State Opioid Response Grants

Impact Brief

Since 2018, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has funded the State Opioid Response (SOR) grant. The program provides resources to states and territories to prevent, reduce harm, treat, and support recovery for individuals at risk or who have an opioid use disorder (OUD) and concurrent substance use disorders to lessen the devastation of the opioid crisis. SOR also addresses stimulant misuse and use disorders.

SOR-funded programs for substance use prevention, treatment, and recovery are saving lives across the country.

Prevention Outcomes

- **2.5 million** pounds of medication collected at drug take-back events or locations

Screening
- **1.9 million** individuals screened for OUD
- **1.6 million** individuals screened for stimulant use disorder

Training
- **364,567** medical practitioners trained on opioid topics
- **198,908** medical practitioners trained on stimulant topics

Education
- **30.8 million** individuals educated on the harms of illicit opioids
- **8.6 million** individuals educated on the harms of illicit stimulants

Substance use disorders are both preventable and treatable. Prevention programs boost protective factors and reduce risk factors for drug use. These programs can save an estimated $18 per $1 spent by reducing the societal costs of substance use.

* September 30, 2018, to January, 2023; Not all states reported data for all years.
**Overdose Reversal Outcomes**

- **1.1 million** individuals trained to administer naloxone
- **6.6 million** naloxone kits distributed
- **391,133** overdose reversals reported

SOR funding has helped get life-saving medication into the hands of those who may witness and intervene during an overdose, including first responders, social service providers, school personnel, people leaving correctional settings, people who use opioids, and their friends and families.

**Treatment Outcomes**

- **500K** individuals received medication for opioid use disorder
- **500K+** individuals received treatment for opioid use disorder

**Recovery Support Outcomes**

- **1 million** people received recovery support services
- **67,881** individuals received recovery housing
- **35,474** peer recovery support specialists and recovery coaches were trained

Like other chronic health conditions, those with substance use disorders often require ongoing services and supports to maintain recovery. SOR-funded recovery supports such as recovery coaching, housing, education, employment, and health services, provide individuals social, emotional, and practical support to continue their recovery journey.

About the Opioid Response Network (ORN): The ORN is a group of diverse individuals and organizations working collaboratively to address the opioid and stimulant crisis. Funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration’s (SAMHSA) State Opioid Response (SOR)/Tribal Opioid Response (TOR) Technical Assistance (TA) grant, the ORN works with states, health professionals, community organizations, the justice system, and individuals in all 50 states and nine territories to provide education and training. Visit the ORN website by clicking here or request training or TA by clicking here.

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