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.

OpioidResponseNetwork.org

What do you need?

We work for individuals 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.

Examples of our work thus far:

- Development of an opioid focused community coalition to address rural health disparities in Alabama.
- Created a statewide prevention network
- Developed screening for substance use disorders and opioid use disorders
- Developed community awareness program of opioids and pain management.
- Provided expertise for prevention training specifically for adolescents

Prevention works

The early misuse of prescription or illicit drugs increases the chances of addiction throughout the lifespan. Educating and empowering our communities and service providers to prevent use and exposure to drugs leads to measurable impact in life-threatening behaviors.

Breaking the cycle needs to start with preventing opioid misuse. We have educational resources to address an array of topics including:

- Creating community awareness and anti-stigma campaigns.
- Building community capacity to implement interventions
- Training family members about the use of naloxone/Narcan.
- Sustaining population-level impact through strategic prevention