



OPIOID ABATEMENT REPORTING TOOL

DEFINITIONS

Risk Assessment: A systematic process of identifying, analyzing, and evaluating potential hazards and risks associated with a particular activity or situation. It involves assessing the likelihood and potential consequences of adverse events occurring and helps organizations make informed decisions to manage and mitigate those risks effectively, and allocate resources appropriately (Gleeson, C. & O'Shea, M. (Eds.), 2019).

Harm Reduction: Harm reduction is a set of practical strategies and ideas aimed at reducing negative consequences associated with drug use. Harm Reduction is also a movement for social justice built on a belief in, and respect for, the rights of people who use drugs (<https://harmreduction.org/about-us/principles-of-harm-reduction/>) (National Harm Reduction Coalition, 2023). This category includes programs that reduce the harm associated with using illicit substances through a variety of public health interventions such as, but not limited to, distributing free syringes, fentanyl test strips and wound care kits, and expanding access infectious disease testing and treatment (State Subdivision Agreement, 2022).

Overdose Prevention: Programs that support efforts to prevent or reduce overdoses and overdose deaths through evidence-based or evidence-informed strategies that may include, but are not limited to, increased availability and distribution of naloxone or other FDA-approved drug to reverse opioid overdoses, and providing training and education on overdose recognition and response (State Subdivision Agreement, 2022).

Long-Term Resiliency: Programs or activities that support the emotional, psychological and physical well-being of individuals in recovery and their families. This category includes case management, wraparound supports, and training and educational resources to better treat the whole person in recovery for substance use or substance use disorder (State Subdivision Agreement, 2022).

Diversion from Incarceration: Programs that address the needs of persons with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) and any co-occurring Substance Use Disorder (SUD)/Mental Health (MH) conditions who are involved in, are at risk of becoming involved in, or are transitioning out of the criminal justice system through evidence-based or evidence-informed programs or strategies that may include, but are not limited to, those that:

- Support pre-arrest or pre-arraignment diversion and deflection
- Support pre-trial services that connect individuals with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) and any co-occurring Substance Use Disorder (SUD)/Mental Health (MH) conditions to evidence-informed treatment, including Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) and other services (State Subdivision Agreement, 2022)

Prevention and Education: Activities that educate and support individuals and communities to reduce initiation of substance use, misuse of substances and the development of substance use disorders (<https://www.samhsa.gov/find-help/prevention>) (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, 2023). This category includes, but is not limited to, programs that support efforts to



prevent over-prescribing and misuse of opioids, ensures appropriate prescribing, dispensing, and disposal of opioids, and provides public education such as, but not limited to, media campaigns and evidence-based prevention programs in schools (State Subdivision Agreement, 2022).

Recovery and Support: Supports that assist in a process of change through which individuals improve their health and wellness, live self-directed lives, and strive to reach their full potential (<https://www.samhsa.gov/find-help/recovery>) (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, 2023). This category includes programs that support people in recovery from Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) and any co-occurring Substance Use Disorder (SUD)/Mental Health (MH) conditions through evidence-based or evidence-informed programs or strategies that may include, but are not limited to, the programs or strategies that provide comprehensive wrap-around services including housing, transportation, education, job placement, job training, counseling, peer support services, case management etc. (State Subdivision Agreement, 2022)

Treatment: Programs and/or providers specifically designed and trained to assist in addressing the complex disease of substance use disorders, substance misuse, and co-occurring substance use disorder and mental health conditions through evidence-based or evidence informed programs or strategies that may include, but are not limited to, those that expand the availability of treatment for Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) (including all forms of Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) – Buprenorphine, Methadone, and Naltrexone) (State Subdivision Agreement, 2022).

Workforce Development: Programs that support staff training and education to abate the opioid epidemic, and support efforts to provide leadership, planning, and cross-system coordination (State Subdivision Agreement, 2022).