

WHO ARE WE?

We were established by HRSA's **Rural Communities Opioid Response Program** to address morbidity, mortality, and other harmful effects of substance use disorder (SUD), especially relating to synthetic opioids. We're adapting best practices to address needs in rural communities and disseminating resources widely. We're also implementing programs to expand treatment and recovery resources in rural Appalachian New York.

HOW CAN WE HELP?

The overdose crisis is ever-changing as new forms of opioids and other substances emerge. We provide evidence-based resources and program assistance to help rural communities across the U.S. address the crisis. Below is a list of the practices we are disseminating. It shows how these programs fit into the goals of **saving lives, engaging the community, providing access to treatment, identifying people at risk, and supporting recovery.**

Best Practices	Save Lives	Engage Community	Expand Access to Treatment	Screen for and Prevent SUD	Support Recovery	Ecosystem of Recovery
Naloxone Distribution	✓					✓
Reducing Stigma		✓			✓	✓
Suicide Prevention Training: Identifying People at Risk	✓			✓		✓
Emergency Department-Based Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) in Collaboration with SUD Treatment Providers	✓		✓	✓		✓
Behavioral Health Assessment Officer in the Emergency Department		✓	✓	✓		✓
MOUD Through Telemedicine as a Bridge to Primary Care-Based MOUD			✓			✓
Behavioral Health Care Manager in a Primary Care Practice				✓		✓
Treatment of Opioid Use Disorder in Primary Care			✓			✓
Rural Opioid and Direct Support Services for Methadone Maintenance Treatment			✓			✓
Transitions Clinic Network Programs for People Recently Released from Incarceration			✓			✓
Drug Interaction and Overdose (Polysubstance Use)	✓	✓				✓
Group Therapy for SUD Through Videoconferencing			✓		✓	✓
Adapting Opioid Treatment Programs to the COVID-19 Pandemic	✓		✓			✓

ECOSYSTEM OF RECOVERY

The **Ecosystem of Recovery** reflects the approach we are using in the Appalachian region of New York State, **to create broader access to and community-wide support for evidence-based and emerging best practices in opioid treatment.** This approach may be a good framework for other communities on this journey. It begins by establishing partnerships across the community to provide patients with access to treatment in their homes, EDs, and treatment centers. It ends with community-wide support for patients in recovery and care management integrated into primary care practices. The system is designed to increase screening, provide timely access to treatment, sustain long-term recovery, and engage primary care providers in a system of care.

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