Drug overdose death rate in individuals released from jail is up to seven times higher than in the general population. There is a lack of access to medication assisted treatment (MAT) for opioid use disorder (OUD) in prisons and jails, despite leading health organizations recommending it.

There is very little known about criminal justice system professionals’ knowledge and attitudes towards OUD and MAT. Explore awareness of MAT-related policies and perceived barriers to MAT in jail and in prison communities.

**METHODS**
- Cross-sectional quantitative survey and qualitative key informant interviews
- Surveys mailed to probation officers, sheriffs, police chiefs, police officers, county court judges, district court judges, and staff
- Key informant interviews conducted with a sample of those surveyed
- Conducted in rural and frontier counties in eastern Colorado in the High Plains Research Network
- Analyses were descriptive

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