

Overdose Response Strategy (ORS)

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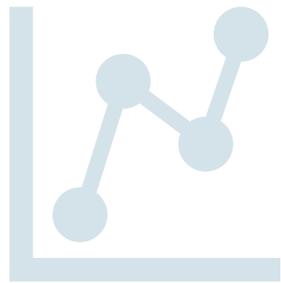
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Agenda

1. The Overdose Response Strategy (ORS)
2. Engaging with ORS Teams & Resources
3. ORS Teams in Action
4. Questions/Discussion

Introduction

Need for Increased Collaboration



**Rapid increases
in overdose
mortality**



**Increased
potency of the
drugs being sold
illicitly in the U.S.**



**Many at risk of
overdose have contact
with the criminal
justice system**

What is the Overdose Response Strategy?

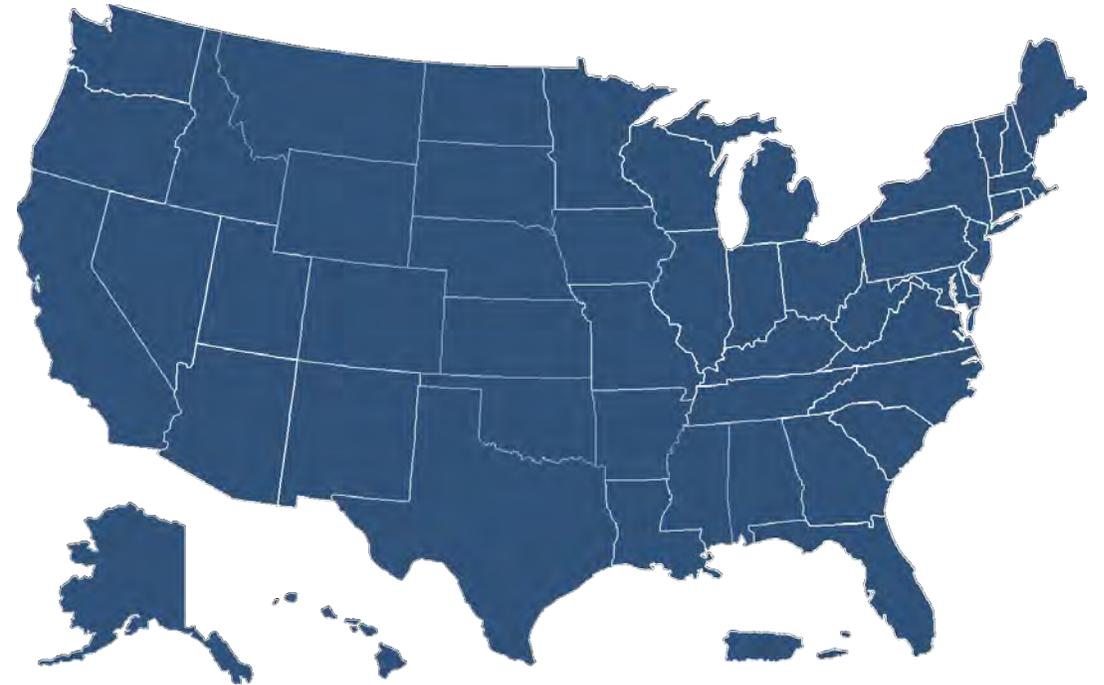
The Overdose Response Strategy is an unprecedented and unique collaboration between public health and public safety, created to help local communities reduce drug overdoses and save lives by sharing timely data, pertinent intelligence and innovative strategies.

ORS Mission Statement

The mission of the Overdose Response Strategy is to help communities reduce fatal and non-fatal drug overdoses by connecting public health and public safety agencies, sharing information, and supporting evidence-based interventions.

ORS Reach and Expansion

- The Overdose Response Strategy expanded during 2020 and 2021 and is now a national program covering all 33 HIDTAs, 50 states, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico.
- ORS Activities are implemented by teams made up of Drug Intelligence Officers (DIO) and Public Health Analysts (PHA)



OVERDOSE RESPONSE STRATEGY

PUBLIC HEALTH | PUBLIC SAFETY | PARTNERSHIP



COLLABORATE across public health and public safety sectors



SHARE data, insights, and trends related to drug overdose in communities



INFORM AND HELP local communities develop local solutions to reduce overdoses and save lives

CDC & CDC Foundation



The **CDC Foundation** is an independent non-profit created by Congress to mobilize resources to support CDC's critical health protection work.

The CDC Foundation helps CDC do more, faster, by forging partnerships between CDC and others to fight threats to health and safety.

CDC supports the ORS by providing CDC Foundation with funding for PHA positions and other key program activities.

ONDCP & HIDTA



ONDCP administers two grant programs:

1. *High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA)*
2. *Drug Free Communities (DFC)*

HIDTA funding supports Federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies operating in areas determined to be critical drug-trafficking regions of the United States.

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HIDTA Program Purpose

- Facilitating cooperation among Federal, State, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies to share information and implement coordinated enforcement activities;
- Enhancing law enforcement intelligence sharing among Federal, State, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies;
- Providing reliable law enforcement intelligence to law enforcement agencies to facilitate the design of effective enforcement strategies and operations
- Supporting coordinated law enforcement strategies that make the most of available resources to reduce the supply of illegal drugs in designated areas of the United States and in the Nation as a whole

ORS Teams

WHO ARE THEY & WHAT DO THEY DO?

ORS Program Strategies

- 1 **Share data systems** to inform rapid and effective community overdose prevention efforts.
- 2 Support immediate, **evidence-based response** efforts that can directly reduce overdose deaths.
- 3 Design and use promising strategies at the **intersection of public health and public safety**.
- 4 Use effective and efficient **primary prevention** strategies that can reduce substance use and overdose long term.

What Do ORS Teams Do?



SHARE data systems
between public health
and safety



IMPLEMENT evidence-
based overdose
prevention and
response strategies



EVALUATE promising
and evidence-based
public health and safety
strategies

ORS Teams Areas of Work

- Data analysis/dissemination
- Rapid response support
- ODMAP implementation/usage
- Post-OD outreach programs
- Training/education
- Stigma reduction
- Criminal justice diversion
- Targeted naloxone distribution
- Harm reduction & syringe services programs (SSPs)
- Linkages to care
- Overdose prevention in jails/prisons
- Prevention programs
- Public awareness

Contacting Your Team

<https://www.hidtaprogram.org/ors.php>

Feel free to contact them directly!

Webinars & Training Opportunities

Monthly ORS Webinars

SECOND Friday of the Month @ 1pm – 2:30pm EST

National ORS Highlights

FOURTH Friday of the Month @ 1pm – 2:30pm

[Sign Up for the ORS Newsletter!](#)

Formal Training

- Public Health & Safety Toolkit (PHAST)
- Overdose Detection & Mapping Program (ODMAP)
- Overdose Rapid Response Program (ORRP)
- Overdose Fatality Reviews (OFRs)

Training (Continued)

- COVID-19 Impacts on Drug Trafficking & Law Enforcement
- Adapting MAT Services in Response to COVID-19
- Development & Implementation of Student Athlete Opioid Awareness
- Overdose Education & Naloxone Distribution for Rural Communities
- Connecticut's Statewide Opioid Reporting Directive (SWORD)
- Introduction to OFRs & OFRs in Action
- COVID-19 Impacts & the Role of Syringe Service Programs (SSPs) in Overdose
- Introduction to Grant Writing
- Introduction to Drug Free Communities (DFC)
- Data Integration and Advanced Analytics for Overdose Prevention
- Introduction to Peer Recovery Support and Overdose Prevention

Examples of ORS Teams in Action

Connecticut

ORS in Action: A Deep Dive into Marijuana and Fentanyl

Overview –

- Connecticut ORS team conducted an incident review, looking at what led up to and occurred as a result of the nation's first known positive marijuana and fentanyl lab result.
 - Identified narrative of potential OD involving only marijuana use during SWORD committee review
 - ORS Team collaborated with SWORD committee, Fire Intelligence Liaison Officer (FILO), Plymouth PD, HIDTA Task Force, lab site, and other PH/PS Partners
 - Sample was seized and tested, confirmed sample as marijuana and fentanyl
 - ORS Team released a bulletin regarding the case and information/resources for similar or suspected cases throughout the region

ORS in Action: A Deep Dive into Marijuana and Fentanyl

Evaluation and Continued Efforts–

- Updated information/bulletin released
 - Updated information regarding reviewed cases, potential cause for the positive test result, and updated data and lab information
- Continued Efforts
 - Vigilance for other emerging trends
 - Priority for marijuana testing

Questions & Discussion
