

State Opioid Response II Grant - Project Primary Goal and Objectives

The overarching goal of the project is to increase access to OUD treatment, coordinated and integrated care, recovery support services and prevention activities to reduce the prevalence of OUDs, stimulant use disorders, 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 stimulant and opioid misuse, abuse and dependency.

Prevention

Goal 1: Increase prevention activities to reduce OUDs, stimulant use disorder, and opioid-related deaths.

- Objective: Decrease opioid-related overdose deaths by purchasing and distributing naloxone kits for law enforcement, community agencies, and tribal communities.
- Objective: 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: The development and implementation of a robust primary prevention model to address psychostimulants in local communities throughout Arizona.
- Objective: 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/stimulant misuse and abuse.
- Objective: Increase the resiliency and coping skill development of young children to decrease the number of youth initiating and engaged in stimulant/opioid use through implementation of the PAX Good Behavior Game.
- Objective: Increase training, practice consultation and mentoring of prescribers on complex case management, MAT referrals, Arizona Opioid Prescribing Guidelines, new rules for licensed health care facilities, and new resources available.

Treatment

Goal 3: Improve access and retention in comprehensive Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) services to treat OUD.

- Objective: Increase providers, consultation and resources for MAT providers through practice consultation platforms and material dissemination.
- Objective: Sustain and enhance services in regional 24/7 OTPs, 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: Sustain and enhance services to conduct outreach and navigation of individuals with OUD and opioid-related events into treatment and ancillary resources.

Recovery

Goal 4: Improve access to short-term and long-term recovery support services.

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

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