

## SOTA LETTER OF SUPPORT

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Dear Opioid Treatment Program Director:

I am writing to encourage you to participate in the **2011 Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) Supplement** sponsored by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). This survey is being administered in conjunction with the 2011 National Survey of Substance Abuse Treatment Services (N-SSATS). Participation is voluntary, but highly encouraged.

**Your participation is important.** The OTP Supplement is designed to collect data specific to Opioid Treatment Programs, including the types of treatments and services available, staffing, patient physical and mental health issues, and access to care. This information is important to us at the state level for planning and evaluation purposes. For example, the information from the OTP Supplement will help us identify gaps in the treatment services available statewide and focus our planning to better match services to client needs. Survey data will also be used to update SAMHSA's "Medication-Assisted Treatment for Opioid Addiction State Profiles". The answers you provide during this survey will be completely confidential. The data will only be shown as an aggregate and your facility's individual answers will not be identifiable.

The survey is designed for easy and efficient completion on the Internet. You can access the survey by logging on to <https://survey.nssats.com>. Please log on and complete the survey as soon as possible.

The 2011 OTP survey is being conducted by Mathematica Policy Research, on behalf of SAMHSA. If you have any questions about the survey, please call the OTP Helpline at **1-888-324-8337**. If you have questions about the survey that need to be answered by the State Opioid Treatment Authority, please call our contact, [*name SOTA contact*] at [*phone number of SOTA contact*].

Thank you very much for your participation in this important effort!

Sincerely,