

Establishing Effective Partnerships for Overdose Prevention and Recovery Support



TOOL PURPOSE

Community supervision officers can support individuals with substance use challenges by collaborating with a diverse array of substance use treatment organizations, risk/harm reduction services within the community, recovery support services and social services. It is important for community supervision agencies to work with community-based organizations and other partners that encourage recovery and promote successful outcomes for individuals who have substance use disorders.

Stakeholders can be engaged in organizational activities as individuals or representatives of various organizations. These stakeholders have valuable insight on how to expand access to these harm reduction strategies. Consider the following list of potential stakeholders and partner organizations when linking individuals who are at risk for overdose to evidence-based treatment, services and supports. Also consider the following best practices to support partnerships.

Stakeholder and Partner Organization Checklist	Check box	Name of organization/agency
SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT AND ALLIED ORGANIZATIONS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mental health and substance use treatment organizations 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health care providers and hospitals, including emergency department staff 		
RISK/HARM REDUCTION		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harm reduction services providers, including syringe services programs 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drug courts 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prosecutors 		
RECOVERY SUPPORT SERVICES		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peer recovery specialists 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individuals with lived experience of substance use and criminal justice system involvement 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recovery community organizations 		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-entry service providers 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public health agencies and local and state behavioral health departments 		
SOCIAL SERVICES		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social services providers 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community-based organizations 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public health agencies and local and state behavioral health departments 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing and homelessness services organizations 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public transit agencies and alternative transportation entities 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faith-based groups 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local universities and colleges 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public defender organizations 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elected officials' offices 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal aid organizations 		

BEST PRACTICES TO SUPPORT PARTNERSHIPS

After you've identified potential partners, the work of cultivating collaboration begins. There are several best practices that help community supervision agencies and the community-based organizations to work together most effectively.



1. Work deliberately to foster relationships and build trust.



4. Create efficient and effective protocols to facilitate access to programs.



2. Establish regular avenues for communication between partners.



5. Clarify common goals and expectations.



3. Find opportunities for cross-training to have each partner learn more about the other.



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