

State Systems for Addressing SUDS: How OD2A works with Other State Programs to Reduce Opioid Deaths in Montana

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State of Montana Program Partners

- State Opioid Response (SOR) – BHDD – DPHHS
- Montana Violent Death Reporting System (MT-VDRS) – PHSD – DPHHS
- Montana Prescription Drug Registry – Montana Board of Pharmacy – DLI



OD2A and SOR



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Overlapping Strategies

- Naloxone Training & Distribution
 - Conduct trainings in communities, provide education on recognizing opioid ODs, administering naloxone, accessing treatment
 - Distribute naloxone free of charge
 - Collaborate with local HDs and orgs to host/promote trainings
 - Follow up support



Overlapping Strategies

- Peer-to-Peer Outreach and Support
 - Recruit and train peer support specialists who have lived experience with opioid use disorder.
 - Deploy peer support teams to engage with individuals at risk of opioid overdose in their communities.
 - Provide peer support services, including assistance navigating treatment options, and encouragement to engage in harm reduction practices.
 - Empower peers to distribute naloxone kits and provide overdose response training to individuals and their support networks.
 - Establish a network of peer support groups and recovery communities to provide ongoing support and encouragement for individuals in recovery from opioid use disorder.



Overlapping Strategies

- Harm Reduction
 - Support within treatment settings or collaboration with community-based organizations. (*OD2A – referral focus*)
 - Conduct education sessions for school-aged children, first responders, and key community sectors on opioid and/or stimulant misuse. (*OD2A focus is more general outreach where needed*)
 - Conduct outreach targeting underserved and diverse populations.
- Other
 - Developing evidence-based community prevention efforts such as strategic messaging on the consequences of opioid and stimulant misuse



Differing Strategies

- OD2A

- **CAN'T purchase naloxone**
- **Navigators:** link people to care, harm reduction services, and other needs of PWUD

- SOR

- Purchase Naloxone
- Outreach activities include street outreach, door-to-door visits, and community events to connect with vulnerable populations
- Provide peer support services and 1:1 counseling
- Harm reduction includes testing with referral to treatment as need, tobacco/nicotine cessation, and overdose kits (including FTS)



Differing Strategies

- OD2A - Other

- Conduct a PWUD survey to better understand the needs and preferences of PWUD in focus areas initially and expand to region over time.
- Environmental scan of focus area, identified through data of overdose occurrences and harm reduction services. Expand scan to region over time.
- Have access to ODMAP and be part of overdose response team in your community.

- SOR – Prevention & Education

- Training of peers, first responders, and other key community sectors on recognition of opioid overdose and appropriate use of the opioid overdose antidote naloxone
- Implementing school-based prevention programs and outreach
- Provide training and activities to enhance and expand the substance use and co-occurring substance use and mental disorder treatment workforce



MT-VDRS



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Montana VDRS and OD2A

The Montana Violent Death Reporting System is co-located in the EMS and Trauma Systems office at DPHHS. They manage the State Unintentional Drug Overdose Reporting System (SUDORS). They will also be assisting in the future with Opioid Fatality Reviews.

Money from OD2A is dedicated to help support the Forensic Data Abstractor position and the Montana Death Case Management System.

Montana Prescription Drug Registry Program



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OD2A and the Montana PDR

The Montana Prescription Drug Registry is housed with the Board of Pharmacy at the Department of Labor and Industry.

Money from OD2A supports outreach by Bamboo Health, the contracted PDR entity, to do outreach to providers to utilize the system. We also get annual prescription data from the PDR to assist in our reporting.



Other Partners

Contracted Partners

- Montana Primary Care Association
- Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies
- Asher Media
- Loveland Consulting
- Millennial Health
- Bamboo Health (formerly APPRISS)
- Montana Public Health Institute





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