

OVERDOSE RESPONSE STRATEGY

PUBLIC HEALTH | PUBLIC SAFETY | PARTNERSHIP



Core Values

- **Every life** is worth saving
- SUD is a chronic, treatable disease and **overdose is a preventable** consequence
- **Addiction can happen to anyone**, but certain populations are disproportionately affected
- A **strong and dynamic PH and PS partnership – predicated on trust and transparency** – is critical to address the overdose crisis; each offers unique resources, and perspectives
- There are **proven models** that can help people recover and **new and promising practices** to be tested in the field
- **Change is local**
- **Change takes time**; communities come to this work at different stages and phases
- Change **requires leadership support** at all levels (federal, state, tribal, and local)

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Inputs

Funding

Staff support and
program
implementation

Public safety

ONDCP



HIDTA programs

Public health

CDC



CDC Foundation

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Activities

Build and strengthen public safety/public health collaboration

- Establish/maintain formal jurisdictional public health and public safety partnership (lead agencies)
- Build additional state/local collaborations
- Work across jurisdictions to address challenges
- Share resources and provide technical assistance

Collaborate to create and implement action plans that align with jurisdictional priorities across four ORS goals:

- Share data systems to inform rapid and effective community overdose prevention efforts
- Support immediate, evidence-based response efforts that can directly reduce overdose deaths
- Design and use promising strategies at the intersection of public health and public safety
- Disseminate information to support the implementation of evidence-informed prevention strategies that can reduce substance use and overdose

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Outputs

- Regular collaboration calls for ORS team in each jurisdiction
- Training/learning opportunities to bridge gaps between public health/public safety
- Cornerstone Projects that share insights and recommendations on pressing issues across the program
- Success stories of public health/public safety collaboration

- Jurisdictional action plans that bridge multisector priorities
- Quarterly project activities related to ORS goals and strategies
- Pilot Projects that demonstrate innovative programming

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Outcomes

- ORS teams support increased collaboration and communication between cross-sector partners
- ORS teams collaborate with partners to adopt data-informed, evidence-based strategies
- ORS teams collaborate with partners to leverage the strengths and assets of public health and public safety to reduce fatal and non-fatal overdoses
- ORS teams collaborate with partners to make improved decisions about policies or programs and the use of resources to reduce fatal and non-fatal overdoses

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Impact

- Cross-sector partners reduce non-fatal and fatal overdoses in communities through public health-public safety partnership