



Governor Raimondo's Task Force on Overdose Prevention and Intervention

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Overdose Engagement (CODE): Phase 3



**Investing in Community through
Rhode Island's Health Equity Zones**

Community Overdose Engagement (CODE): Phase 3



Rhode Island Health Equity Zones in Drug Overdose Hot Spots:

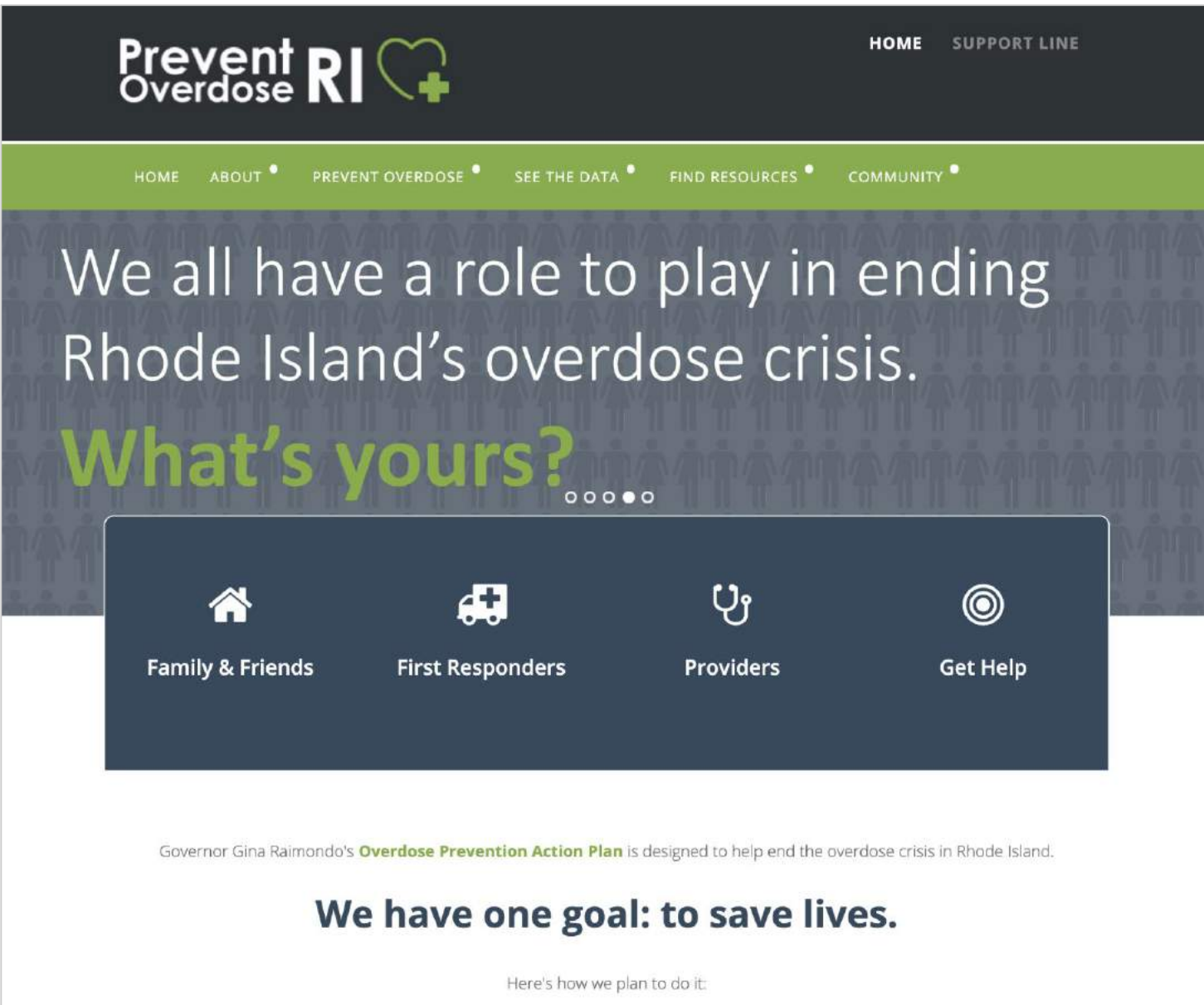
- Cranston
- Pawtucket
- Providence (Central)
- Providence (West Elmwood)
- Woonsocket

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PreventOverdoseRI.org, Rhode Island's Drug Overdose Dashboard: 2019 Visual and Content Refresh

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Our First Version of Prevent Overdose RI (PORI)



We all have a role to play in ending Rhode Island's overdose crisis.

What's yours? 



Family & Friends



First Responders



Providers




Get Help

Governor Gina Raimondo's **Overdose Prevention Action Plan** is designed to help end the overdose crisis in Rhode Island.

We have one goal: to save lives.

Here's how we plan to do it:

The Updated PORI

[About](#)[Learn More](#)[Prevent an Overdose](#)[See the Data](#)[Find Resources](#)[Get Involved](#)[GET HELP](#)

This is our
home for ending
the overdose crisis

On this website, you will find our latest data and helpful resources on overdose. You can learn where to get naloxone, how to get into treatment and find events near you.

**We all have a role to play in ending the overdose crisis.
What's yours?**

GET HELP

Call to connect with a licensed counselor, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Hablamos español.

(401) 414-LINK (5465)

Designed by **NAIL
Communications**

What has changed?

- ★ More people-oriented and Rhode Island-focused
- ★ Easier to find the most relevant information
- ★ Simplified menu structure
- ★ New videos, images, and visuals
- ★ Highlighting the updated Strategic Plan and our past successes

OUR ACTION PLAN

We have one goal: to save lives

This is the biggest public health crisis our state has ever seen. Rhode Island is a national leader in responding to the overdose crisis, but we aren't done yet. Now, we're taking it further with an updated plan. This plan builds on our past success and will help us continue to save lives.

Here's how our state is saving lives and ending the overdose crisis



Prevention

We can stop the harm of drug use by supporting people as early as possible.

FACT: We're helping people keep their opioid prescriptions safe and promoting alternatives to opioid pain medications.



Rescue

Everyone can learn how to use Naloxone and carry it with them to help stop an opioid overdose.

FACT: We have community trainings every month for anyone who wants to learn how to use Naloxone.



Treatment

Anyone who is ready for treatment can get help when they are ready.

FACT: BH Link is a 24-hour crisis center and support line where anyone can get help.



Recovery

We know that recovery from addiction is possible for everyone.

FACT: We have more recovery support services than ever in our state.

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Our Latest Videos

Abbie, Dennis, and Erin have critical roles in preventing overdoses. Abbie provides recovery support to people with substance use disorder, Dennis provides street outreach, and Erin provides statewide naloxone training. [Learn more about their stories by watching the videos above.](#)



Community

You can help us prevent opioid use in our communities.

[Learn what you can do to help](#)



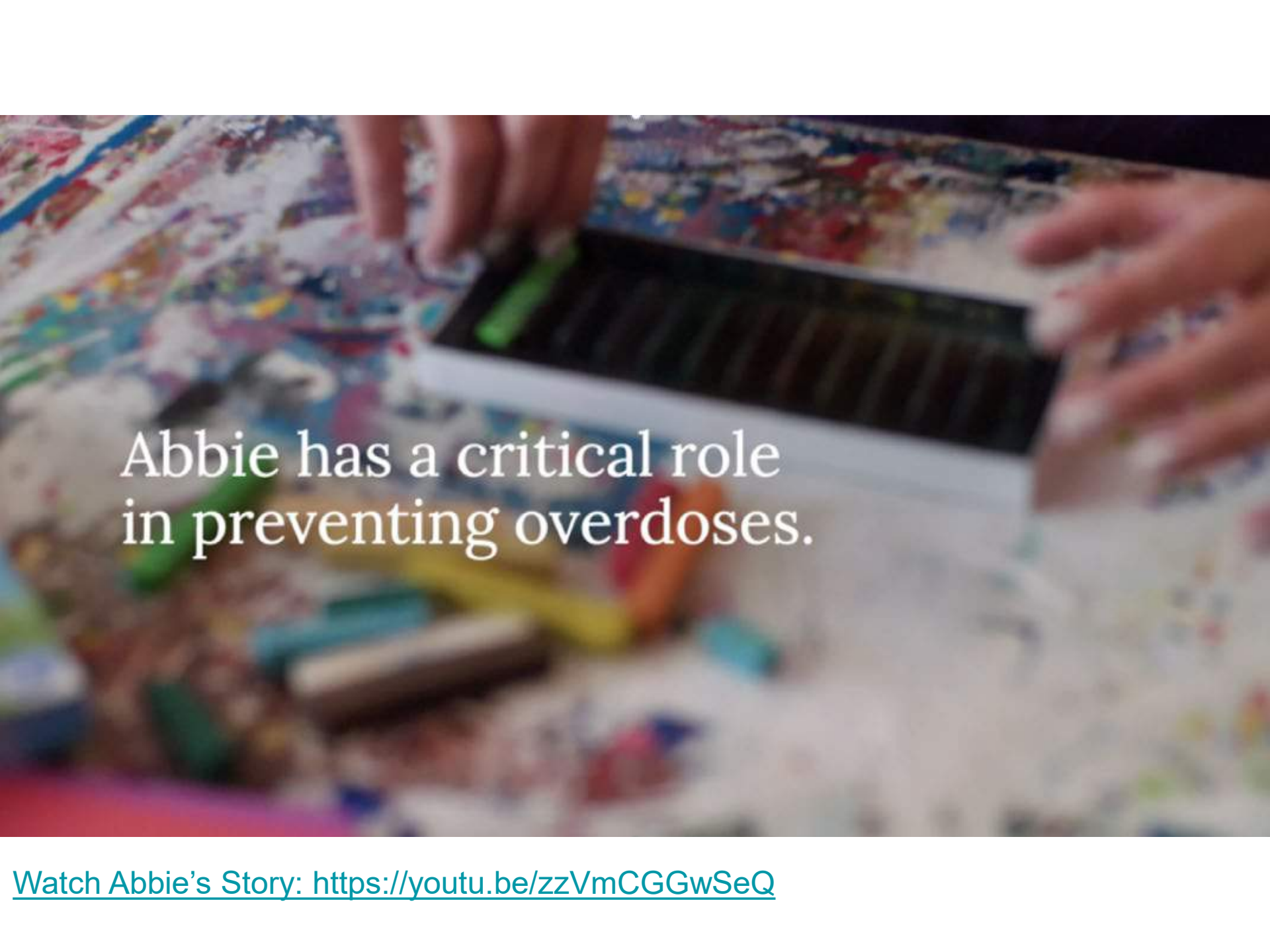
Preventing opioid overdoses

When a person survives an overdose, it's because someone knew what an overdose looked like and how to take action. Call 9-1-1 immediately if you think someone is overdosing.

[Learn More](#)

The PORI homepage is a space that can showcase:

- ★ Emerging issues or trends
- ★ Current campaigns
- ★ New videos or media

A close-up photograph showing a person's hands holding a black pill tray. The tray is tilted, and a single green pill is visible inside. The background is a surface covered in a dense layer of colorful, crushed pills in various colors like red, blue, yellow, and green. The text "Abbie has a critical role in preventing overdoses." is overlaid on the image in white font.

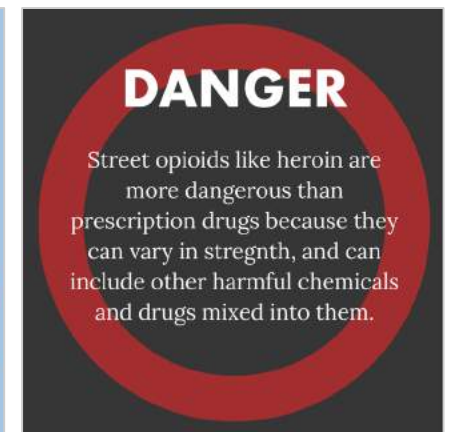
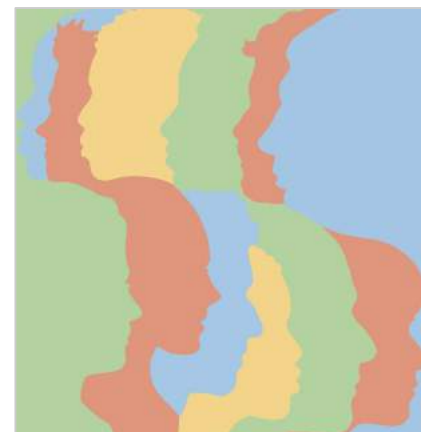
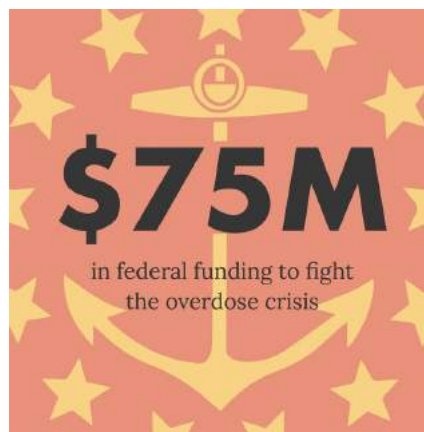
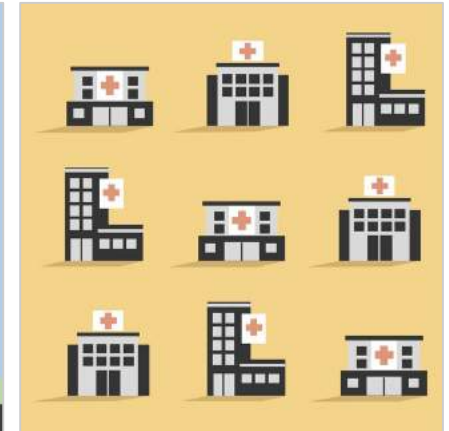
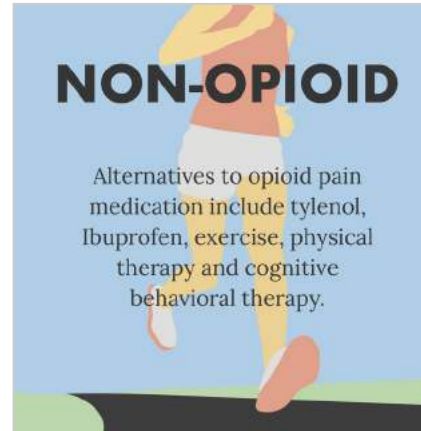
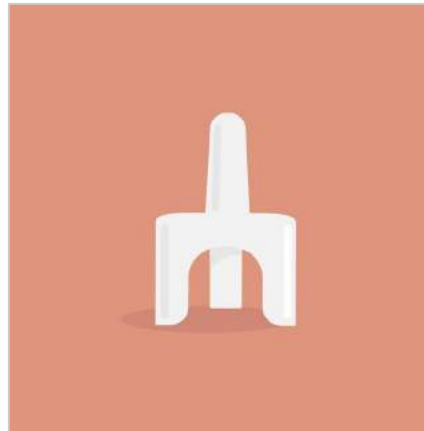
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in preventing overdoses.

[Watch Abbie's Story: https://youtu.be/zzVmCGGwSeQ](https://youtu.be/zzVmCGGwSeQ)

Additional Languages

- ★ Core pages, infographics, and PDFs will be translated to **Spanish and Portuguese.**
- ★ Entire PORI site will be translatable to over **80 languages** through Google Translate.

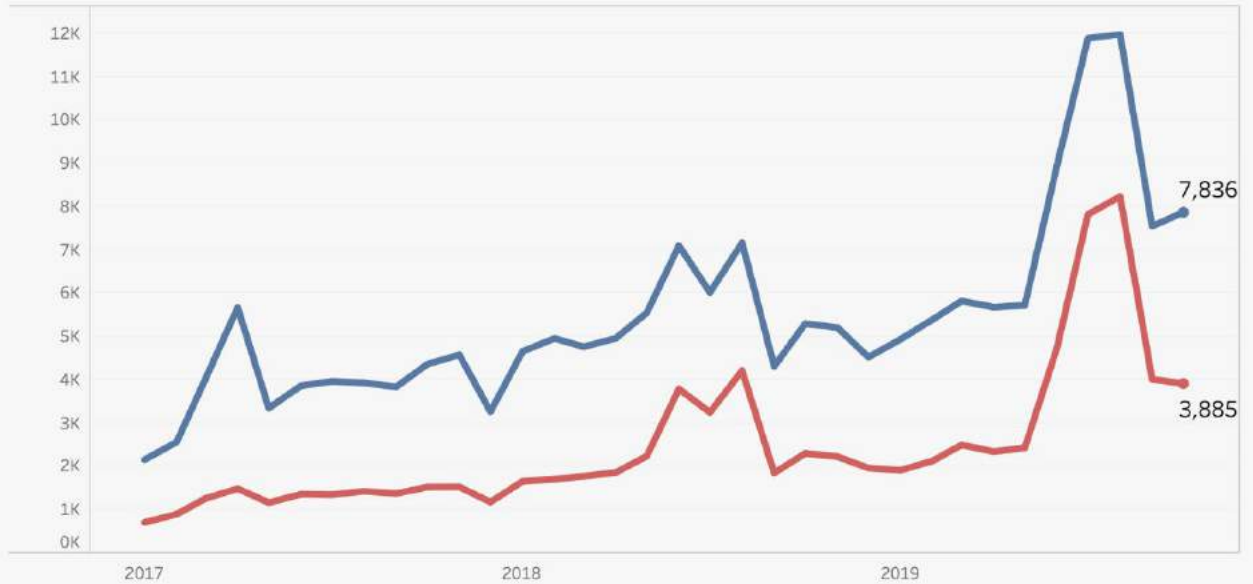
New Graphical Elements Created by NAIL Communications



Recent Social Media Campaigns



Total number of users and pageviews, by month

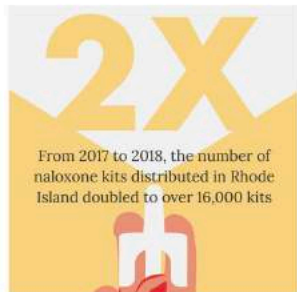
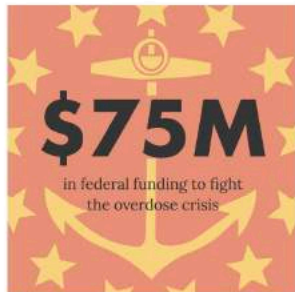




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We have updated our Action Plan page to **highlight our successes.**

The format of data pages are mostly unchanged.

Updated metrics for each pillar.

Back-end enhancements to improve timeliness and consistency of data.

To save lives, we need to educate everyone about the dangers of overdose and end the stigma of addiction.

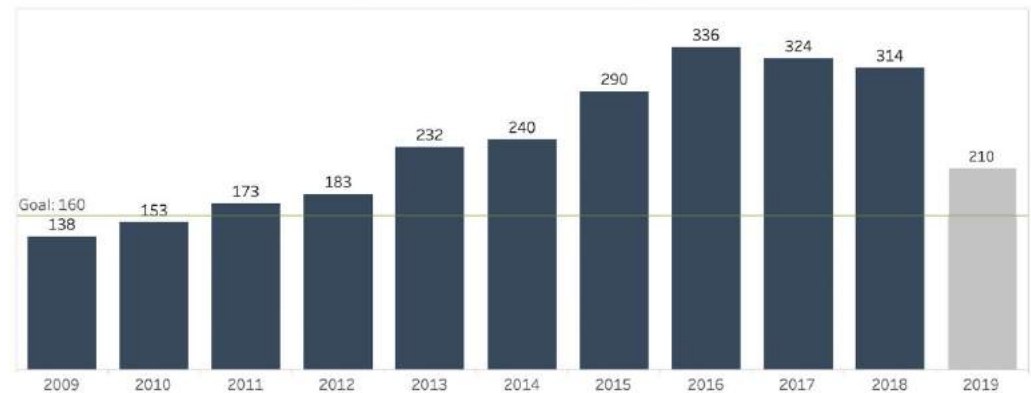
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[VIEW THE DATA](#)

Our main goal

Reduce the number of overdose deaths

Number of overdose deaths (2009 - November 2019)



Note: Data updated weekly

Note: Most overdose deaths are confirmed within 3 months; however, sometimes toxicology test results take longer to confirm.

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[MOST RECENT DATA \(RIDOH\)](#)

[MORE OVERDOSE DATA](#)

Rollout Timeline

- ★ The new redesign will go live in **mid-December**.
 - Almost a year in the making!
 - All content, language, and visuals have gone through an extensive feedback and vetting process.
 - We will continue to receive feedback from key Task Force members and partners.

We all have a role to play, what's yours?

- ★ Follow us on social media:
 - Twitter: **@PreventOD_RI**
- ★ This is your page... use it, promote it, share it!

Thank you!

- ★ PreventOverdoseRI.org is a project funded by the CDC, through a contract with the **Rhode Island Department of Health**.
- ★ This website is managed by **Brown University**.
- ★ The updated website was designed by **NAIL Communications**.
- ★ The new videos were created by **Steer PVD**.



Expanding Employment and Housing Opportunities for Individuals in Recovery



“Recovery Through Opportunity” Grant

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Workforce Development

Overview

- Incorporating the state's workforce development program, **Real Jobs Rhode Island** and its 44 sector partnerships
- Leveraging public health expertise through partnerships with **the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH)** and **Rhode Island Department of Behavioral Health, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals (BHDDH)**
- Integrating **Institutes of Higher Education and Apprenticeship RI** to leverage and adopt innovative means to ensure Rhode Island has a robust number of health workers trained in various occupations to address the opioid crisis.

Goals

Address the need for healthcare professionals to respond to the opioid crisis.

Provide addiction/opioid education and services for workers/workforce.

Provide career and training services for crisis-impacted residents to enter or re-enter the workforce.

Goal 1:
Address the
Need for
Healthcare
Professionals to
Respond to the
Opioid Crisis.

- Provide **Peer Recovery Specialists** (PRS) with a **Medication Assisted Treatment** (MAT) Training and provide a Train-the-Trainer program.
- Expand the **Registered Apprenticeship** (RA) model for **Community Health Workers** (CHWs).

Goal 2:

Provide
Addiction/Opioid
Education and
Services for
Workers/Workforce.

**Educate the
construction workforce
on opioid/substance
use, including
prevention, treatment,
and recovery resources.**

Goal 3:

Provide Career
and Training
Services for
Crisis-Impacted
Residents to
Enter or Re-enter
the Workforce.

REAL JOBS RI
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TAKE AWAY

- **COLLABORATE WITH “REAL JOBS” AND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND TRAINING**
- **LET US KNOW WHAT YOU’RE DOING**
- **OPPORTUNITIES WHERE WE CAN WORK TOGETHER!**



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We all make mistakes,
have struggles, and
even regret things in
our past. But you are not
your mistakes, you are
not your struggles, and
you are here NOW with
the power to shape your
day and your future.

Steve Maraboli

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Recovery House Progress

483 Certified Recovery Houses at National Association of Recovery Residences (NARR) Level II

1,235 unique individuals

120 people on the active waiting list

254 calls screened weekly with 401-942-STOP

New employment and housing support for sustainability



New Shared Payment Tiered System

Tier I	1st Day	90th Day	100%	\$20/day State Opioid Response (SOR)
Tier II	91st Day	180th Day	75%	\$15/\$5/day (Personal Responsibility)
Tier III	181st Day	365th Day	50%	\$10/\$10/day



Drug Overdose Prevention Mini-Grants: 2019 Projects in Review

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Task Force**

Drug Overdose Prevention Mini-Grant Requirements



- Status as a non-profit, community-based organization.
- Experience providing services and support to high-risk populations.
- Based on findings from the *Spring 2018 Report: Multidisciplinary Review of Drug Overdose Death Evaluation (MODE) Team* or the *February 2019 Report: Rhode Island Review of Overdose Accidental Deaths (ROAD)*.
- Completion of proposed mini-grant project within three months of approval or Purchase Order receipt.

Mini-Grant Focus: Prevention

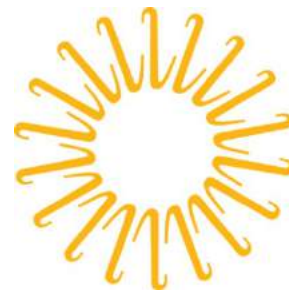


Mini-Grant Focus: Harm Reduction



AIDS Care Ocean State

Mini-Grant Focus: Treatment



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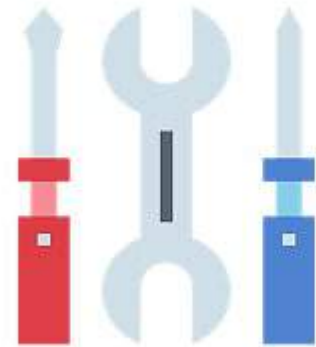
Mini-Grant Highlights: Prevention



- The home visiting model was successful in improving refugees' knowledge of safe medication storage.



- The in-person outreach to daycare centers was helpful for raising awareness of support resources for grandparents.



- Local businesses/employers requested improvements to educational materials and access to a centralized toolkit.

Mini-Grant Highlights: Harm Reduction



- Naloxone administration education to high-risk populations reduces overdose deaths and saves lives.
- Older Rhode Islanders felt moderate to high-confidence using a NaloxBox following naloxone administration and recognition training.
- Use of fentanyl test strip kits may help influence a person's decision-making and drug-use behaviors.

Mini-Grant Highlights: Treatment



- The Safe Stations model is expanding across Rhode Island, providing linkage to treatment and support for people with Substance Use Disorder (SUD).
- An online toolkit is being developed to help treatment providers address their patients' social determinants of health.
- Implementation of an evidence-based practice intervention, such as Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT), is a feasible project within a short time frame.

Next Steps



- A new round of mini-grant funding will be announced in early 2020.
- Grantees will have greater flexibility with project design.
- Time-frame for project implementation will be extended beyond the three-month period.



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