



Opioid
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Rural Communities Initiatives

The Opioid Response Network (ORN) supports rural communities in addressing substance use and the opioid crisis. We work alongside local leaders to bridge gaps in care, strengthen rural community capacity and uplift culturally responsive solutions with free, tailored training and technical assistance. Together, we can ensure every rural community has the unique tools and support.

To work with us visit OpioidResponseNetwork.org. Share your needs using the [Submit a Request](#) form and your local ORN team will be in touch to learn more. Learn about our work in the examples below.



ORN Rural Recovery Learning Academies

This ORN program empowers rural leaders, organizations, and residents with the skills to build sustainable community ecosystems that respond effectively to the opioid crisis. Through ten interactive modules, participants explore strategies tailored to rural contexts and gain evidence-based insights, practical tools, and hands on experience in designing community support systems. Each module builds toward the creation of customized action plans with the option of ongoing technical assistance from ORN.

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Building Stronger Rural Recovery Ecosystems: ORN Workshop

This 1.5 day workshop convenes partners and neighbors to examine the drivers of rural recovery—not as a checklist, but as a shared journey toward resilience. Together, we map a community’s “recovery ecosystem,” identify strengths and unmet needs, and learn from real examples of rural communities navigating similar challenges. We analyze scenarios, generate solutions, and spark new partnerships. On the final morning, we outline practical strategies your community can begin implementing right away with support from ORN along the way.

ORN Rural Recovery Ecosystem Program for Communities of High Need

This program invites high need communities to sessions where local leaders, providers, families and individuals in recovery come together to map their “recovery ecosystem,” highlight strengths, and uncover gaps. Guided discussions and hands on group work spark new partnerships, generate solutions, and build momentum for collective action. The session concludes with a practical Community Action Plan. With ongoing technical assistance from ORN, communities leave ready to implement strategies immediately and sustain progress over time.



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