



The Evaluation Center's
Evaluation Café Series presents:

Clients' Perceptions of Buprenorphine Versus Methadone Maintenance Treatments

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Methadone and buprenorphine are maintenance treatments for opioid-addiction. Unlike methadone, buprenorphine is relatively new and not the primary standard maintenance treatment in the USA and internationally. This study examines clients' perceptions of methadone versus buprenorphine treatments offered to inmates at the Key Extended Entry Program (KEEP) in the Rikers Island jail, New York City. The method consists of an analysis of structured and semi-structured interviews to investigate (a) clients' satisfaction with the KEEP program, (b) clients' *satisfaction* with methadone versus buprenorphine treatments, and (c) clients' overall *perceptions* of methadone versus buprenorphine treatments.

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