



## OPIOID INITIATIVE EVALUATION

**PROJECT DATE:** May 2019 – September 2022

**TYPE:** Research Project

**FUNDING AMOUNT:** \$169,417

**ABOUT THE PROJECT:** I lead a working group of substance use disorder health services in courts, based at UCF, that has obtained three state contracts with the Florida Supreme Court Office of the State Courts Administrator (OSCA), totaling almost \$200,000. OSCA is the state agency responsible for overseeing all courts in the state. As part of these contracts, our team is the evaluation team of the Opioid Initiative - a statewide project to increase access to medications



for opioid use disorder and other evidence-based treatments in the court system. We are evaluating beliefs, social norms, and policies in all courts, including those in Orlando, with respect to evidence-based treatments. We are assisting with the design of online educational modules for court staff and judges. Finally, as part of a \$1.5 million grant obtained by OSCA from the Bureau of Justice Assistance, we are the competitively chosen project evaluation team examining implementation of an evidence-based treatment intervention in five family dependency drug courts, including the one in Downtown Orlando.

### WILL BENEFIT FROM THE PROJECT:

- Courts

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