



Summer 2019: Drug Overdose Prevention Program (DOPP)

Mini-Grant Awardees

AIDS Care Ocean State (ACOS), Providence

ACOS will provide culturally appropriate overdose prevention, recognition, and response training to clients who use drugs, their families and friends, and community-service providers. Training will be held at four fixed sites, via mobile van, and at home-based services. The ACOS street outreach team will distribute fentanyl test strips and safe-injection supplies to areas where drug overdose occurs more frequently.

Amos House, Providence

Amos House will train its staff in Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) techniques using a strengths-based approach to care, with a focus on trauma-informed therapy. This enhanced training will be integrated into Amos Houses' care plan and 25 clients with substance use disorder will receive CBT.

Blackstone Valley Prevention Coalition (BVPC), Woonsocket

BVPC will implement Woonsocket Safe Stations, modeled after a program from Nashua, NH. Woonsocket neighborhood fire stations will be open 24/7 for people struggling with a substance use disorder. Trained fire fighters will provide transportation and support to connect people to the appropriate treatment and recovery support services.

Crossroads Rhode Island, Providence

Crossroads will train staff and shelter clients/residents on drug overdose prevention, naloxone administration, and harm reduction methods.

Family Service of Rhode Island (FSRI), Providence

FSRI will offer culturally appropriate overdose prevention education to low-income individuals and their families and Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) training to Providence Housing Authority (PHA) staff through the Providence and Pawtucket Housing Authorities. In collaboration with PHA staff, FSRI will offer a series of community learning sessions to discuss the signs of drug misuse, how to engage family members in drug use prevention, and available resources for substance use disorder.

Grands Flourish, Warwick

Grands Flourish will provide community supports and outreach to grandparents who raise grandchildren in families affected by substance use disorder. The goal is to educate grandparents on harm reduction, trauma-informed caregiving, the importance of self-care, access to community resources, and the impacts of substance use disorder on family dynamics.

Preventing Overdose and Naloxone Intervention (PONI), Providence

In collaboration with the Naloxone and Overdose Prevention Education, Rhode Island (NOPE-RI) program, PONI will standardize its train the trainer and bystanders naloxone and overdose recognition curricula based on current data and research. The trainings will incorporate harm-reduction strategies and instructions on naloxone administration, hands-only CPR, and rescue breathing.

Refugee Dream Center, Providence

The Refugee Dream Center will conduct home visits that focus on safe drug use practices and overdose prevention to refugee families in Rhode Island. The content will be culturally relevant and sensitive to the refugees' lived-experiences.

Rhode Island Business Group on Health (RIBGH), Providence

RIBGH will promote the *Choosing Wisely Rhode Island* campaign to local workplaces where employees are at a greater risk of work-related injuries, particularly labor and trade unions. The campaign includes audiovisual and printed materials on medication safety and opioid misuse prevention, local treatment facilities and programs, chronic pain self-management workshops, and recovery-friendly work environments.

Rhode Island Hospital (RIH) Transitions Clinic, Providence

The RIH Transitions Clinic team will create original content that empowers students, residents, and attending providers to prescribe buprenorphine and focus on treating the whole person. Content will include a video-based training and a complementary website with practical information on treating patients with Opioid Use Disorder.

Warren Prevention Coalition, Warren

The Warren Prevention Coalition will partner with the local Walgreens pharmacy to provide education to the Warren and Bristol senior centers. A licensed pharmacist will educate seniors about the misuse of prescription drugs, naloxone administration, and what they can do to decrease the numbers of overdoses among seniors in Bristol and Warren.