

# MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT (MAT) HELPED CHANGE MY LIFE

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- MAT can and does:**
- Restore MY Dreams and Ability to Achieve Them
  - Improve MY Health
  - Increase MY Opportunities for Success
  - Strengthen MY Future



## Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Program Now Available

### Treatment and Program Goals

The use of Suboxone® or Vivitrol® in combination with comprehensive treatment services allows individuals to function effectively without intoxication, impairment or fear of withdrawal symptoms. MAT is provided in conjunction with a full array of outpatient services. Treatment is collaborative and client focused.

- Reduce symptoms and signs of withdrawal
- Reduce or eliminate craving
- Block effects of opioids
- Restore normal physiology
- Promote psychosocial rehabilitation and non-drug lifestyle



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**Medication assisted therapy must be used in conjunction with counseling for optimum success**

First Step's Outpatient Services is implementing a MAT Clinic dedicated to helping people recover from addiction to opioids through access to Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT). Opioids include prescription pain medications such as codeine, Percocet, Vicodin, OxyContin, Hydrocodone and Demerol, as well as street drugs like heroin and fentanyl. Medication Assisted Treatment combines prescription medication such as Suboxone® and Vivitrol® with behavioral therapy to treat opioid addiction. Suboxone® is a once daily sublingual® medication; Vivitrol® is a once monthly injection.

Patients replace their use of prescription or street opiates with daily doses of Suboxone® and/or Vivitrol®. This treatment regimen allows people to take their medication in the privacy of their own home and on a schedule that works for them. Most importantly, the treatment allows people to stop using prescription or street opioids and avoid withdrawal symptoms and cravings.

**For more information about First Step's MAT clinic, call 941-552-2075**

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