

Preventing or Reducing Opioid Abuse and Overdose: Selected Resources

Compiled by SAMHSA's Center for the Application of Prevention Technologies, this document includes a mix of tools developed by both Federal organizations and state prevention systems to support state-level planners in preventing or reducing heroin and other opioid abuse and its consequences. It was originally developed for practitioners working in the Northeast region of the U.S. but has relevance for practitioners throughout the country.

OPIOID-SPECIFIC RESOURCES

Resource Title	Description of Resource	Organization that Developed Resource	Link
Opioid Overdose Prevention Toolkit – Updated 2016	This toolkit is designed to equip communities and local governments with material to develop policies and practices to help prevent opioid-related overdoses and deaths. The toolkit also addresses issues for first responders, treatment providers, and those recovering from opioid overdose.	Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration	http://store.samhsa.gov/product/Opioid-Overdose-Prevention-Toolkit/SMA13-4742
Maryland Opioid Overdose Prevention Plan	The goal of this overdose prevention plan is to reduce unintentional, life-threatening poisonings related to the ingestion of opioids, including both illicit opioid drugs (i.e., heroin) and pharmaceutical opioid analgesics. The plan encompasses efforts to reduce poisonings related to the ingestion of opioids alone or in combination with other substances, as well as both fatal and non-fatal poisonings. The term “overdose” is used to describe poisonings that meet these criteria.	Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene	http://bha.dhmh.maryland.gov/OVERDOSE_PREVENTION/Documents/MarylandOpioidOverdosePreventionPlan2013%20(4).pdf

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Northern Kentucky's Collective Response to the Heroin Epidemic	Using a collaborative approach, stakeholders in Northern Kentucky developed this response to the heroin epidemic in their area, intended to serve as a blueprint for communities across Kentucky.	Kentucky Agency for Substance Abuse Policy – Northern Kentucky Board	http://drugfreenky.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/Northern-Kentuckys-Collective-Response-Final-and-Updated-March-2014.pdf
Today's Heroin Epidemic	This brief explores current heroin use and overdose statistics, as well as strategies that states and other entities can implement to respond to the epidemic.	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	http://www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns/pdf/2015-07-vitalsigns.pdf

GENERAL RESOURCES ON PRESCRIPTION DRUG MISUSE AND ABUSE

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Prescription Drug Abuse: Strategies to Stop the Epidemic	This report provides policymakers, public health officials and experts, partners from a range of sectors, and private and public organizations with an overview of the current status of prescription drug abuse, including promising recommendations for addressing this critical public health concern.	Trust for America's Health	http://healthyamericans.org/reports/drugabuse2013/

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What's the Prescription? Strategies and Interventions to Prevent the Non-Medical Use of Prescription Drugs	This webinar examined current research on the non-medical use of prescription drugs, as well as implications for the implementation of evidence-based strategies.	SAMHSA's Center for the Application of Prevention Technologies	https://edc.adobeconnect.com/_a1002235226/p51jggmne30/?launcher=false&fcsContent=true&pbMode=normal
PFS 2015 Planning Tool	This tool provides specific guidance for applying SAMHSA's Strategic Prevention Framework to the prevention of prescription drug abuse.	Massachusetts Technical Assistance Partnership for Prevention	http://masstapp.edc.org/prevention-planning
Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Training and Technical Assistance Center Website	This site provides training resources and best practices on using of prescription drug monitoring programs.	Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Center for Excellence	http://www.pdmpexcellence.org/
State Laws on Prescription Drug Misuse and Abuse	This web page provides links to information for public health practitioners and their legal counsel on various state laws regarding prescription drug misuse and abuse.	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	http://www.cdc.gov/php/publications/topic/prescription.html