfect “OTP” with the larger group. Time will be allotted for Q&A after your team presents. Once all teams have completed their presentation, be prepared for a surprise question???

Thank you for allowing me to serve you!

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