

# Opioid Response Network



## PURPOSE

Provide technical assistance to all U.S. states and territories to address the opioid overdose crisis.

## BACKGROUND

In February 2018 the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) funded the State Targeted Response Technical Assistance grant led by the American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry (AAAP) with a coalition of 25 national health care and professional organizations. This coalition established the Opioid Response Network (ORN) to provide all U.S. states and territories with free education, training, and technical assistance in evidence-based practices for the prevention, treatment, and recovery of opioid use disorders.

## GOALS

1. Increase the number of prescribers and allied health professionals trained in best practices to respond to opioid use disorders
2. Increase availability of peers to support people at risk of or seeking recovery from opioid use disorders
3. Reduce barriers for clinical and peer providers to deliver effective evidence-based prevention, treatment, and recovery intervention

## APPROACH

ORN responds to requests for education, training, and technical assistance made by single state agencies, local communities, health care systems, organizations, and individuals, among others. Each state/territory has a designated team led by a regional Technology Transfer Specialist (TTS) who has qualifications in the implementation of evidence-based practices. Housed within a SAMHSA-funded regional Addiction Technology Transfer Center (ATTC), each TTS is ideally positioned to coordinate with the requestor and a dedicated, vetted pool of local treatment, prevention, and recovery experts to meet the request needs. The response is tailored to address the specific state and local needs of the requester and could be delivered through an in-person training, a distribution of resources, or virtual ongoing consultation, among other delivery methods.

Requests submitted to <https://opioidresponsenetwork.org> receive a response within one business day.

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## MEASURES

Between May 2018 and February 2020, ORN has:

- Responded to **1,406** technical assistance requests
- Completed **2,982** activities as a result of technical assistance requests
- Provided education and training for nearly **18,000** people who participated in ORN activities
- Reached approximately **1.78** million additional people as a result of participants sharing what they learned
- Reached an additional **1.23** million people through ORN partner specific education and training activities

## COLLABORATORS

<b>SAMHSA   Funder</b>	Agency within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services that leads public health efforts to advance the behavioral health of the nation and to improve the lives of individuals living with mental and substance use disorders, and their families.
<b>ATTC</b>	Houses 22 Technology Transfer Specialists that coordinate the delivery of education, training, and technical assistance through the ORN. International, multidisciplinary resource for professionals in the addictions treatment and recovery services field. Established in 1993 by SAMHSA, comprised of 10 U.S.-based Regional Addiction Technology Transfer Centers, 6 International HIV Centers, 2 National Focus Area Centers, and a Network Coordinating Office.
<b>AAAP</b>	Lead organization for the ORN. National leader in evidence-based clinical practices and research in the prevention, identification, and treatment of substance use disorders and co-occurring mental disorders. National leader in developing innovative approaches to training that have seen widespread success in the area of office-based treatment of opioid use disorder.