



Winter 2017: Drug Overdose Prevention Mini-Grant Projects

Children's Friend, Project Connect, Providence

This project will develop and implement a psycho-educational Harm Reduction Program for clients during home visits, targeting pregnant women and their families. Bilingual (English/Spanish) workers will provide education on naloxone, overdose prevention, and treatment resources.

Lifespan Hospital, Providence

The project team will collaborate with Rhode Island School of Design to construct 40 cabinets – “Naloxboxes” - containing multiple doses of naloxone. NaloxBoxes will be installed in high-risk public locations throughout the state for community access to rescue opioid overdose victims.

Pawtucket Prevention Coalition, Pawtucket

This project will provide a rotation of clinical outreach workers to ride along with Pawtucket police officers to engage with populations that may be at risk of overdose. Outreach workers will provide resource backpacks that contain bilingual materials on overdose prevention, the use of naloxone, and treatment/recovery resources.

Project Weber/RENEW, Providence

This project will expand existing street outreach efforts to train high-risk individuals on the administration of naloxone and about the dangers of fentanyl in illicitly obtained drugs. Peer recovery support services will be targeted to pregnant and postpartum women who use opioids.

The Providence Center's Anchor Mobile Outreach Recovery Efforts, Providence

Bilingual (English and Spanish) peer recovery coaches will distribute bilingual overdose prevention and intervention materials through targeted street outreach. Peer recovery coaches will network with Spanish-speaking treatment providers to create resource packages for Spanish-speaking clients.

Rhode Island Community for Addiction Recovery Efforts, Faith Infused Recovery Efforts, Providence

Faith Infused Recovery Efforts will coordinate a community-wide summer event that includes overdose prevention training with “support spaces” available for friends and families impacted by opioid use disorder. Diverse faith communities will be involved in the planning and implementation of this event.

Thundermist, Woonsocket

Thundermist clinical pharmacists will pilot a model of Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) patient induction by teaming up with physicians to reduce wait time, increase number of patients with access to treatment, and improve patient and family education. Pharmacists will educate patients and family members on the use of naloxone and the dangers of fentanyl found in illicit drugs.

The University of Rhode Island, Kingston

This project will collaborate with five pharmacies statewide to dispense free portable syringe disposal boxes that contain materials on naloxone access and treatment resources with every syringe purchase.

Westerly Substance Abuse Prevention Task Force, Westerly

Certified peer recovery coaches will provide targeted services to young adults who use illicit drugs about the risks of fentanyl and drug overdose. Peer recovery coaches will offer post-overdose support to families of overdose victims, as well as naloxone training. Additionally, a public forum will address opioid use disorder, overdose, and the dangers of fentanyl.