

# Overdose Response Strategy

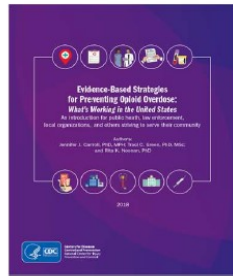
## Program Goals

The mission of the HIDTA Overdose Response Strategy (ORS) is to help communities reduce fatal and non-fatal overdoses by connecting public health and public safety agencies, share critical information, and support evidence-based interventions. The ORS has four goals that shape Public Health Analysts (PHA) and Drug Intelligence Officer (DIO) priorities within each state:



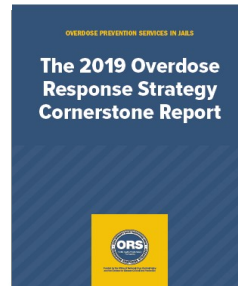
### DATA SHARING SYSTEMS

Share data systems to inform rapid and effective community overdose prevention efforts.



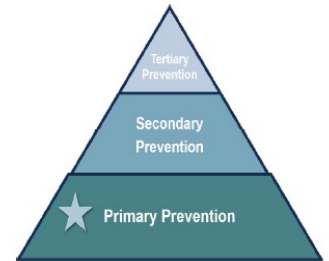
### EVIDENCE-BASED RESPONSES

Support immediate, evidence-based response efforts that can directly reduce overdose deaths



### NOVEL & PROMISING STRATEGIES

Design and use promising strategies at the intersection of public health and public safety



### PREVENTION STRATEGIES

Use effective and efficient primary prevention strategies that can reduce substance use and overdose long term

The ORS also has four strategic directions that shape the boundaries of the program:

Law Enforcement

Response

Prevention

Treatment & Recovery

The ORS allows us to...



Collaborate

Across public health and public safety sectors

By creating opportunities to...



Share

Data, insights, and trends we are seeing related to drug overdose in our communities

We use that information to...



Inform & Help

Local communities develop local solutions to reduce overdoses and save lives

## State Teams

The ORS is implemented and run by state teams made up of Drug Intelligence Officers and Public Health Analysts who work together on drug overdose issues with and across sectors and counties. These teams form the foundation of the ORS and are able to simultaneously promote public health and public safety efforts. This unique partnership allows for a wide range of issues to be addressed more effectively and efficiently.

### Drug Intelligence Officer (DIOs)

Chicago HIDTA

- Bridges a critical gap in intelligence sharing by reporting cross-jurisdictional links, facilitates interstate intelligence communication, relays case referrals between agencies, and drafts timely intelligence reports for law enforcement audiences
- Connects investigators with each other, deconflicts investigations, and alerts law enforcement to otherwise unknown drug trafficking organizations
- Leverages the DIO network to support drug trafficking investigations, thus reducing exposure of vulnerable individuals to potent substances
- Assigned to the Chicago HIDTA Investigative Support Center

### Public Health Analysts (PHAs)

CDC Foundation/ Chicago HIDTA

- Serves a critical role in enhancing statewide overdose reporting and data systems, increasing interagency data sharing
- Analyzes and interprets data for the development of relevant products, reports and bulletins that inform community action
- Develops and disseminates reports about overdose trends and supports the development of evidence-based responses
- Shares data relating to overdose spikes with law enforcement and public health officials in the impacted areas, enabling them to engage resources and alert the public
- Embedded strategically within the Illinois Department of Public Health, Center for Disease Control, and the Chicago HIDTA Investigative Support Center

## Together, the ORS State Teams...

Coordinates responses and searches for best practices with a national network of PHAs and DIOs

Reduces redundancy and improves efficiency

Supports the utilization and integration of data and evidence for strategic planning

Mobilize community partnerships, informing and engaging decision makers with actionable intelligence

Encourages more inclusion and cultural understanding between sectors

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