

Supporting Statement: Part B

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Section B: Collections of Information Employing Statistical Methods

B1. Respondent Universe and Sampling Methods

In 2019, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Division of Overdose Prevention (DOP), awarded funds to states and localities to implement the Overdose Data to Action (OD2A) program. OD2A supports recipients' efforts to use opioid morbidity and mortality data to implement data-driven prevention and response efforts across the country. CDC contracted with ICF to develop a technical assistance (TA) hub (hereafter referred to as the OD2A TA Center) to build knowledge and strengthen the capacity of the recipients to implement and evaluate surveillance and prevention activities in their jurisdictions. Two web-based surveys (the TA Feedback Form and Annual OD2A Survey) were created for monitoring, evaluation, and quality improvement of TA provided as part of this program (Surveys are included in Attachments 3-4). Data collection for this evaluation will occur over approximately two years.

TA Feedback Form

Respondents for the TA Feedback Form include representatives from all 66 OD2A recipient programs. The respondents per recipient will vary according to their participation in various TA events. After each direct TA encounter (level 3 TA), the primary OD2A TA Center contact for that activity will be emailed the link to the TA Feedback Form. Participants in group trainings and TA activities (level 4 TA) will also be sent an email notification with a link to complete the form. It is anticipated that there will be approximately 141 level 3 and 4 TA activities across the OD2A program each year. This will result in approximately 5,030 invitations to participate in the TA Feedback Form. A 40% response rate is expected which results in approximately 2,012 responses (1,006 unique participants completing the form twice per year on average). Since the survey will be distributed after each TA event, participants may complete the TA Feedback Form multiple times.

Annual OD2A TA Survey

The Annual OD2A TA Survey will also seek participation from all OD2A recipients. Before survey administration, a combination of leadership team members and staff who participated in TA activities throughout the year will be invited to complete the Annual OD2A TA Survey. There will be up to 10 respondents from each recipient (660 respondents) per administration. The Annual OD2A Center Survey will be conducted twice over the two-year data collection period, once in the middle of 2021 (mid-point), and once at the end of 2022 (final).

B2. Procedures for the Collection of Information

As described above, no statistical sampling or randomization will take place. Both surveys will be programmed using a commercial off-the-shelf survey application that is highly customizable with sophisticated conditional routing and data validation capabilities. Participants in TA activities will be emailed an invitation to participate in the TA Feedback Form immediately

following the encounter. Individuals that participated in TA activities as well as recipient leadership will be invited to complete the Annual OD2A TA Survey. The Annual OD2A TA Survey will be automated for each respondent to reflect the TA that has been received or accessed by the OD2A recipient. Respondents will have three weeks to complete the Annual OD2A TA Survey.

B3. Methods to Maximize Response Rates and Deal with No Response

Although participation in the TA Feedback Form and Annual OD2A TA Survey is voluntary, every effort will be made to maximize the rate of response for these surveys. The surveys were designed with particular focus on minimizing respondent burden and the length of time to complete the survey. Respondents will be informed of the two survey instruments after OMB approval is received. Throughout the course of the TA project, TA providers will reinforce and remind recipients about the value and purpose of the surveys, particularly that the TA Feedback Form will provide responses that will allow project staff to develop future TA offerings that are the most valuable to the OD2A recipients. Before beginning each TA encounter and at the close, TA providers will remind participants that they will receive an email inviting them to complete the TA Feedback Form. All efforts will be made to email out the survey within 2 weeks of ending each TA encounter to ensure participants have immediate access. In order to maximize response rates, two follow-up emails will be sent to potential participants who do not respond to the initial email. If individuals do not respond to the second follow-up email, no further attempts will be made to contact them. Prior to the launch of the Annual OD2A TA Survey respondents will receive an email notification with the upcoming administration dates and explaining the purpose and importance for gathering information. Respondents will have three weeks to complete the survey. An email reminder will be sent to nonrespondents each week to increase response rates. During the administration window TA, providers will also give general reminders to encourage participation in the annual survey.

B4. Test of Procedures or Methods to be Undertaken

Both surveys are based on previously existing CDC and ICF training and technical assistance evaluation questionnaires (OMB 0920-1151). The TA Feedback Form has been tested by project staff to ensure that it can be completed in 5 minutes or less. In addition, the Annual OD2A TA Survey was tested and estimated to take 13 minutes to complete.

B5. Individuals Consulted on Statistical Aspects and Individuals Collecting and/or Analyzing Data

The following individuals at ICF are responsible for collecting the data, while the following CDC staff provide oversight:

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