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Recognizing that individuals have complex needs, SPHS treatment professionals provide comprehensive, holistic care. In addition to traditional treatment services, such as individual and group therapy, several SPHS sites now offer Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) options.

What is Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)? MAT is the use of FDA approved medications, used in conjunction with behavioral therapies, to provide a whole person approach to the treatment of substance use disorders.

What MAT options are available through SPHS? Suboxone and Vivitrol are two MAT drugs that are available at various sites.

What is Suboxone and how does it work? Suboxone is a buprenorphine and naloxone combination product, that offers several benefits for those with opioid dependency. Among the benefits are diminishing the effects of physical dependency, such as withdrawal symptoms and cravings.

What is Vivitrol and how does it work? Vivitrol is an injectable form of the medication Naltrexone, and is used to treat opioid and alcohol use disorders. Vivitrol blocks the pharmacological effects of opioids by binding and blocking opioid receptors, and earning opioid cravings.

Candidates for MAT should be:
- Diagnosed with an opioid dependency
- Willing to follow safety precautions for the treatment
- Cleared of any health conflicts associated with using a Buprenorphine or Naltrexone product
- Engaged in a comprehensive treatment program that includes psychosocial support

For more information on MAT and other substance use treatment options, contact one of the following SPHS locations:

- SPHS Greensburg: 203 South Maple Avenue, Greensburg, PA 15601
- SPHS CARE Waynesburg: 35 South West Street, Waynesburg, PA 15370
- SPHS Butler: 1610 North Main Street Ext., Butler, PA 16001
- SPHS Charleroi: 250 Chamber Plaza, Charleroi, PA 15022
- SPHS New Kensington: 408 Eighth Street, New Kensington, PA 15068
- SPHS Uniontown: 84 North Gallatin Avenue, Uniontown, PA 15401
- SPHS Latrobe: 1100 Ligonier Street, Latrobe, PA 15650
- SPHS Monessen: 2 Eastgate Avenue, Monessen, PA 15062
- SPHS CARE Washington: 75 East Maiden Street, Washington, PA 15301

Mission Statement
Top quality, recovery-oriented, trauma-informed services including education, intervention, case management, treatment, after care, and reintegration services in Washington, Greene, and Butler Counties.

Our Vision
Every individual served through trauma-informed, recovery-oriented, integrated services will have the opportunity for growth and inclusion in their community and achieve a sustainably competent and supported life-style. We believe in hope, empowerment, and improving the quality of life that prompts exploration of their full potential as individuals and productive community members.

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Center of Excellence Staff Featured in Documentary

“Battling Opioids,” a documentary produced collaboratively by seven public media stations across Pennsylvania, will re-air on December 20 at 8:00 PM on your local public media station. The documentary includes stories of hope and recovery, including those of local Center of Excellence staff (COE) staff.

Washington County STOP Team Hosts Law Enforcement Training

The 2018 STOP training for Law Enforcement was held at Range Resources on October 31. The training hosted law enforcement officers from across Washington County with the focus of addressing the proper investigation, response, and prosecution of domestic and sexual violence. This year’s topics included trauma-informed response to victims of domestic and sexual violence, forensic examinations, and investigative techniques.

The training was sponsored by the members of the Washington County STOP team, including the Washington County District Attorney’s Office Specialized Victim Investigation and Prosecution Unit, Domestic Violence Services of Southwestern Pennsylvania, the SPHS CARE Center STARs Program, the Office of Victim Services, and Washington Health System.

Thank you to all of our presenters, participants, vendors, and the STOP Team members for making this year’s training a success!