Reduction of Provider-, Staff-, and Student-Reported Stigma in Caring for Patients Experiencing Opioid Use Disorder
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Background
- Mercury Court Clinic (MCC) provides free primary and integrative behavioral health care to underserved populations in Nashville
- Located on Urban Housing Solution site
- In 2018, approximately 500 (43%) of MCC’s patients reported substance abuse

Intervention population: MCC providers, staff, and students with clinical placement at MCC at the time of the intervention

Aim Statement
We aim to reduce Mercury Court Clinic provider-, staff-, and student-reported stigma towards patient with opioid use disorder (OUD) by 20% between pre-module training and post-module training.

Study Protocol

Survey Questions
Beliefs about those affected by opioid use disorder
- Question 1: I am unwilling to have a person with an addiction to prescription pain medication marry into family
- Question 2: I am unwilling to have a person with an addiction to prescription pain medication start working closely with me on the job
- Question 3: People addicted to prescription pain medication are more dangerous than the general population
- Question 4: Employers should be allowed to deny employment to a person addicted to prescription pain medication
- Question 5: Landlords should be allowed to deny housing to a person addicted to prescription pain medication

Perceptions of effectiveness of opioid addiction treatment options
- Question 6: Most people addicted to prescription pain medication can, with treatment, get well and return to productive lives
- Question 7: Effective treatment options are available to help people who are addicted to prescription pain medication

Limitations
- Tornado damage to clinic and COVID-19 restrictions on face-to-face interactions prevented student and staff access to facilities, patients and one another.
- Due to COVID-19, Lunch-and-Learn occurred online which may have affected attendance and the post-intervention survey response rate.
References


