



State Opioid Response Grant Opportunity

Ohio’s Preliminary Policy Plan, July 2018

Overview

The Ohio SOR Project is intended to 1) expand prevention efforts related to naloxone distribution, provide training across systems for professionals to improve system responses to the opioid epidemic, and deploy targeted awareness messaging for communities; 2) expand access to medication-assisted treatment and a clinical workforce with the expertise to provide MAT and psychosocial treatment to individuals with an opioid use disorder, and 3) expand the use of certified peer supporters and access to recovery housing, in particular recovery housing for families; and development of employment opportunities for persons in recovery from opioid addiction. In achieving these aims, programs and services will build upon the work already established by Ohio’s 21st Century CURES State Targeted Response initiative.

It is estimated that the Ohio SOR Project will provide treatment and recovery support services to 9,000 individuals with an opioid use disorder in each year of the project for a total of 18,000 Ohioans.

OhioMHAS is committed to working across systems to support and expand strategies that are working, to fill gaps in service. In addition to conducting surveys directed at ADAMHS Boards, behavioral health treatment agencies, physicians and child welfare workers, OhioMHAS engaged in collaborative information gathering to develop the key components of the SOR grant. Stakeholders consulted include the following.

State partners consulted	Community partners consulted
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ohio Department of Health 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Boards
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ohio Department of Medicaid 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ohio Council of Behavioral Health & Family Services Providers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ohio Department of Aging 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Children Services Association
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ohio Department of Public Safety 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mental Health and Addiction Advocacy Coalition
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ohio Bureau of Workers’ Compensation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ohio Community Correction Association
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ohio Department of Job and Family Services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ohio Association of Community Health Centers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ohio Supreme Court 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ohio Addiction Advocates for Addiction Recovery
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ohio Attorney General’s Office 	

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STRATEGY



Project Scope: 18,000 Ohioans will receive direct service; Ohio's community support and behavioral health workforce will be strengthened.

Justification: 32.8% increase in overdose deaths from 2015-2017

Strategies

Administration and Infrastructure

Strategy	Description
Project Staff	<u>Required Positions:</u> Project Director and State Opiate Coordinator. <u>Additional Positions:</u> Administrative Assistant, Fiscal Lead, SBIRT Trainer, Workforce Development Manager, OTHER TBD *new positions
BOP - OARRS staff	OARRS analyst position to Improve surveillance and monitoring through OARRS and/or other support to facilitate OBP work in addressing opioid epidemic. Create IT linkage between OARRS and the state treatment finder These funds will backfill a DOJ grant (pending application), as needed.
Peer Supporter Tracker Tool	Improve peer supporter certification process, and provide a means to track peer activity in the behavioral health field.
Grant data collection and reporting	Training, collection, monitoring and report development Other data collection/reporting needs to meet grant requirements including Evaluation/ Process Improvement

Prevent Initial Use*

Funds may not be used for Primary Prevention activities

Strategy	Description
Drug take back	Disseminate drug take back bags through community networks and pharmacies. Leverage the bags to include prevention messaging (e.g. StartTalking, TakeChargeOhio.org)
Public Health Prevention campaign	Develop and disseminate prevention / awareness messaging generally, and targeting special populations.

Reduce Harm

Strategy	Description
Administrative support for harm reduction and HIV programs.	Provide funding to local systems with syringe exchange programs to assist with linking to treatment
Naloxone distribution and education	Fill gaps and enhance distribution and training by expanding Project Dawn sites, educating local law enforcement on responsible, data driven naloxone supply management, and re-launching the project dawn public awareness campaign.

Expand Access to Treatment

Strategy	Description
Expand telemedicine	Continue to expand telemedicine, with a focus on child welfare and criminal justice settings.
Expand access to MAT	Continue to train doctors on MAT. Provide DATA 2000 waiver opportunities. Provide ASAM criteria training and ECHO model support.
Expand the scope of practice of existing behavioral health workforce	Create and deploy CEU opportunities to expand expertise of practitioners to include SUD treatment and OUD, specifically.
Support provider recruitment and retention efforts	Fund local providers' recruitment and retention strategies, including tuition reimbursement, loan repayment, and offset costs for lost productivity related to supervision.
Medical College Program	Develop pain management curriculum and training for undergraduate and graduate medical students
Attract new workers to the behavioral health field	Establish a fellowship program for psychiatry and addiction medicine. Work with ODJFS and OWT to develop a plan for early pipeline opportunities (e.g. leverage OMJ K-12) in year 1 of the grant. Implement these strategies in year 2 of the grant

Strengthen Family Supports

Strategy	Description
Expand treatment access for pregnant and parenting women	Expand MOMS program model to more counties. Support providers in developing facilities and treatment options that consider parenting needs (e.g. child care arrangements, therapeutic play groups, etc.)
Equip those working closely with families where there is an OUD diagnoses, and with at-risk families	Provide training to Community Health and Child Welfare workers on OUD, OUD treatment, methods for treatment access and TIC. Provide information and techniques for intervention to prevent kids from being removed from their homes.
Help keep families together while a parent is in early recovery	Incentivize the development of family recovery housing.
Expand evidence based interventions	In partnership with PCSAO and the Ohio Attorney General, expand the Ohio START model from 14 to at least 30 counties.
Support to caregivers of Children affected by family Member opioid use disorder	Education and support for foster parents/ grandparents /kinship care/NAS baby foster parents including those caregivers who are not court or child welfare-involved.

Empower Local Communities

Strategy	Description
Support Ohio's employers in their efforts to hire and retain people struggling with addiction and those in recovery.	Replicate the proposed program developed in partnership with ODJFS and BWC (based on pending DOL grant application). Fund or augment the program.
Expand utilization of certified peer supporters among treatment providers, and other community partners.	Raise awareness of peer supporter functions and benefits, and provide technical support for entities offering peer services. Train peers on self-care and provide support for those who are in situations which could be triggering.
Support ADAMH Board-led community-based projects	Award regional communities funding through a competitive process that will consider the impact of proposed activities on the areas of child welfare/physical health/courts and jails. Additionally, all forms of MAT must be made accessible. Local areas may submit regional applications.
Increase screening and referral	Expand SBIRT training to child welfare workers, school health centers, pediatricians, county public health as well as hospital systems/FQHCs /PCMH s.
Reduce stigma in community systems and raise public awareness of treatment options	Launch a stigma reduction campaign, and provide targeted educational opportunities for criminal justice, child welfare, employers and communities in general. Launch a public health campaign focusing on treatment options available through Takechargeohio.gov/GetHelp