

State Opioid Response Grant Project Primary Goal and Objectives

The overarching goal of the Arizona Opioid State Opioid Response 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.

Prevention

Goal 1: Increase prevention activities to reduce OUDs and opioid-related deaths.

Objective 1.1: Decrease opioid-related overdose deaths by purchasing and distributing naloxone kits for law enforcement, community public health agencies, tribal communities and a concentrated community distribution effort to active drug users and those at the highest risk of overdose.

Objective 1.2: Increase local community knowledge, awareness and preventative action on opioid misuse and abuse by implementing a suite of multi-systemic strategies from the Arizona Opioid toolkit. Targeted implementation for tribal populations, veterans and military families, individuals with physical disabilities and individuals who have experienced trauma and toxic stress.

Objective 1.3: Increase the number of providers trained and implementing Triple P, the Healthy Families home visiting programs and other supportive parenting programs to mitigate the number of individuals and families at high-risk for opioid misuse and abuse.

Objective 1.4: Increase the resiliency and coping skill development of young children to decrease the number of youth initiating and engaged in opioid use through implementation of the PAX Good Behavior Game.

Objective 1.5: Increase training, practice consultation and mentoring of prescribers on complex case management, MAT referrals, Arizona Opioid Prescribing Guidelines, new Opioid Epidemic Act, new rules for licensed health care facilities, and new resources available.

Treatment

Goal 2: Improve access and retention in comprehensive Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) services to treat OUD.

Objective 2.1: Increase providers, consultation and resources for MAT providers through in-person DATA-waivered trainings, practice consultation platforms and material dissemination.

Objective 2.2: Sustain and enhance services in regional 24/7 Centers of Excellence, rural Medication Units and extended hours in existing OTPs to ensure timely access to intake, assessment, inductions and ongoing medication and psychosocial services for MAT.

Objective 2.3: Sustain and enhance services to conduct outreach and navigation of individuals with OUD and opioid-related events into treatment and ancillary resources.

Recovery**Goal 3: Improve access to short-term and long-term recovery support services.**

Objective 3.1: Increase access to recovery support services by sustaining and expanding the OUD peer support network and providing community-based recovery support that includes family support services, work placement and employment assistance, life-skills training and supportive programming for recovery success.

Objective 3.2: Increase access to recovery and supportive housing by standing up additional units in underserved areas and increasing options for rental assistance for individuals entering OUD treatment and for those in recovery.

Objective 3.3: Increase recovery supports for pregnant women and parents receiving OUD treatment, through nurse home visiting programs for parents involved with the Department of Child Safety (DCS).

Activities that Transverse Prevention, Treatment and Recovery**Goal 4: Decrease stigma related to OUD, MAT and the recovery process.**

Objective 4.1: Implement a statewide stigma reduction campaign to educate the public on the medical model of OUD, the efficacy of MAT and to promote recovery success.

Goal 5: Increase trauma-informed prevention, treatment and recovery activities.

Objective 5.1: Increase knowledge, build skills and create trauma-informed action among Arizona providers, stakeholders and local communities by conducting trainings and disseminating trauma-informed action materials about the role of trauma, toxic stress and ACEs in the opioid epidemic.

Goal 6: Increase capacity to provide timely prevention, treatment and recovery resources to the public.

Objective 6.1: Develop, disseminate and market statewide resources, coinciding call-lines, websites and iOS and Android applications to the public to create a “no wrong” door approach for accessing timely resources.