

Did you know?

- In 2018, nearly 3,000 people died of an opioid-related overdose in New York State.
- There were over 7,900 emergency department visits for opioid overdoses in New York State in 2018.
- 77% of opioid overdose deaths occur outside of a medical setting and more than half occur at home.

Sources: NYS Department of Health (DOH) and U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS)



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Responding to Opioid Overdose

New York State
State Opioid Response (SOR)



BACKGROUND

The New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) was awarded a State Opioid Response (SOR) grant by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to combat the opioid crisis. The SOR grant includes many initiatives which address the opioid epidemic across the prevention, treatment and recovery spectrum. One such initiative focuses on decreasing opioid overdose-related fatalities through education and training. This initiative involves training likely witnesses to an overdose on how to identify and attempt to reverse overdoses using naloxone. OASAS is a registered Opioid Overdose Prevention Program (OOPP) and is authorized to train across New York State. The NYS OASAS OOPP is also approved to train law enforcement by the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS).

OBJECTIVE

The objective of this initiative is to train likely opioid overdose witnesses, community members, first responders, and people in immediate need across New York to identify an overdose and effectively use naloxone to perform a rescue. This training uses SAMHSA's Overdose Prevention Toolkit Rescue Steps.

The SAMHSA toolkit is available at:

<https://store.samhsa.gov/product/Opioid-Overdose-Prevention-Toolkit/SMA18-4742>



ABOUT THE TRAINING

This live training takes approximately 90 minutes and is presented by a NYS OASAS opioid overdose training specialist. Topics include addressing stigma, NY 911 Good Samaritan Laws, overdose risk factors, recognizing and responding to an overdose, administration of naloxone, and reporting naloxone use. Staff are available statewide and there is no fee for training.

NALOXONE

Approved by the FDA in 1971, naloxone is an opioid antagonist indicated in the reversal of an opioid overdose. Naloxone's unique chemical nature has been instrumental in reducing the numbers of fatal overdoses related to opioids. By providing naloxone trainings, our goal is to diminish existing rates of fatal overdoses related to opioids.

HOW TO OBTAIN NALOXONE

Overdose reversal kits containing naloxone are available at trainings for all first responders and for those with an immediate need. Participants with appropriate medication insurance coverage will learn how to obtain free or low-cost naloxone from a pharmacy under the New York State Naloxone Co-Payment Assistance Program (N-CAP).

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

To host a training event or inquire about participating in one, please contact:

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