

Perinatal OUD ECHO® for Illinois Healthcare Providers & Teams

Cohort 4

Rush University Medical Center

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The purpose of the **Perinatal OUD ECHO®** program is to offer continued learning opportunities about the assessment and treatment of opioid use disorders (OUD) for healthcare teams that are already prescribing buprenorphine to patients in Illinois. This sixth-month program will be led by an interprofessional team of subject matter experts (providers, social workers, nurses, and peer recovery coaches) who will help the healthcare team members better understand how to effectively work together to provide the highest quality of care to patients with OUD during pregnancy and postpartum. This training opportunity is funded by the Illinois Substance Use Prevention and Recovery (SUPR) to increase access to Medication Assisted Recovery (MAR) in Illinois.

Learning Objectives. By the end of the Perinatal OUD ECHO® Program, participants will be able to:

- (1) Build processes and workflows that allow healthcare providers/professionals to deliver OUD treatment services and linkages to other services as available
- (2) Incorporate harm reduction philosophies and principles into the treatment of pregnant patients living with OUD
- (3) Strengthen their healthcare team's ability to collaboratively provide the highest quality of care to pregnant patients with opioid use disorder (OUD)

Disclosure Statement (nothing to disclose). The course director(s), planner(s), faculty and reviewer(s) of this activity have no relevant financial relationship(s) with ineligible companies to disclose.

Who Should Apply?

Individuals who apply must be an Illinois provider (i.e., Physician, Advanced Practice Nurse or Physician Assistant) or support team member (i.e., social worker, peer recovery coach, nurse, medical assistant, case manager, pharmacist, information tech, receptionist, etc.).

Participants must commit to these three requirements:

1. Fellows are expected to attend **at least six** of the twelve twice-a-month ECHO® sessions on the 1st and 3rd **Wednesdays, 12pm-1pm** (starting 12/3/25 and ending 6/3/26). See the schedule [here](#).
2. Selected healthcare professionals must prepare a case of one of their patients and present it during one of the twelve ECHO® sessions. Presenters will be asked to develop key case questions so that they can receive constructive feedback from the other ECHO® participants and the subject matter expert team.
3. During the twelve ECHO® sessions, team members will be asked to work collaboratively via Zoom as they engage in didactics (25 minutes per session) and discuss challenging cases (35 minutes per session). Participants must have access to computers with video capabilities and stable internet connections. Given that this training is designed to be interactive, participants must commit to turning on their computer's video to ensure effective collaboration.

What Incentives Can Team Members Receive?

If eligible, participants can earn continuing education credit according to the accreditation and designation statements on the next page.

Apply here by November 15, 2025: <https://redcap.rush.edu/redcap/surveys/?s=CRHNTWLE8T83JA8H>