



Summer 2020: Drug Overdose Prevention Program Mini-Grant Awardees

Amos House, Providence

Amos House will train its staff in naloxone administration and overdose prevention and will certify 40 employees in CPR and First Aid. Additionally, two Amos House employees will participate in a training to become certified instructors in opioid overdose recognition and response.

Community Care Alliance (CCA), Woonsocket

CCA will develop a free mail order and delivery service for people to access naloxone and safer drug use supplies. This service will allow individuals to safely order harm reduction materials from their own homes, reducing the need to go out in person or risk being too close to others.

Crossroads Rhode Island, Providence

Crossroads will train all 30 staff and approximately 50 residents in overdose recognition and response as well as harm reduction practices. At the conclusion of the training, Crossroads will provide participants with an overdose response starter kit that will include a carrying-case and first aid supplies (i.e., face mask, latex gloves, and alcohol pads).

Protect Families First, Providence

This mini-grant project will focus on street outreach efforts in downtown Providence and will provide overdose prevention education and harm reduction supplies to people who use drugs. Protect Families First will also host online educational workshops, feedback forums, and interviews with local stakeholders. Data will be collected throughout the project to develop actionable policy recommendations.

Rhode Island Communities for Addiction Recovery Efforts (RICARES), Providence

RICARES will offer a free, virtual workshop for certified peer recovery support specialists who are on the frontlines of the COVID-19 crisis. This workshop will be offered to more than 60 participants and will include techniques in drama therapy and trauma-centered psychotherapy to promote mental health and personal growth.