Communities across the nation are mobilizing to address the opioid crisis. In response, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration developed the “State Targeted Response Technical Assistance” (STR-TA) grant, which was awarded to the American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry and a large coalition of national professional organizations. This coalition created the Opioid Response Network.

The Opioid Response Network (ORN) was designed to provide education and training across prevention, treatment, and recovery to support local initiatives to address opioid use disorders.

Partner Organizations

Lead Organization: American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry
- Addiction Technology Transfer Center Network
- American Academy of Family Physicians
- American Association for the Treatment of Opioid Dependence
- American College of Emergency Physicians
- American College of Physicians
- American Medical Association
- American Osteopathic Academy of Addiction Medicine
- American Pharmacists Association
- American Psychiatric Association
- American Psychiatric Nurses Association
- Association for Multidisciplinary Education and Research in Substance use and Addiction
- Boston Children’s Hospital - Adolescent Substance Use and Addiction Program
- Boston Medical Center
- CADCA (Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America)
- Center for Social Innovation
- Coalition On Physician Education
- Columbia University, Division on Substance Use Disorders
- Council on Social Work Education
- National Alliance for HIV Education and Workforce Development
- National Association of Community Health Centers
- National Association of Drug Court Professionals
- National Council for Behavioral Health
- National Judicial College
- Physician Assistant Education Association
- RTI International
- The Police Assisted Addiction and Recovery Initiative
- Strengthening Families

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Responding to Local Needs
Opioid use disorders and co-occurring medical and mental disorders have created an unprecedented health crisis. SAMHSA has created an unprecedented response.

There is no cost—we are here to help.

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What do you need?
We work for individuals, organizations and communities to provide the knowledge, training, and educational resources tailored to address their local needs.

Ask.
Contact us at OpioidResponseNetwork.org, submit a request, and a designated Technology Transfer Specialist will respond within one business day.

Get help locally.
Examples of our work thus far:

- Training on how to develop a community-based opioid treatment coalition
- Provided clinical consultation on how to develop an emergency department buprenorphine bridge clinic
- Advised clinicians on the necessary components for creating guidelines on the use of naltrexone in a community healthcare setting
- Presented a training on how to set up a rural hub and spoke program to increase access to opioid treatment
- Consulted on the benefits of methadone and co-occurring disorders
- Provided expertise on the mapping and training efforts to consider when creating a recovery high school

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Breaking the cycle needs to start with preventing opioid misuse. We have educational resources to address an array of topics including:
- The importance of training family members about the use of naloxone/Narcan
- Guidance on how to create a prevention curriculum for schools
- Steps in creating community awareness and anti-stigma campaigns

Treating opioid use disorder with medications and counseling is effective. We offer trainings on many topics including:
- How to develop telehealth services to expand access to treatment
- Guidance on the use of MAT in rural areas and tribal communities
- Screening for suicide and self-harm
- Training on the 3 FDA approved medications for treating opioid use disorders—methadone, naltrexone/Vivitrol and buprenorphine

Patients benefit from recovery support across the continuum of care. We provide educational resources and training including those listed below and more:
- Educating staff in MAT and role in recovery
- How to expand recovery support in rural areas
- Step-by-step process for creating peer recovery services
- Training for recovery coach models