



Winter 2017: Drug Overdose Prevention Mini-Grant Projects

Health Equity Zone (HEZ), Bristol

The Bristol HEZ will leverage mini-grant funding, in combination with other funding sources, to launch a Recovery Center to serve East Bay residents. The Center, based in St. Michael's Episcopal Church, will provide drop-in and scheduled prevention, wellness, and recovery activities. After the mini-grant project period, the Center will be sustained by the Eastbay Community Action Program.

Health Equity Zone (HEZ), West Warwick

The West Warwick HEZ will perform targeted outreach and education to six faith-based organizations, twenty local businesses, and ten public housing projects to increase awareness of and utilization of local recovery resources and naloxone training opportunities.

Crossroads Rhode Island, Providence

Crossroads will provide overdose prevention, naloxone administration, and harm reduction training to 30 staff members and 40 clients/residents. They will secure donated naloxone to be distributed to training participants.

Healthcentric Advisors, Rhode Island

Healthcentric Advisors will develop a testimonial-style public service announcement featuring someone who was directly protected by the Good Samaritan Law and/or an overdose survivor connected to MAT. It will be in video, audio, and print form and available in both English and Spanish. The PSA will be promoted to clinicians, health care providers and non-provider organizations who serve populations affected by drug overdoses.

Protect Families First, Providence

Protect Families First will train friends and family visiting inmates at the Rhode Island Department of Corrections (RIDOC) on overdose prevention and naloxone administration to decrease the rate of overdose death in people released from RIDOC. They will secure donated naloxone to be distributed to training participants.