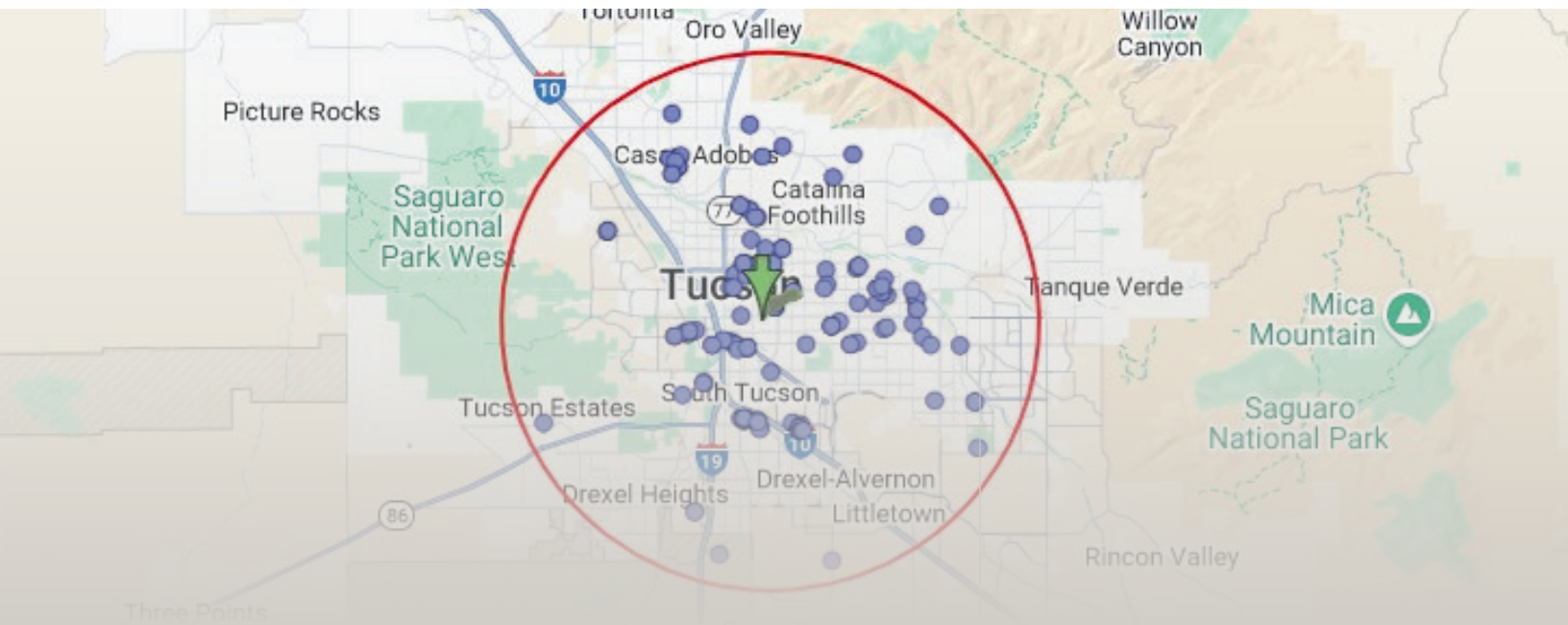


# MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT



## WHAT IS MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT (MAT)?

Medication-assisted treatment, along with counseling and behavioral therapies, provides a “whole-patient” approach to the treatment of substance use disorders and is clinically driven and tailored to meet each patient’s needs.

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The ultimate goal is full recovery, including the ability to live a self-directed life. This treatment approach has been shown to:

- Improve patient survival
- Increase retention in treatment
- Decrease illicit opiate use and other criminal activity among people with substance use disorders
- Increase patients’ ability to gain and maintain employment
- Improve birth outcomes among women who have substance use disorders and are pregnant



**Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) Service Locator (includes MAT services)**  
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