

State Targeted Response Grant Project Abstract

The overarching goal of the Arizona Opioid State Targeted Response project is to increase access to Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) treatment, coordinated and integrated care, recovery support services and 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 Targeted Response project will work synergistically with the existing efforts to reduce OUDs and OUD deaths currently underway in Arizona by: (1) creating a new streamlined data-driven decision-making process to target and tailor treatment and prevention resources where they are most needed in the state; (2) expanding modes and type of training statewide for OUD prevention and treatment providers, law enforcement and community members around OUD and overdose prevention, MAT and integrated care models; (3) expanding law enforcement access to Naloxone kits to prevent opioid overdose deaths; (4) expanding navigation and access to MAT and integrated treatment and recovery systems through new venues, new providers, new model processes and by increasing the number of high risk individuals served; and (5) increasing the ability to ensure the likelihood of recovery success by expanding peer support services, recovery homes and recovery supports to pregnant and parenting women. Measurable prevention objectives to reduce OUDs and opioid-related deaths will include: equipping law enforcement with Naloxone; expanding access to prescription drug drop boxes for proper disposal; increasing community knowledge and awareness through trainings and evidence-based programs and practice; and increasing access to Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT). Measurable treatment objectives to reduce OUDs and opioid-related deaths will include: stigma reduction and knowledge of Medication Assisted Treatment options (MAT); enlisting new MAT providers in the community; increasing access to peer support services; increasing access to 24/7 services for MAT; increasing MAT treatment navigation for criminal justice involved individuals; increasing recovery supports for pregnant and parenting women; and increasing access to MAT in residential and recovery home settings. Target populations will include, at minimum: individuals with OUDs living in rural and underserved urban areas; individuals with OUDs being released from correctional settings; pregnant and parenting women with OUDs; young adults ages 18-25 years; and older adults ages 55 years and older. The project will serve 5,069 individuals in year one and 7,604 individuals in year two for a total project reach of 12,673 individuals.