

OVERDOSE RESPONSE STRATEGY

Pilot Projects to Build the Evidence Base for Overdose Prevention and Response

The ORS pilot projects are evidence-based, data-driven opioid-involved overdose prevention interventions implemented at the community level. NACCHO and CDC will work closely with the ORS staff in each funded pilot project state to develop, implement, and evaluate the pilots. Pilot projects will address drug overdose prevention strategies that engage both local public health and public safety and will be implemented in collaboration with the local HIDTA program.

Implementation Awards

IL

Chicago HIDTA and Cook County Sheriff's Office

This project will build upon Cook County's Sheriff's Treatment Response Team (TRT) which was launched earlier this year. The TRT is comprised of a narcotics police investigator trained in diversion, three licensed clinical social workers, and two drug addiction counselors. The team uses ODMAP data to reach out and offer linkage and transportation to care and support services after an overdose. This funding will enable the program to expand linkage to care services and allow for the development of trainings and educational materials for clients, their families, and project staff.

NJ

New York/New Jersey HIDTA and Ocean County Health Department

This project seeks to expand the Brick Township Police Department pilot, an overdose fatality review program, to four additional police departments. Funding will be used to hire an outreach specialist to provide linkage to care and additional assistance to naloxone recipients and their families. Additionally, the creation of a database will allow for better tracking of naloxone dispensing data and will help determine local needs for prevention activities.

NY

New York/New Jersey HIDTA and Catholic Charities Care Coordination Services

This project aims to build upon and rigorously evaluate the Catholic Charities Care Coordination Services' (CCCCS) Harm Reduction Re-entry Wrap Around Project. Prior to release from the Albany County Correctional Facility, a Harm Reduction Re-entry Specialist from the CCCCCS works with the inmate to provide wrap around services aimed at supporting the individual's transition back to a community MAT provider. Services also include the provision of overdose trainings for all MAT participants with access to naloxone at discharge, linkage and referral to housing resources, peer recovery services, and linkage to other vital health care services. This funding will be used to expand upon this program by hiring an additional re-entry specialist and to assist with evaluation efforts.

MD

Washington/Baltimore HIDTA and Carroll County Health Department

This project will establish a post-overdose outreach program that utilizes a team composed of a peer recovery specialist and a law enforcement officer. Face-to-face outreach will be conducted within 7 days of an overdose to offer linkage to treatment services, leave behind naloxone, and offer relevant education.

Continuing Awards

GA

Atlanta-Carolinas HIDTA and Grady Health Systems

Last year, the Grady's Mobile Integrated Health (MIH) Program received ORS pilot project funding to develop and implement their Post-overdose Outreach Program (POP). The MIH-POP team consists of a CARES certified Peer Support Specialist, an Advanced Emergency Medical Technician, and a Nurse Practitioner. Individuals who present with an opioid overdose at Grady Memorial Hospital are offered linkage to appropriate community resources. Interested individuals then receive weekly visits by the MIH-POP team in a location of their choice for ongoing coaching, support, and linkage to treatment and other services. This second-year funding will allow for the hiring of an additional peer support specialist that can reach out to a greater number of participants and for the expansion of their evaluation efforts.

NC

Atlanta-Carolinas HIDTA and North Carolina Harm Reduction Coalition

Last year's ORS pilot project funding enabled the North Carolina Harm Reduction Coalition (NCHRC) and the ORS PHA, with support from the Atlanta-Carolinas HIDTA, to expand jail-based overdose prevention education programs in three new counties with existing NCHRC presence (Cumberland, Catawba, and Haywood). This second year of funding will allow them to continue operating the program by supporting staff who provide the jail-based overdose education and linkage to care upon exit. Funding will also enable the development and implementation of a training component for jail staff on the opioid epidemic and overdose risks and will help further evaluation efforts.

Planning Awards

VT

New England HIDTA and Turning Point Recovery Center of Springfield VT Inc.

This project seeks to expand upon an existing post-overdose outreach program that utilizes a team consisting of a police social worker and a trained recovery coach from the Springfield Turning Point Recovery Center. The team offers linkage to treatment, harm reduction services, housing assistance, and other social services. Through this planning award, a partnership will be created with the Springfield Hospital to reach individuals that suffered from an overdose but did not come into contact with a law enforcement entity. This funding will also allow the establishment of a model that will help develop processes and protocols for partners across a variety of fields and industries to come together to discuss and share information related to recent drug overdose events.