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Oregon Overdose Prevention Coordination in Funded Regions



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### **Acronyms**

**ASTHO:** Association of State and Territorial Health Officials

**BHRN:** Behavioral Health Resource Network

**CBO:** Community-Based Organization

**CDC:** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

**EMS:** Emergency Medical Services

**HIDTA:** High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas

IVPP: Injury and Violence Prevention Program

**LPHA:** Local Public Health Authority

**MOUD:** Medications for Opioid Use Disorder

NACCHO: National Association of County and City Health Officials

**OD2A:** Overdose Data to Action

**OD2A-S:** Overdose Data to Action in States

**OHA:** Oregon Health Authority

**OPAT:** Oregon Conference on Opioids + Other Drugs, Pain + Addiction Treatment

**ORS:** Overdose Response Strategy

**OSPTR:** Opioid Settlement Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery [Board]

**PfS:** Prevention for States

**SAMHSA:** Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

**SLO:** Save Lives Oregon

**SOR:** State Opioid Response

**STR:** State Targeted Response

**SUD:** Substance Use Disorder

**SUDORS:** State Unintentional Drug Overdose Reporting System

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Since September 2020, Oregon Health Authority's (OHA) Injury and Violence Prevention Program (IVPP) has funded Local Public Health Authorities (LPHAs) in 11 regions to support local overdose prevention work by expanding programs and collaborations. Funded regions received a total of \$1,430,880 from September 2023 to August 2024 through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Overdose Data to Action in States (OD2A-S) cooperative agreement and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Services (SUPTRS) block grant. Funded regions coordinate multisector stakeholder partnerships and overdose emergency response planning and develop and implement overdose prevention projects that focus on the following OD2A-S strategies:

- Harm Reduction
- Clinician/Health Systems Engagement
- Public Safety Partnerships/Interventions
- Community-Based Linkages to Care

Data presented in this report were collected from September 2023 to August 2024 through a quarterly online form, monthly overdose prevention coordinator meeting notes, and technical assistance meeting notes and emails.

### STATEWIDE ACCOMPLISHMENTS SNAPSHOTS

Implementation of strategies to improve naloxone access



300 naloxone trainings completed



4,002
people
participated in
naloxone
trainings



17,801
naloxone doses
distributed during
naloxone trainings

Implementation of regional overdose emergency response plans

Four regions activated their overdose emergency response plan





# Multisector Stakeholder Partnership Accomplishments Summary

Funded regions collaborated with a wide range of agencies and organizations to foster multisector stakeholder engagement. These partnerships included local substance use disorder treatment agencies, harm reduction organizations, clinics and hospitals, behavioral health agencies, schools and youth-serving organizations, fire departments, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), and recovery community organizations, working together to support public health initiatives.

### Funded regions improved naloxone distribution efforts by:

- ✓ Supplying naloxone
- ✓ Providing education/training to organization staff to encourage naloxone distribution, dispensing, or prescribing
- ✓ Connecting organizations with available resources and funding (e.g., Save Lives Oregon Harm Reduction Clearinghouse)
- ✓ Disseminating naloxone educational and promotional material
- ✓ Assisting in the development of policies and procedures
- ✓ Providing information about local overdose prevention data and statistics
- ✓ Linking community partners to one another



### Clinician/health systems engagement



# Public safety partnerships/interventions



### 8 regions implemented

 359 providers and clinic staff trained

### **11 regions** implemented

57 EMS and 102 law enforcement agency partnerships established

### 4 regions implemented

√ 339 clients engaged

✓ 629 clients referred to care

# TOTALS ACROSS LOCAL PREVENTION STRATEGIES



233 Key partner

meetings

313

Total key partner agencies engaged



170

Dissemination activities



45

Training events held



469

People trained

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

### PROGRESS ON PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS

Funded regions continue to make progress on overdose prevention planning and response efforts and benefit from OHA and cross-region support. In previous annual reports covering October 2020 to August 2023, Comagine Health developed a series of recommendations for OHA based on challenges shared by local overdose prevention coordinators. The following table describes accomplishments in response to the previous challenges and recommendations.

Previous Recommendations		Accomplishments
Continue to provide technical assistance meetings with overdose prevention coordinators as a group and individually	✓	OHA provides weekly emails to overdose prevention coordinators with local and national resources and trainings.  OHA meets monthly with overdose prevention coordinators individually and as a group.
Ensure funded regions develop tailored program plans that address the unique needs facing their communities		OHA required funded regions to submit an annual workplan that outlines plans to implement CDC OD2A-S focused strategies to expand and enhance local overdose prevention efforts.
Strategize ways to support workforce development and capacity to address turnover among local overdose prevention staff	٠	Four of the 11 funded regions (36%) experienced overdose prevention staff changes during this reporting period. Overdose prevention coordinator turnover continues to be a challenge for funded regions.
Highlight the importance of data collection and reporting on overdose prevention efforts to assess program successes, challenges, and outcomes		OHA regularly supported efforts to ensure overdose prevention staff submitted timely and complete quarterly reporting data.
Develop a statewide overdose emergency response plan to provide a unified response to overdose spikes and provide enhanced surveillance to regions		OHA finalized their statewide overdose emergency response plan in 2023: Oregon State Overdose Response Protocol.
Establish clearer guidance for developing an overdose emergency response plan; Strengthen capacity for overdose emergency response plan implementation	✓	Five regions (45%) were finalizing their initial overdose emergency response plan.  Six regions (55%) have completed and were implementing their overdose emergency response plans.  Four regions (36%) activated their overdose emergency response plans.
Continue providing consistent funding to avoid program and service disruptions and expand funding and resource opportunities beyond currently funded regions		Braided funding is secured to continue funding regions through August 2025. OHA is actively working to identify a long-term, sustainable funding source.
Continue to support cross-region resource sharing and communication, including connections between schools to support policy updates	✓	Cross-region subgroups (e.g., youth overdose prevention advisory group) have been established to facilitate knowledge and strategy sharing.  Cross-region resource and funding sharing occurred to implement media campaigns across regions.

#### **Previous Recommendations**

Encourage funded regions to collaborate with local partners across service sectors including health care, prevention, treatment, recovery, harm reduction, criminal justice, schools, and public safety; Develop resources and discuss strategies to support local collaboration efforts

Fund community-based organizations (CBOs) who could assist LPHAs with the delivery of harm reduction services and overdose prevention coordination

Encourage LPHAs to provide support to eligible CBOs to <u>submit applications</u> for the Save Lives Oregon (SLO) Clearinghouse

Share and encourage use and distribution of statewide resources, including <u>Save Lives</u>
Oregon <u>Toolkit</u>, <u>Fentanyl & Opioid Response</u>
Toolkit for <u>Schools</u>, <u>Pharmacy Education</u>:
Respond to <u>Prevent</u>, and <u>Naloxone Toolkit for</u>
Oregon <u>Pharmacists</u>

Continue to implement innovative strategies to decrease stigma by building on strong community communication channels and leverage support from trusted community members and host community training events on anti-stigma that are inclusive of community members and key partner agencies

Continue to prioritize naloxone distribution

### **Accomplishments**

- ✓ From September 2023 August 2024, funded regions held 353 meetings with multisector stakeholder groups.
- ✓ All funded regions worked with clinics and hospitals, SUD treatment agencies, harm reduction agencies, behavioral health agencies, and schools and youthserving organizations.
- Most funded regions worked with fire departments; emergency medical services; recovery community organizations; law enforcement agencies; courts, jails, community corrections; advocacy groups, emergency departments, and tribal partners.
- OHA created six new fact sheets from September 2023 August 2024 to support local education and outreach on a variety of overdose prevention and harm reduction topics
- ✓ OHA funded seven CBOs in April 2022 to implement a variety of local, culturally appropriate overdose prevention projects ranging from upstream substance use prevention to community education and harm reduction. OHA facilitated relationships between CBOs and LPHAs to promote local partnerships.
- ✓ Starting in January 2025, 13 additional CBOs will receive state opioid settlement funding.
- ✓ Most (91%) funded regions connected organizations with available harm reduction resources and funding, including SLO Harm Reduction Clearinghouse.
- OHA regularly shares resources and updates during monthly meetings, technical assistance meetings, and weekly emails.
- OHA shared anti-stigma resources and webinars during monthly meetings, technical assistance meetings, and weekly emails.
- Cross-region collaboration occurred to support a stigma-reduction media campaign.
- OHA drafted communications guidance for destigmatizing, trauma-informed language; this will be finalized in early 2025.
- ✓ Most (91%) funded regions supply naloxone.
- Most (91%) funded regions provide education/training to organization staff to encourage naloxone distribution, dispensing, or prescribing.
- Most (91%) funded regions disseminate naloxone educational and promotional advertising material.
- Most (73%) funded regions conduct outreach to track and determine naloxone supply.

### RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NEXT FUNDING YEAR

Oregon's overdose crisis and the role of LPHA overdose prevention coordinators continues to evolve. To continue to support local overdose prevention programming, OHA should consider the following recommendations for next funding year, which were developed based on challenges reported by overdose prevention coordinators during quarterly reporting.

Challenges	Recommendations
Staff turnover, which impacts continuity of overdose prevention work occurring locally (e.g., public awareness campaigns) and	<ul> <li>Continue to support workforce development and capacity to address turnover among local overdose prevention staff</li> </ul>
disrupts established community partnerships	Create a template for local overdose prevention staff to describe their responsibilities and provide contact information for local partners for future staff to use if turnover occurs
Data lags for real-time overdose data, which makes overdose emergency response efforts challenging	Establish state policy or best practice for reporting overdose deaths to LPHAs
Overdose emergency response plans do not always align with the unique needs that occur during overdose events (e.g., regional responses are not appropriate if limited area in one county is impacted by event)	Encourage and support overdose prevention coordinators to develop overdose emergency response strategies that include various possible scenarios, including which local partners should be involved when and clearly outlining roles and responsibilities for different scenarios
Limited funding and resource capacity, which restricts the scale and frequency of local overdose prevention programming and hinders program impacts.	Continue providing consistent funding to avoid program and service disruptions and expand funding and resource opportunities beyond currently funded regions
hinders program impacts	<ul> <li>Continue promoting cross-region and community partner collaboration and resource sharing (e.g., share examples, provide opportunities during monthly meetings for overdose prevention coordinators to connect)</li> </ul>
	Provide coordination support for activities completed by multiple funded regions (e.g., lead cross-region media campaign coordination efforts to guide the process, support strategies to evaluate media campaigns)
Reaching populations that have been disproportionately impacted by overdose, parents, and other family members	<ul> <li>Collate data, best practices, and strategies to help overdose prevention coordinators identify local priority populations</li> </ul>
parents, and other family members	Share resources and facilitate cross-region discussions about ways in which to engage priority populations (e.g., attend establish culturally specific events)
Funding and stocking naloxone supply	Help identify naloxone funding support beyond the Save Lives Oregon Harm Reduction Clearinghouse
Challenges tracking naloxone distribution and bystander overdose reversals	<ul> <li>Develop and share naloxone distribution tracking template</li> <li>Discuss best practices for collecting bystander overdose reversals data (e.g., conduct a brief survey with people when they are picking up new naloxone doses about naloxone use)</li> </ul>

### INTRODUCTION

As part of Oregon's Overdose Data to Action in States (OD2A-S) funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Services (SUPTRS) funding from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Oregon Health Authority's (OHA) Injury and Violence Prevention Program (IVPP) funded Local Public Health Authorities (LPHAs) in 11 regions to support local overdose prevention work. Since September 2020, OHA has awarded \$1.4 million annually across the 11 regional partnerships, covering 23 of 36 counties, to improve local systems for preventing and responding to opioid and other drug overdoses. Data presented in this report were collected from September 2023 to August 2024 through a quarterly online form, monthly overdose prevention coordinator meeting notes, and technical assistance meeting notes and emails.

This annual report highlights innovative and enhanced strategies that regions are implementing within the context of the evolving overdose crisis and policy and funding changes. Oregon's overdose prevention strategies and efforts have adapted to address the incursion of fentanyl in the drug supply, the increased risk of overdose among youth and young adults, allocation of opioid settlement funding, and passage of the Drug Addiction Treatment and Recovery Act. Overdose prevention work has expanded beyond a focus on reducing opioid prescribing within clinics, and now includes strategies to support substance use disorder prevention, treatment, recovery, and harm reduction activities in the community.

### FENTANYL AND METHAMPHETAMINE IMPACTS

Methamphetamine and potent, illicitly manufactured varieties of the synthetic opioid fentanyl (IMF) have largely driven increasing numbers of overdoses since 2019. Fentanyl and/or methamphetamine contributed to nine out ten (93%) of unintentional/undetermined overdose deaths in Oregon in 2023. The number of individuals who lost their lives due to fentanyl and other synthetic opioids increased 36% from 2022 to 2023. Fentanyl and methamphetamine are still the primary drivers of Oregon's overdose crisis. The number of Oregonians dying from overdoses involving stimulants has more than tripled in recent years, from 256 stimulant-related overdose deaths in 2018 to 1,2172 in 2023.¹ Overdoses involving more than one substance (polysubstance overdoses) continued to increase during 2023. More than half (66%) of the Oregonians who experienced a fatal overdose in 2023 died from a polysubstance overdose.²

### YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

In recent years, overdose deaths have increasingly impacted young people ages 15 to 24, in part due to the proliferation of counterfeit pills (non-prescription pills that closely resemble prescription pills and may contain fentanyl). Most overdose deaths with evidence of counterfeit pill use (56%) have occurred in western jurisdictions; approximately 25% of adolescent overdose deaths involve

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Oregon Overdose Prevention Dashboard: https://oregoninjurydata.shinyapps.io/overdose/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> State Unintentional Drug Overdose Reporting System (SUDORS) Dashboard: Fatal Drug Overdose Data: https://www.cdc.gov/overdose-prevention/data-research/facts-stats/sudors-dashboard-fatal-overdose-data.html

counterfeit pills. Between 2019 and 2023, 387 Oregonians ages 15 to 24 experienced a fatal overdose. This age group experienced the fastest growing rate of overdose deaths within these years.

### **OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDING**

Oregon was among many jurisdictions that sought compensatory restitution from damages that resulted from opioid manufacturers' and distributors' criminal actions. Oregon is expected to receive approximately \$333 million in opioid settlement funding from pharmaceutical opioid manufacturers and distributors through July 2038 and is expected to receive additional funds from other pending lawsuits. Forty-five percent of funds will be distributed based on allocations recommended by the Opioid Settlement Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery (OSPTR) Board established by 2022 Oregon House Bill 4098. The remaining 55% of Oregon's settlement funding, approximately \$183 million, will be distributed to cities and counties with populations greater than 10,000 for locally determined allocation.<sup>3</sup>

### DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT AND RECOVERY ACT

In November 2020, Oregon voters passed by referendum the <u>Drug Addiction Treatment and Recovery Act</u>, commonly referred to as Measure 110. <u>Senate Bill 755</u> (2021) established **Behavioral Health Resource Networks (BHRNs)** and <u>House Bill 2513</u> (2023) further clarified the role of BHRNs. A BHRN is an entity or group of entities working together to provide comprehensive, community-based services and supports to people with substance use disorders or harmful substance use. Each Oregon county or Tribal area has at least one BHRN. Each BHRN must provide trauma-informed, culturally specific and linguistically responsive services. Services include but are not limited to:

- Screening for health and social service needs
- Behavioral health screening and referral for substance use disorder
- Individualized intervention planning
- Low-barrier substance use disorder treatment
- Harm reduction services
- Peer support services
- Employment supports
- Housing supports
- Referral to appropriate outside services

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Oregon Health Authority, Oregon Opioid Settlement Funds: https://www.oregon.gov/oha/ph/preventionwellness/substanceuse/opioids/pages/settlement-funds.aspx?utm\_medium=email&utm\_source=govdelivery

### **BACKGROUND**

Since 2015, OHA has funded select counties and regions to implement overdose prevention programming. Over the years, OHA has blended funding from CDC and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to support local overdose prevention efforts. This section provides an overview of the history of overdose prevention funding for LPHAs and details about the current funded regions. See Exhibit A for a timeline of LPHA overdose prevention funding.

### **Exhibit A. LPHA Overdose Prevention Funding Timeline**



### HISTORY OF OVERDOSE PREVENTION FUNDING FOR LPHAS

#### 2015 to 2019: CDC Prevention for States (PfS)

The CDC PfS grant aimed to improve safe prescribing practices and prevent prescription drug misuse and overdose. OHA funded LPHAs to implement programs to reduce fatal and non-fatal overdoses and harms to Oregonians from prescription opioids and to expand non-opioid pain care.

#### 2017 to 2019: SAMHSA State Targeted Response (STR)

The SAMSHA STR grant aimed to enhance state and community-level efforts to advance public health interventions that reduce prescription drug overdoses and problematic prescribing of controlled substances. OHA funded LPHAs to increase access to medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD) with a special focus on improving access in Oregon's Tribal communities.

### 2019 to 2023: SAMHSA State Opioid Response (SOR)

The SAMHSA SOR grant aimed to help reduce unmet treatment needs and opioid-related overdose deaths. OHA funded LPHAs to support local overdose prevention efforts through the facilitation of community partnerships.

### 2020 to 2023: CDC Overdose Data to Action (OD2A)

The CDC OD2A grant aimed to obtain high-quality, comprehensive, and timely data on overdose morbidity and mortality and implement prevention and response efforts at the community and clinic levels. OHA funded LPHAs to improve naloxone distribution, develop overdose emergency response plans, and implement locally driven overdose response strategies.

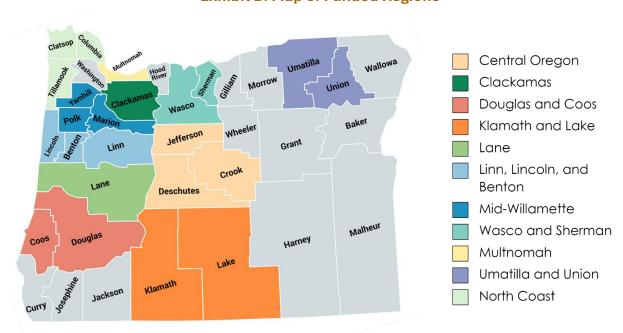
**2023 to 2025: SAMSHA Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Services (SUPTRS)** The SAMSHA SUPTRS block grant program's objective is to help plan, implement, and evaluate activities that prevent and treat substance use. OHA funded LPHAs to deliver substance use prevention activities and substance use disorder (SUD) treatment and recovery support services.

### 2023 to 2028: CDC Overdose Data to Action in States (OD2A-S)

Starting in 2023, OHA received ongoing CDC funding under OD2A-S. Similar to OD2A, OD2A-S directs funding to surveillance activities and prevention strategies. OD2A-S surveillance activities aim to expand opportunities to track fatal and nonfatal overdoses, emerging drug threats, and associated risk factors, and to enhance data linkages. OD2A-S prevention strategies aim to have systemic impacts. OHA funds LPHAs to support naloxone distribution, overdose emergency response planning and implementation, and development and implementation of local strategies.

### **CURRENT FUNDED REGIONS**

The complex and changing nature of the overdose crisis highlights the need for an interdisciplinary, comprehensive, and cohesive public health approach. Funded LPHAs play a pivotal role in preventing overdoses and mitigating other drug-related harms. OHA encourages funded regions to use funding to complement other overdose prevention initiatives, leverage resources, and build capacity and infrastructure for sustainable overdose prevention strategies. The current OD2A-S funding, initiated in 2023, specifically emphasizes harm reduction, linkage to care via navigation programs, public safety partnerships, and outreach by people with lived experience of substance use to communities they represent to close gaps in access to care and services. See Exhibit B for a map of current funded regions.



**Exhibit B. Map of Funded Regions** 

The funding allocations to each region were determined based on burden.

**High-burden regions** were identified in 2020 by a combination of indicators, including:

- Rate of overdose deaths across drugs type
- Rate of overdose hospitalizations across all drugs
- Rates of risky opioid prescribing (e.g., rate of prescription fills > 90 MED)
- Identified High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) county

Regions consist of one to three LPHAs in regional neighboring counties, with an LPHA serving as lead and receiving funding. See Exhibit C for a list of annual regional funding amounts.

### **Exhibit C. Annual Regional Funding Amount**

The total amount of OD2A-S CDC funding awarded to regions from September 2023 to August 2024 was **\$1,430,807.** 

Funded Region	Annual Award Amount
Central Oregon - Deschutes, Crook, Jefferson	\$112,076
Clackamas County	\$151,000
Douglas and Coos Counties	\$144,980
Klamath and Lake Counties	\$86,654
Lane County	\$163,380
Linn, Lincoln, and Benton Counties	\$133,516
Mid-Willamette Valley - Yamhill, Polk, Marion	\$143,485
Multnomah County	\$209,911
North Central – Wasco, Sherman	\$91,290
North Coast - Clatsop, Tillamook, Columbia	\$100,098
Umatilla and Union Counties	\$94,417
Total	\$1,430,807

### OD2A-S OVERDOSE PREVENTION STRATEGIES

Funded regions are required to use OD2A-S funding to support 1) core program elements, 2) harm reduction activities, and 3) local prevention projects. Each funding year, funded regions are required to complete a workplan that outlines their overdose prevention program implementation plan. OHA provides monthly technical assistance to each funded region's overdose prevention coordinator to strategize, plan, and implement OD2A-S overdose prevention strategies. See Exhibit D for details about the required OD2A-S overdose prevention strategies for funded regions and Exhibit E for local prevention project descriptions.

### **Exhibit D. OD2A-S Overdose Prevention Strategies**

#### **Core Program Elements**

#### **Harm Reduction Activities**

### **Local Prevention Projects\***

- Engage multisector
  stakeholder groups to support
  local overdose prevention
  goals and initiatives
- Develop and iteratively improve an overdose emergency response plan
- Promote public awareness of overdose risk and strategies to prevent overdose
- Coordinate naloxone distribution
- Improve local access to harm reduction services
- Create education materials to raise awareness, reduce stigma, and shift social norms about harm reduction
- Clinician/Health Systems Engagement
- Public Safety Partnerships/Interventions
- Community-Based Linkages to Care

### **Exhibit E. Local Prevention Project Descriptions**



### Clinician/Health Systems Engagement

Support healthcare providers and systems with opioid and stimulant use disorder prevention and treatment, including expanding traumainformed and evidence-based prescribing practices and improving patient care and retention.



### Public Safety Partnerships/Interventions

Strengthen partnerships between public health and public safety to improve data sharing, enhance overdose prevention strategies, and build capacity for effective responses to drug-related harms.



### Community-Based Linkages to Care

Connect individuals to the care and recovery services they need by implementing linkage activities and supporting retention in care through community-based support systems.

<sup>\*</sup>Funded regions could select one or more local prevention projects to implement.

### **DATA COLLECTION**

This report includes four data collection activities: 1) a quarterly progress online form, 2) monthly overdose prevention coordinator meeting notes, 3) weekly emails to overdose prevention coordinators, and 4) technical assistance meeting notes. See Exhibit F for a summary of data collection from funded regions from September 2023 to August 2024.

### **Exhibit F. Data Collection Summary for Funded Regions**







Weekly Emails



### **QUARTERLY PROGRESS ONLINE FORM**

From September 2023 to August 2024, Comagine Health, in partnership with OHA, collected data quarterly from overdose prevention coordinators in each funded region. Overdose prevention coordinators submitted responses through REDCap, a secure web-based data collection platform, about strategies, successes, and challenges related to core program elements, harm reduction activities, and local prevention projects being implemented in their funded region. The quarterly progress online form took approximately 45 to 60 minutes to complete.

The purpose of the online form was to help OHA track progress on overdose prevention efforts, understand what overdose prevention collaboration and implementation efforts were occurring, and identify in what ways overdose prevention coordinators were involved in those efforts. Comagine Health disseminated region-specific quarterly reports and quarterly snapshots highlighting responses from the quarterly progress online form to OHA and funded regions. OHA uses these reports to provide technical assistance to overdose prevention coordinators.

### **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**

### **Monthly Overdose Prevention Coordinator Meetings Notes**

Comagine Health attended monthly overdose prevention coordinator meetings and reviewed meeting minutes. OHA develops the meeting agenda based on current events or requests by overdose prevention coordinators. These meetings provide a platform for coordinators to access resources and engage in discussions about strategies occurring in their funded regions. These monthly discussions aimed to foster open communication and shared learning among coordinators, aiming to improve effectiveness of overdose prevention efforts. The purpose of this data collection was to better understand ways OHA supports overdose prevention coordinators, cross-coordinator connections, and resource sharing.

### **Monthly/Bi-monthly Technical Assistance Meetings Notes**

Comagine Health reviewed the notes from individual meetings that OHA staff had with each of the 11 overdose prevention coordinators. The purpose of this data collection was to explore the ways OHA provided tailored support for each funded region.

### **Weekly Email to Overdose Prevention Coordinators**

Comagine Health reviewed emails sent to overdose prevention coordinators by OHA staff. OHA staff started sending these weekly emails in January of 2022. The purpose of this data collection was to compile ways in which OHA disseminate materials and resources to inform and bolster regional overdose prevention efforts and activities.



### STATEWIDE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Data collected from funded regions were combined to assess statewide progress. This section presents statewide accomplishments from multisector stakeholder partnerships, overdose emergency response planning, public awareness activities, and harm reduction activities. Comagine Health started collecting these data in 2020. When available, data across funding years are provided.

### MULTISECTOR STAKEHOLDER PARTNERSHIPS

Overdose prevention coordinators serve as local overdose prevention resources and connectors within their funded regions. Within funded regions, multisector stakeholder groups meet regularly to partner on overdose prevention efforts, including naloxone distribution efforts, overdose emergency response planning, and local prevention projects. From September 2023 to August 2024, funded regions held 353 meetings with multisector stakeholder groups.

Funded regions engaged with the following sectors as part of the multisector stakeholder partnerships:

Sector	N	%
Local SUD treatment agencies	11	100%
Local harm reduction agencies/organizations	11	100%
Clinics and hospitals	11	100%
Behavioral health agencies		100%
Schools / youth-service organizations	11	100%
Fire departments	10	91%
Emergency Medical Services (EMS)	10	91%
Recovery community organizations	10	91%
Law enforcement agencies	9	82%
Courts/jails/community corrections	9	82%
Advocacy groups	8	73%
Emergency departments	7	64%
Tribal partners	6	55%
Pharmacies	4	36%
Other	2	18%

N = 11; SUD: Substance use disorder

### OVERDOSE EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLANNING

In previous funding years, overdose prevention coordinators and their partners collaborated to develop local overdose emergency response plans. Overdose prevention coordinators were encouraged to use the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO)'s Responding to an Overdose Spike Guide for State Health Departments to guide their overdose emergency response plan development across 4 phases: 1) pre-incident planning, 2) immediate response through first 12 hours, 3) immediate response through 48 hours, and 4) longer term response after 48 hours.

During this funding year, five regions (45%) were finalizing their initial overdose emergency response plan, and six regions (55%) have completed and are implementing their overdose emergency response plans. Funded regions who have activated their overdose emergency response plans are required to detail any updates identified as a result of the plan's implementation. Four of the 11 funded regions activated their overdose emergency response plans this year. Of the seven that did not activate their plan, four of them updated their overdose emergency response plan at least once during the funding year.

### **PUBLIC AWARENESS ACTIVITIES**

Overdose prevention coordinators promote information to raise public awareness of overdose risks and prevention strategies within their funded regions. Coordinators use public health education and awareness campaigns, community events, training events, and educational materials to engage with their community on overdose risk factors; local, state, and federal resources; naloxone administration and access; and available support resources.

Funded regions reported conducting 365 education/awareness events, reaching almost 10,000 attendees, and disseminating nearly 6,000 resources. See Exhibit G for a summary of public awareness activities that occurred from September 2023 to August 2024.

#### **Exhibit G. Public Awareness Activities**



# of education/ awareness events held



# of event attendees



# of resources disseminated

N = 11 funded regions

### HARM REDUCTION ACTIVITIES

Funded regions collaborated with partners to improve naloxone access and awareness. During this funding year, funded regions shifted efforts from providing trainings and distributing naloxone to providing technical assistance for other groups to lead naloxone trainings and distribution efforts. Overdose prevention coordinators work with community partners to promote overdose prevention and harm reduction and partner with law enforcement and first responders to carry naloxone.

### **Save Lives Oregon**

Save Lives Oregon (SLO) has been a crucial resource for funded regions. SLO is a collaboration of organizations providing harm reduction resources and support in Oregon counties and Tribal communities. SLO aims to prevent overdose and reduce harms, including stigma, for people who use drugs. Organizations can request free technical assistance from experienced community partner programs and access a communications toolkit to build support and understanding for harm reduction. Qualified organizations can also apply for the SLO Harm Reduction Clearinghouse and order life-saving supplies at no cost. Supplies may include:

- Overdose prevention supplies such as naloxone
- Wound care supplies
- Safer use supplies for people who use drugs
- Personal sharps containers
- Fentanyl test strips
- Personal protective equipment (e.g., masks, hand sanitizer, cleaning supplies, and soap)

The SLO Harm Reduction Clearinghouse has had significant impacts on the overdose prevention efforts in the funded region, facilitating increased naloxone distribution, bolstering community partnerships, and enabling access to harm reduction supplies.

### **Naloxone Trainings and Technical Assistance**

Funded regions implemented a breadth of strategies to improve naloxone supply access and distribution. Funded regions worked with or provided support to organizations by:

- Supplying naloxone (91%)
- Providing education/training to organization staff to encourage naloxone distribution, dispensing, or prescribing (91%)
- Connecting organizations with available resources and funding (e.g., SLO Harm Reduction Clearinghouse) (91%)
- Disseminating naloxone educational and promotional advertising material (91%)
- Assisting in the development of policies and procedure (82%)
- Providing information about local overdose prevention data and statistics (82%)
- Linking community partners to one another (82%)
- Conducting outreach to track and determine naloxone supply (73%)
- Advocacy (9%)

Funded regions reported conducting 300 naloxone-related trainings, reaching over 4,000 attendees, and distributing nearly 18,000 doses of naloxone. See Exhibit H for a summary of naloxone training and distribution that occurred from September 2023 to August 2024.

### **Exhibit H. Naloxone Training and Distribution**



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# of trainings held # of individuals trained # of naloxone doses distributed at trainings distributed

N = 11 funded regions

Funded regions engaged with the following sectors to support naloxone-related trainings or technical assistance:

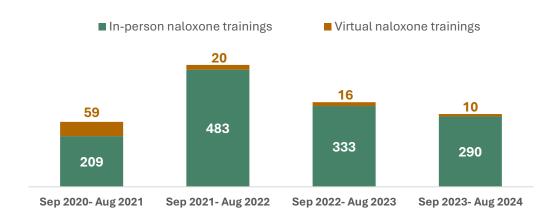
Sector	N	%
Schools / youth-service organizations	10	91%
Advocacy groups	8	73%
Members of the public	8	73%
Local SUD treatment agencies	6	55%
Local harm reduction agencies/organizations	6	55%
Clinics and hospitals	6	55%
Behavioral health agencies	6	55%
Recovery community organizations	5	45%
Law enforcement agencies	4	36%
Fire departments	4	36%
Courts/jails/community corrections	4	36%
Emergency Medical Services (EMS)	3	27%
Tribal partners	3	27%
Emergency departments	1	9%
Pharmacies	1	9%

N = 11; SUD: Substance use disorder

### **Harm Reduction Activities Across Funding Years**

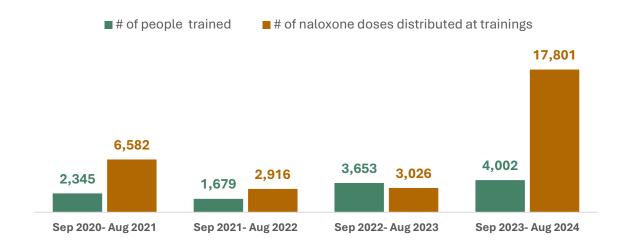
In recent years, funded regions have reported a decrease in naloxone trainings, which may be partly due to a shift in harm reduction priorities. Funded regions have transitioned from focusing primarily on naloxone distribution and training to providing technical assistance for naloxone distribution to community partners. See Exhibit I for more detailed information about virtual and in-person naloxone trainings that occurred from September 2020 to August 2024.

**Exhibit I. Virtual and In-Person Naloxone Trainings** 



During this current reporting year, the reported number of naloxone doses distributed by LPHAs increased substantially. In 2023, the Save Lives Oregon initiative received \$13.7 million from the OSPTR Board and expanded the Harm Reduction Clearinghouse to offer harm reduction supplies to a broader range of partners, including LPHAs and school districts. See Exhibit J for more detailed information about the number of people trained and naloxone doses distributed from September 2020 to August 2024.

**Exhibit J. Number of People Trained and Number of Naloxone Doses Distributed** 



### LOCAL PREVENTION PROJECTS

Regions were funded to collaborate with multidisciplinary partners to develop and expand local prevention projects that address community challenges related to overdose. Each funded region developed a workplan at the start of the funding year, which includes one or more sustainable local prevention project based on the following OD2A-S strategies:

- Clinician/Health Systems Engagement
- Public Safety Partnerships/Interventions
- Community-Based Linkages to Care

Local prevention projects prioritize the identified needs of each region. Accomplishments in this section highlight the successes across the 11 funded regions. Eight regions implemented clinical/health systems engagement projects. All 11 regions implemented public safety partnerships/interventions projects. Four regions implemented community-based linkages to care projects. See Exhibit K for more detailed information about the local prevention projects implementation from September 2023 to August 2024.

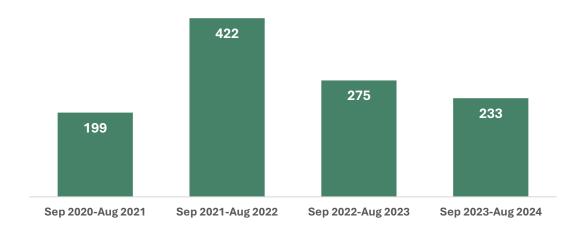
**Exhibit K. Local Prevention Projects Implementation Details** 

()	Clinician/health systems engagement		Public safety partnerships/ interventions	e de	3	Community-based linkages to care
8 regions	implemented	11 regions implemented		4 regions implemented		s implemented
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<b>⋘</b> 116	Total key partner agencies engaged	<b>141</b> Tot age	al key partner encies engaged	450	56	Total key partner agencies engaged
<b>⊗</b> ⇔ 40	Dissemination activities	<b>⊗</b> 117 <sub>Dis</sub>	semination activities	@ <o< th=""><th>13</th><th>Dissemination activities</th></o<>	13	Dissemination activities
14	Training events held	<b>26</b> Trai	ning events held	<b>M</b>	5	Training events held
### 359	People trained			### 19191 #19191#	110	People trained

### **Local Prevention Project Key Partner Meetings Across Funding Years**

In recent years, funded regions have reported a decrease in local prevention project key partner coordination meetings. However, the numbers of key partner coordination meetings remain high with an average of almost 20 meeting occurring monthly across the 11 funded regions. See Exhibit L for more detailed information about the number of key partner meeting that occurred from September 2020 to August 2024.

**Exhibit L. Number of Key Partner Coordination Meetings** 



### TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

To support funded regions in their overdose prevention programming and planning, OHA provided ongoing technical assistance, training, and resources to the 11 funded regions. OHA staff met individually and as a group with overdose prevention coordinators to identify and address implementation and sustainability challenges. OHA disseminated weekly emails to overdose prevention coordinators highlighting available resources, data trends, and funding opportunities.

### MONTHLY OVERDOSE PREVENTION COORDINATOR MEETINGS

During monthly overdose prevention coordinators meetings, OHA staff facilitated discussions, held space for <u>Save Lives Oregon Harm Reduction Clearinghouse</u> updates, and invited guest speakers to present or discuss on the following topics:

- Fentanyl test strips and naloxone distribution
- MOUD in emergency departments (ED) and methadone coordination with EDs
- New and emerging drug threats (e.g., Isotonitazene)
- OHA Injury and Violence Prevention Program Priorities
- OHA Overdose Prevention Data Dashboard
- Opioids & the Ongoing Drug Overdose Crisis in Oregon
- Oregon's opioid settlement funding
- Oregon-Idaho High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Program
- Overdose fatality review teams
- State Overdose Response Protocol

Overdose prevention coordinators also share regional developments and challenges. OHA staff aimed to foster a collaborative environment to support cross-region resource sharing.

### **Regional Highlights**



Notable regional highlights included Klamath County's *Faces of Klamath* stigma-reduction campaign, Linn and Benton counties' community engagement efforts through fentanyl eradication marches, and Lane County's clinical partnerships integrating substance use screenings and naloxone distribution. These discussions helped identify areas for additional support, which were later addressed during cross-region conversations and technical assistance meetings with OHA staff.

### **FUNDED REGION TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE MEETINGS**

Throughout the year, OHA engaged in regular monthly or bi-monthly meetings with overdose prevention coordinators to discuss critical updates and progress related to naloxone distribution, overdose emergency response planning, regional program objectives, and budgeting. OHA used these meetings to provide tailored technical assistance and share resources. Key areas of support included facilitating connections with state partners (e.g., Oregon's HIDTA Program and OHA's

Behavioral Health Division), advising about available data sources, aligning projects with state priorities, and offering strategies used by other overdose prevention coordinators. OHA also addressed inquiries about quarterly progress reporting and provided guidance on developing plans to overcome challenges and capitalize on regional successes in overdose prevention.

### **WEEKLY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE EMAILS**

OHA disseminated weekly compilations of resources and updates to overdose prevention coordinators throughout the year. Starting in January 2022, OHA has streamlined processes to disseminate data, resources, and substance use disorder, overdose prevention, and harm reduction training opportunities. Resources and updates come from many different sources, including the CDC's Overdose Data to Action Technical Assistance Program; the U.S. Department of Justice's Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program; the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO); and other regional and national partners. Technical assistance emails included updates on novel programs implemented by the state, information about upcoming conferences and training events, current state and national overdose data, funding opportunities and more.

### **Training Opportunities**

OHA funded and encouraged overdose prevention coordinators to attend conferences and webinars throughout the year. The following highlight only a selection of the training opportunities, funding, or resources shared by OHA throughout the year.

#### Conferences

Below are conferences OHA highlighted. The Oregon Methamphetamine Summit and the National Overdose Prevention Leadership Summit were major events, bringing together partners from across the state and nation to share insights and innovations.

- Oregon Methamphetamine Summit
- National Overdose Prevention Leadership Summit
- Oregon Conference on Opioids + Other Drugs, Pain + Addiction Treatment (OPAT)
- Region 10 Opioid Summit
- Rx and Illicit Drug Summit

#### **Webinars**

Below are webinars OHA highlighted. A variety of webinars were hosted by organizations like the CDC, SAMHSA, and the National Overdose Prevention Network, covering topics such as xylazine, fentanyl, harm reduction, and EMS partnerships.

- Developing Partnerships for EMS Data Sharing
- What You Need to Know About Xylazine
- Overdoses Involving Xylazine Mixed with Fentanyl
- Alcohol, Cannabis, & Other Substance Misuse Among Older Adults

### **Funding Opportunities**

Several funding opportunities were shared for local health departments, Tribal organizations, and community-based coalitions, including the NACCHO Prevention Planning Pilot and the Reaching Rural Initiative, providing vital support for overdose prevention initiatives:

- NACCHO Funding Opportunities (Suicide, Overdose, Adverse Childhood Experiences Prevention Projects)
- Reaching Rural Initiative (up to \$1 million)
- Combating Overdose Through Community-Level Intervention Initiative
- Overdose Response Strategy (ORS) Pilot Projects
- OSPTR Board Allocation (\$9.5M to counties, \$3.75M to CBOs)

### **Resources Provided**

OHA shared the following regional and national resources that have been related to substance use disorder, overdose prevention, and harm reduction:

- Fentanyl & Opioid Response Toolkit for Schools
- OHA Xylazine Fact Sheets (translated into seven languages)
- State Unintentional Drug Overdose Reporting System (SUDORS) Dashboard 2022 Data
- OHA Overdose Prevention Dashboard
- SAMHSA Fact Sheet Xylazine Basics
- CDC Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report: Drug Overdose Deaths with Evidence of Counterfeit Pill Use
- Journal Article: Charting the Fourth Wave of Polysubstance Fentanyl Overdose Deaths
- National Overdose Prevention Network's Monthly Digest

OHA regularly shared materials related to harm reduction, overdose prevention, substance use disorder treatment, and broader public health strategies. An additional benefit of these emails was the opportunity for counties to contribute their own unique activities and resources.

### **Regional Highlight: Tillamook County Harm Reduction Valentines**

Tillamook County shared Harm Reduction Valentines in February 2024, designed for a harm reduction event on Valentine's Day. The valentines emphasized the importance of harm reduction and were posted alongside the locations of Naloxboxes in Tillamook County that provide free 24/7 access to naloxone.





The following section summarizes regional implementation and successes based on data collected from the Quarterly Progress Online Form. These summaries highlight achievements in naloxone distribution, overdose emergency response planning, local prevention projects, and successful implementation of overdose prevention programs through collaborative efforts.

### **CENTRAL OREGON**

Crook, Jefferson, and Deschutes
Counties

September 2023 to August 2024

# MULTISECTOR STAKEHOLDER GROUP SUCCESSES

- Held **8 meetings** with the multisector stakeholder group
- Engaged continuously with the following multisector stakeholder groups:
  - Local SUD treatment agencies
  - Clinics and hospitals
  - Emergency departments
  - ✓ Behavioral health agencies

"Workgroup around communications is strengthening provider and partner relationships and providing better information to the community."

# OVERDOSE EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLANNING SUCCESSES

Central Oregon is **finalizing the initial** overdose emergency response plan



Did not activate

### PUBLIC AWARENESS ACTIVITIES SUCCESSES

- 12 education and awareness events were held
- √ 690 participants attended education event

"At our county fair, we were able to reach many people from all different walks of life. It gave us access to people that we might not normally reach."



### **REGION HIGHLIGHT**

Central Oregon has increased access to naloxone, expanded harm reduction initiatives, and strengthened partnerships between public safety, health systems, and community organizations. These coordinated efforts have significantly raised public awareness and built a foundation for long-term support and recovery services.



### **NALOXONE DISTRIBUTION SUCCESSES**

- Central Oregon distributed naloxone to both organizations and individuals.
- Naloxone distribution collaborations with:
  - ✓ Save Lives Oregon Harm Reduction Clearinghouse
  - ✓ Pharmaceutical company directly
  - ✓ Local grant opportunities
- Conducted **28 in-person** naloxone trainings
  - √ 116 people trained and 174 doses of naloxone distributed
- Supported:
  - Supplying naloxone
  - Providing education & training to organizations to encourage naloxone distribution, dispensing, or prescribing
  - Connecting organizations with available resources and funding
  - Disseminating naloxone educational and promotional advertising material
  - Linking community partners to one another

### LOCAL PREVENTION PROJECTS



Clinician/Health Systems Engagement



Public Safety Partnerships/Interventions



Community-based Linkages to Care

- ✓ Convened 50 key partner discussions
- ✓ Engaged with **47 key agencies** in planning efforts
- ✓ Held 10 training events and trained 85 people
- Completed 26 dissemination activities to raise awareness of overdose prevention

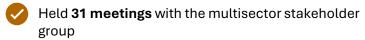
"Learning and collaboration has continued to add strengthened partnerships throughout the region."

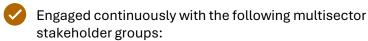
### **CLACKAMAS COUNTY**

September 2023 to August 2024

# LDED

## MULTISECTOR STAKEHOLDER GROUP SUCCESSES





- ✓ Law enforcement agencies
- ✓ Courts/jails/community corrections
- ✓ Local harm reduction agencies/organizations
- Clinics and hospitals
- ✓ Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
- ✓ Behavioral health agencies
- ✓ Recovery community organizations
- ✓ Schools / youth-service organizations

"Expanded services through naloxone training, sharps disposal planning, buprenorphine inductions, and increased ED referrals to Project Hope for overdose prevention."

# OVERDOSE EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLANNING SUCCESSES

Clackamas **completed and is implementing** an overdose emergency response plan.



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# PUBLIC AWARENESS ACTIVITIES SUCCESSES

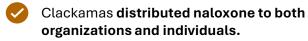
- ✓ 23 education and awareness events were held
- √ 685 participants attended education event
- √ 11 resources disseminated



### **REGION HIGHLIGHT**

Clackamas County strengthened partnerships with emergency departments, expanded community paramedic services, enhanced cross-disciplinary collaboration and outreach capabilities. A notable achievement includes the successful implementation of an innovative EMS buprenorphine induction program, resulting in five post-overdose inductions with direct linkage to Project Hope care teams.







- ✓ Save Lives Oregon Harm Reduction Clearinghouse
- ✓ CareOregon
- Conducted 8 virtual and/or in-person naloxone trainings
  - √ 345 people trained and 9,658 doses of naloxone distributed



- ✓ Supplying naloxone
- Providing education/training to organization staff to encourage naloxone distribution, dispensing, or prescribing
- Connecting organizations with available resources and funding
- Assisting in the development of policies and procedure
- Disseminating naloxone educational and promotional advertising material
- ✓ Linking community partners to one another

### **LOCAL PREVENTION PROJECTS**



Clinician/Health Systems Engagement



Public Safety Partnerships/Interventions



Community-based Linkages to Care

- ✓ Convened 39 key partner discussions
- ✓ Engaged with 45 key agencies in planning efforts
- ✓ Held 5 training events and trained 90 people
- Completed 14 dissemination activities to raise awareness of overdose prevention

"Our partners at Clackamas Fire District hired an additional community paramedic which will allow for additional outreach and partner activities."

# **DOUGLAS AND COOS COUNTIES**

September 2023 to August 2024

### **MULTISECTOR STAKEHOLDER GROUP SUCCESSES**

- Held 12 meetings with the multisector stakeholder group
- Engaged continuously with the following multisector stakeholder groups:
  - ✓ Local SUD treatment agencies
  - ✓ Local harm reduction agencies/organizations
  - Clinics and hospitals
  - ✓ Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
  - ✓ Behavioral health agencies
  - ✓ Schools / youth-service organizations

"Good participation from taskforce members. Shared many new resources for community partners to access."

### **OVERDOSE EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLANNING SUCCESSES**

Douglas and Coos completed and is implementing an overdose emergency response plan.



Did not activate

"Good participation during [overdose emergency response planning] exercise. Everyone was very engaged and had good things to contribute."

### **PUBLIC AWARENESS ACTIVITIES SUCCESSES**

- ✓ 109 education and awareness events were held
- √ 149 participants attended education event
- 48 resources disseminated



### NALOXONE DISTRIBUTION SUCCESSES

- Douglas and Coos distributed naloxone to both organizations and individuals.
- Naloxone distribution collaborations with: ✓ Save Lives Oregon Harm Reduction Clearinghouse

### LOCAL PREVENTION PROJECTS



Clinician/Health Systems Engagement



Public Safety Partnerships/Interventions

- Convened 6 key partner discussions
- Engaged with 15 key agencies in planning efforts
- Held 4 training events and trained 101 people
- Completed 32 dissemination activities to raise awareness of overdose prevention



"Increased awareness about naloxone availability to clinicians, their staff and partner agencies."



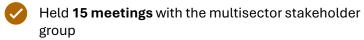
### **REGION HIGHLIGHT**

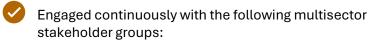
Douglas and Coos counties success through partnerships with Adapt and ORS, facilitating important discussions with police chiefs about HB 4002 and providing them with necessary resources. Additionally, there was a notable increase in awareness regarding naloxone availability among clinicians, their staff, and partner agencies, enhancing overdose prevention efforts

# **KLAMATH AND LAKE** COUNTIES

September 2023 to August 2024

### **MULTISECTOR STAKEHOLDER GROUP SUCCESSES**





- ✓ Courts/jails/community corrections
- ✓ Local SUD treatment agencies
- Local harm reduction agencies/organizations
- ✓ Behavioral health agencies
- Recovery community organizations

Lake County: "Partnering with BHRN on harm reduction and opening more communication with community partners to address the stigma."

### **OVERDOSE EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLANNING SUCCESSES**

Klamath and Lake completed and are implementing an overdose emergency response plan.



Did not activate

### **PUBLIC AWARENESS ACTIVITIES SUCCESSES**

- ✓ 18 education and awareness events were held
- ✓ 1,109 participants attended education event



"A continued increase in community members/organizations requesting drug education and Narcan training."



### **REGION HIGHLIGHT**

Klamath and Lake Counties are actively encouraging local businesses to install Naloxboxes, ensuring updated Narcan map listings to improve access to life-saving resources in the community.



### **NALOXONE DISTRIBUTION SUCCESSES**

- Klamath and Lake distributed naloxone to both organizations and individuals.
- Naloxone distribution collaborations with:
  - ✓ Save Lives Oregon Harm Reduction Clearinghouse
  - ✓ Opioid settlement funds
- Conducted 51 in-person naloxone trainings
  - √ 409 people trained and 288 doses of naloxone distributed
- Supported:
  - Providing education/training to organization staff to encourage naloxone distribution, dispensing, or prescribing
  - Conducting outreach to track and determine naloxone supply)
  - Connecting organizations with available resources and funding (e.g., Clearinghouse)
  - Disseminating naloxone educational and promotional advertising material
  - Providing information about local overdose prevention data and statistics
  - Linking community partners to one another

### **LOCAL PREVENTION PROJECT**



Public Safety Partnerships/Interventions

- Convened 5 key partner discussions
- Engaged with 13 key agencies in planning efforts
- Held 7 training events
- Completed 9 dissemination activities to raise awareness of overdose prevention

"We had both the sheriff and police department attend a 2-day strategic planning event. They have since been engaged and provided feedback on potential implementation plans."

### LANE COUNTY

September 2023 to August 2024



## MULTISECTOR STAKEHOLDER GROUP SUCCESSES

- Held **16 meetings** with the multisector stakeholder group
- Engaged continuously with the following multisector stakeholder groups:
  - ✓ Fire departments
  - ✓ Local SUD treatment agencies
  - Local harm reduction agencies/organizations
  - ✓ Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
  - Behavioral health agencies

"We continue our monthly Harm Reduction Coalition of Lane County. We have continued EMS partnerships and are now implementing Leave Behind programs. And we have also provided technical assistance on SLO access."

# OVERDOSE EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLANNING SUCCESSES

Lane **completed and is implementing** an overdose emergency response plan.



Did activate

# PUBLIC AWARENESS ACTIVITIES SUCCESSES

- √ 65 education and awareness events were held
- ✓ 2,157 participants attended education event
- √ 3,000 resources disseminated

"We continued outreach to stakeholders including reminders around back to school information sharing."



### **REGION HIGHLIGHT**

Lane County has successfully implemented EMS
Leave Behind programs, provided technical assistance
for SLO [Save Lives Oregon] access, and expanded
harm reduction strategies through partnerships,
trainings, and clinical pilot programs. They continue to
build relationships for OUD referral and treatment,
while advancing data monitoring and outreach efforts
to stakeholders and the community.

### **NALOXONE DISTRIBUTION SUCCESSES**

- Lane distributed naloxone to both organizations and individuals.
- Naloxone distribution collaborations with:
  - ✓ Save Lives Oregon Harm Reduction Clearinghouse
  - ✓ Opioid settlement funds
- Conducted **57 virtual and/or in-person** naloxone trainings
  - 1,608 people trained and 628 doses of naloxone distributed
- Supported:
  - ✓ Supplying naloxone
  - Providing education/training to organization staff to encourage naloxone distribution, dispensing, or prescribing
  - Connecting organizations with available resources and funding (e.g., Clearinghouse)
  - Assisting in the development of policies and procedure
  - Disseminating naloxone educational and promotional advertising material
  - Providing information about local overdose prevention data and statistics

### **LOCAL PREVENTION PROJECTS**



Clinician/Health Systems Engagement



Public Safety Partnerships/Interventions

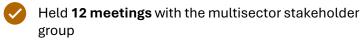
- ✓ Convened 7 key partner discussions
- ✓ Engaged with 13 key agencies in planning efforts
- ✓ Held 4 training events
- Completed 5 dissemination activities to raise awareness of overdose prevention

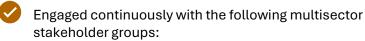
"Relationships are emerging regarding partnership for OUD referral and treatment."

# LINN, LINCOLN, & BENTON COUNTIES

September 2023 to August 2024

## MULTISECTOR STAKEHOLDER GROUP SUCCESSES



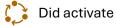


- ✓ Law enforcement agencies
- √ Fire departments
- ✓ Courts/jails/community corrections
- ✓ Local SUD treatment agencies
- ✓ Local harm reduction agencies/organizations
- Clinics and hospitals
- ✓ Behavioral health agencies
- Recovery community organizations
- ✓ Schools / youth-service organizations

"HHS now includes the medical examiner's office, and we are strengthening our relationships and improving communications with them to expedite the sharing of information."

# OVERDOSE EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLANNING SUCCESSES

Linn, Lincoln & Benton are **finalizing the initial** overdose emergency response plan.



# PUBLIC AWARENESS ACTIVITIES SUCCESSES

- √ 37 education and awareness events were held
- √ 551 participants attended education event
- ✓ 8 resources disseminated

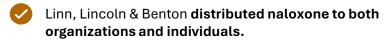


### **REGION HIGHLIGHT**

Linn, Lincoln & Benton Counties established a strong partnership with the Sheriff's Office, providing harm reduction support during unhoused camp sweeps to mitigate overdose risks, while collaborating with the sheriff and solid waste district to rehabilitate campsites and assist those being relocated.

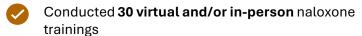


### NALOXONE DISTRIBUTION SUCCESSES





- ✓ Save Lives Oregon Harm Reduction Clearinghouse
- ✓ Pharmaceutical company directly
- ✓ North American Syringe Exchange Network



√ 500 people trained and 1,572 doses of naloxone distributed



- ✓ Supplying naloxone
- Providing education/training to organization staff to encourage naloxone distribution, dispensing, or prescribing



"We are also seeing an increase in requests for naloxone and educational presentations in more non-traditional community organizations, such as Hatfield's OSU Student housing, and the Oregon Coast Aquarium, which has assisted in expanding the scope of our practice and informational reach."

### LOCAL PREVENTION PROJECTS



Clinician/Health Systems Engagement



Public Safety Partnerships/Interventions

- ✓ Convened 12 key partner discussions
- ✓ Engaged with 13 key agencies in planning efforts
- ✓ Held 4 training events
- Completed 3 dissemination activities to raise awareness of overdose prevention

"We worked with both the sheriff and the solid waste district to provide rehabilitation to the campsite, as well as providing harm reduction supports to those being relocated."

### MID-WILLAMETTE

Yamhill, Polk, and Marion Counties September 2023 to August 2024

### MULTISECTOR STAKEHOLDER **GROUP SUCCESSES**

- Held 20 meetings with the multisector stakeholder group
- Engaged continuously with the following multisector stakeholder groups:
  - ✓ Law enforcement agencies
  - ✓ Local SUD treatment agencies
  - Local harm reduction agencies/organizations
  - Clinics and hospitals
  - ✓ Behavioral health agencies
  - Recovery community organizations

"Overdose Fatality Review meetings were held in one of the counties."

### **OVERDOSE EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLANNING SUCCESSES**

Mid-Willamette are finalizing the initial overdose emergency response plan.



Did not activate

### PUBLIC AWARENESS ACTIVITIES **SUCCESSES**

- ✓ 23 education and awareness events were held
- √ 578 participants attended education event
- ✓ 2,200 resources disseminated

"More information was distributed. Areas in the region are adopting and adapting their own materials."



### **REGION HIGHLIGHT**

Mid-Willamette region has successfully supported overdose prevention efforts, facilitated critical training programs, and promoted health equity-focused activities. They developed new policies, increased referrals to treatment, and expanded linkages to care, significantly improving service delivery and community outcomes.



### NALOXONE DISTRIBUTION SUCCESSES

- Mid-Willamette distributed naloxone to both organizations and individuals.
- Naloxone distribution collaborations with:
  - ✓ Save Lives Oregon Harm Reduction Clearinghouse
  - ✓ Pharmaceutical company directly
- Conducted 18 in-person naloxone trainings
  - ✓ 234 people trained and 376 doses of naloxone distributed
- Supported:
  - Providing education/training to organization staff to encourage naloxone distribution, dispensing, or prescribing
  - Connecting organizations with available resources and funding (e.g., Clearinghouse)
  - Disseminating naloxone educational and promotional advertising material



"An additional public health department can now order naloxone"

### LOCAL PREVENTION PROJECTS



Clinician/Health Systems Engagement



Public Safety Partnerships/Interventions

- Convened 37 key partner discussions
- Engaged with 58 key agencies in planning efforts
- Held 2 training events and trained 184 people
- Completed 16 dissemination activities to raise awareness of overdose prevention

### **MULTNOMAH COUNTY**

September 2023 to August 2024

# MULTISECTOR STAKEHOLDER GROUP SUCCESSES

- Held **77 meetings** with the multisector stakeholder group
- Engaged continuously with the following multisector stakeholder groups:
  - ✓ Law enforcement agencies
  - Fire departments
  - ✓ Courts/jails/community corrections
  - ✓ Local SUD treatment agencies
  - ✓ Local harm reduction agencies/organizations
  - Clinics and hospitals
  - ✓ Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
  - ✓ Behavioral health agencies
  - Recovery community organizations

"We convened a mobile health community of practice with the goals of better coordinated mobile health services and identifying ways to leverage the mobile health infrastructure to expand access to medication supported recovery services in nontraditional settings."

# OVERDOSE EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLANNING SUCCESSES

Multnomah **completed and is implementing** an overdose emergency response plan.



Did activate

# PUBLIC AWARENESS ACTIVITIES SUCCESSES

- 5 education and awareness events were held
- ✓ 260 participants attended education event
- √ 30 resources disseminated



#### **REGION HIGHLIGHT**

Multnomah County overdose prevention efforts saw major successes, with over 8,000 naloxone kits distributed and a new mobile health community of practice to expand recovery access. Key interventions included EMS support for overdose survivors, public awareness campaigns, and plans for a naloxone vending machine pilot to reach even more community members.



### **NALOXONE DISTRIBUTION SUCCESSES**

- Multnomah distributed naloxone to both organizations and individuals.
- Naloxone distribution collaborations with:
  - Local pharmacy collaboration
    - ✓ Save Lives Oregon Harm Reduction Clearinghouse
    - ✓ CareOregon
- Conducted **4 in-person** naloxone trainings
  - √ 100 people trained and 2,500 doses of naloxone distributed
- Supported:
  - ✓ Supplying naloxone
  - Connecting organizations with available resources and funding (e.g., Clearinghouse)
  - Assisting in the development of policies and procedure
  - Providing information about local overdose prevention data and statistics
  - Linking community partners to one another



"Our naloxone distribution specialist was fully onboarded and able to take on much of the technical assistance and partnership work related to naloxone distribution, which strengthened our partnerships significantly."

### LOCAL PREVENTION PROJECT



Public Safety Partnerships/Interventions

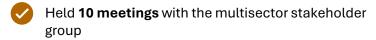
- ✓ Convened 27 key partner discussions
- ✓ Engaged with **16 key agencies** in planning efforts
- ✓ Held 5 training events
- Completed 58 dissemination activities to raise awareness of overdose prevention

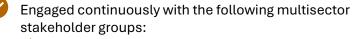
"We have been successfully continuing our intervention with EMS to offer buprenorphine ... and have had 22 individuals enroll in the program."

### **NORTH CENTRAL**

**Wasco and Sherman Counties** September 2023 to August 2024

### **MULTISECTOR STAKEHOLDER GROUP SUCCESSES**





- ✓ Law enforcement agencies
- ✓ Fire departments
- ✓ Local SUD treatment agencies
- ✓ Local harm reduction agencies/organizations
- Clinics and hospitals
- ✓ Emergency departments
- ✓ Behavioral health agencies
- Recovery community organizations

"Our Taskforce is developing and implementing the funding distribution of our city and county opioid settlement funds. This purpose has reignited collaboration and provided more in-depth conversations and collaboration."

### OVERDOSE EMERGENCY RESPONSE **PLANNING SUCCESSES**

North Central completed and is implementing an overdose emergency response plan.



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### **PUBLIC AWARENESS ACTIVITIES SUCCESSES**

- 10 education and awareness events were held
- 418 participants attended education event
- 120 resources disseminated

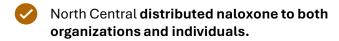


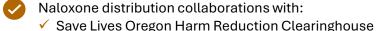
### **REGION HIGHLIGHT**

North Central focused on strategic planning for city and county opioid settlement funding, with their Taskforce leading the formal process for fund distribution. This effort strengthened community collaboration, while the overdose prevention awareness event saw increased attendance and successfully distributed emergency naloxone pouches.



### NALOXONE DISTRIBUTION SUCCESSES





- Conducted 63 virtual and/or in-person naloxone
  - √ 98 people trained and 652 doses of naloxone distributed



trainings

- ✓ Supplying naloxone
- Providing education/training to organization staff to encourage naloxone distribution, dispensing, or prescribing



"We were able to hand out emergency naloxone pouches at the overdose prevention awareness event."

### LOCAL PREVENTION PROJECTS



Clinician/Health Systems Engagement



Public Safety Partnerships/Interventions



Community-based Linkages to Care

- Convened 22 key partner discussions
- Engaged with 63 key agencies in planning efforts
- Held 2 training events and trained 9 people
- Completed 2 dissemination activities to raise awareness of overdose prevention

"Most or our efforts during this quarter were focused on our Notice of Funding Opportunity for our city and county opioid settlement funding efforts. Our Taskforce has been given the authority to determine the use of these funds and a formal process has taken place."

### NORTH COAST

### Clatsop, Tillamook, and Columbia Counties

September 2023 to August 2024

### MULTISECTOR STAKEHOLDER **GROUP SUCCESSES**

- Held **80 meetings** with the multisector stakeholder
- Engaged continuously with the following multisector stakeholder groups:
  - ✓ Law enforcement agencies
  - ✓ Local SUD treatment agencies
  - ✓ Local harm reduction agencies/organizations
  - Clinics and hospitals
  - ✓ Behavioral health agencies
  - Recovery community organizations

"Positive feedback and media exposure for overdose awareness events, revitalized community partnerships and filled positions to increase capacity within our agencies. Rural Health Coalition focus on transportation as a social driver of health and barrier to SUD services."

### **OVERDOSE EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLANNING SUCCESSES**

North Coast is finalizing the initial plan overdose emergency response plan.



Did not activate

### **PUBLIC AWARENESS ACTIVITIES SUCCESSES**

- √ 50 education and awareness events were held
- ✓ 1,454 participants attended education event
- √ 170 resources disseminated



### **REGION HIGHLIGHT**

North Coast region engaged through positive media exposure for overdose awareness events, naloxone training, and strengthened partnerships with agencies like Clatsop Behavioral Healthcare. Capacity has expanded with new hires, and collaboration with organizations such as the Rural Health Coalition and Clatsop Community Action has improved access to services, including Hep C testing and SUD support.



### NALOXONE DISTRIBUTION SUCCESSES

- North Coast distributed naloxone to both organizations and individuals.
- Naloxone distribution collaborations with:
  - ✓ Save Lives Oregon Harm Reduction Clearinghouse
  - ✓ Adventist Health collaboration
- Conducted 37 in-person naloxone trainings
  - √ 507 people trained and 1,721 doses of naloxone distributed



- Supplying naloxone
- Providing education/training to organization staff to encourage naloxone distribution, dispensing, or prescribing
- Connecting organizations with available resources and funding (e.g., Clearinghouse)
- Disseminating naloxone educational and promotional advertising material

"Strengthening community partnerships through collaboration and resource sharing."

#### LOCAL PREVENTION PROJECTS



Clinician/Health Systems Engagement



Public Safety Partnerships/Interventions



Community-based Linkages to Care

- Convened 18 key partner discussions
- Engaged with 5 key agencies in planning efforts
- Held 1 training events
- Completed 3 dissemination activities to raise awareness of overdose prevention

"We have strong partnerships with Clatsop Behavioral Healthcare and work closely with their peer counselors to refer clients to testing and treatment programs."

# **UMATILLA AND UNION COUNTIES**

September 2023 to August 2024

### MULTISECTOR STAKEHOLDER **GROUP SUCCESSES**

- Held 72 meetings with the multisector stakeholder group
- Engaged continuously with the following multisector stakeholder groups:
  - ✓ Local SUD treatment agencies
  - ✓ Local harm reduction agencies/organizations
  - Behavioral health agencies

"Continuing to stay up to date on partner activities and keep partners informed of goals of our program."

### OVERDOSE EMERGENCY RESPONSE **PLANNING SUCCESSES**

Umatilla and Union are finalizing the initial overdose emergency response plan.



Did not activate

"Further collaboration with community partners and more in-depth engagement with community members to increase awareness of resources."

### **PUBLIC AWARENESS ACTIVITIES SUCCESSES**

- 13 education and awareness events were held
- ✓ 1,661 participants attended education event
- √ 400 resources disseminated



### **REGION HIGHLIGHT**

Umatilla and Union counties raised awareness of overdose prevention resources, with more organizations showing interest in carrying and distributing naloxone. Key successes included providing naloxone and education to law enforcement at the Pendleton Round Up, which reinforced partnerships and enhanced community safety efforts.



### NALOXONE DISTRIBUTION SUCCESSES

- Umatilla and Union distributed naloxone to both organizations and individuals.
- Naloxone distribution collaborations with:
  - Pharmaceutical company directly
  - ✓ Other
- Conducted 4 in-person naloxone trainings
  - √ 85 people trained and 232 doses of naloxone distributed
- Supported:
  - Disseminating naloxone educational and promotional advertising material



"It seems that more organizations and people are willing and wanting to carry naloxone to have on hand as well as have available to hand out to those in need."

### **LOCAL PREVENTION PROJECT**



Public Safety Partnerships/Interventions

- Convened 10 key partner discussions
- Engaged with 25 key agencies in planning efforts
- Held 1 training events
- Completed 2 dissemination activities to raise awareness of overdose prevention

"We were able to provide law enforcement with naloxone and education for the Pendleton Round Up which strengthened our relationship with them."

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