

State Opioid Response Grant Project Abstract Summary

The overarching goal of the Arizona Opioid State Opioid Response (SOR) project is to increase access to MAT treatment, coordinated and integrated care, OUD recovery support services and opioid prevention activities to reduce the prevalence of OUDs and opioid-related overdose deaths. The project approach includes developing and supporting state, regional, and local level collaborations and service enhancements to develop and implement best practices to comprehensively address the full continuum of care related to opioid misuse, abuse and dependency The proposed activities within the Arizona Opioid State Opioid Response project will work synergistically with existing efforts to reduce OUDs and opioid-related deaths by: (1) sustaining and enhancing naloxone distribution; (2) increasing localized community opioid prevention efforts; (3) expanding trauma-informed care prevention, treatment and recovery efforts; (4) expanding navigation and access to MAT through 24/7 access points, Medication Units, new OTPs and extended hours OTPs; (5) expanding access to recovery support services - including housing, peer supports, job assistance and supportive recovery programming; (6) increasing public access to real-time prevention, treatment and recovery resources to create a "no wrong door" approach to opioid resources in Arizona. Measurable objectives to reduce OUDs and opioid-related deaths will include: number of naloxone kits disseminated; MAT utilization and retention; use of the CSPMP; rates of opioid prescribing; rates of individuals in prescribed doses in excess of 50 MEDDs; rates of new opioid prescriptions in excess of five day supplies; community knowledge and prevention behavior; ED utilization; and rates of fatal and non-fatal overdose. Target population will, at minimum, serve: individuals re-entering the community from correctional settings; individuals in rural and isolated areas; individuals experiencing homelessness; tribal populations; veterans, military service members and military families; pregnant women and parents with OUD; and individuals who have experienced trauma, toxic stress or adverse childhood experiences (ACEs). The project will serve one million unduplicated individuals between year one and year two under prevention activities and serve 7,604 unduplicated individuals with treatment and recovery services in year one and an additional 8,872 unduplicated individuals in year two, for a total project reach of 16,476 unduplicated individuals.