

Empire State Opioid Epidemic Innovation Challenge

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Chad Putman is the Project Director for the Center of Treatment Innovation (COTI Project). A program of New Choices Recovery Center, based in Schenectady, New York serving Montgomery, Saratoga and Schenectady Counties. This federally funded program facilitated through the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) offers mobile substance use disorder services (treatment without walls), peer support services and medication assisted treatment through telepractice and targets individuals with an opioid use disorder and those who are uninsured or underinsured. This project also seeks to engage inmates who are incarcerated in county jails and a state prison facility in an effort to offer clinical, peer support and medication assisted treatment prior to and post release. Mr. Putman is a social worker in sustained recovery and brings nearly a decade of experience to the table in both clinical and macro human service delivery.