

The Overdose Response Strategy

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What is the Overdose Response Strategy (ORS)?

The Overdose Response Strategy is an unprecedented and unique collaboration between public health and public safety, created to help local communities reduce drug overdoses and save lives by sharing timely data, pertinent intelligence and innovative strategies.



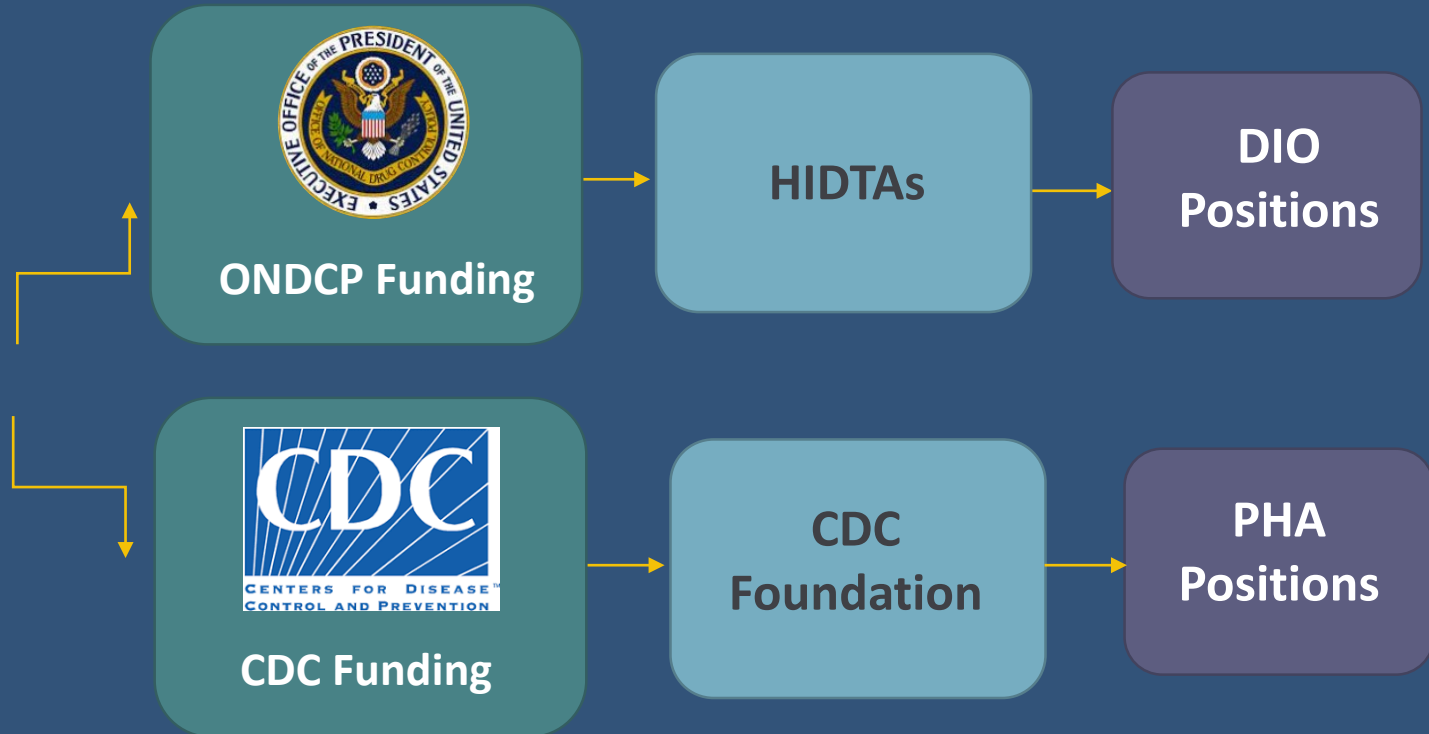
ORS Mission Statement

The mission of the Overdose Response Strategy is to help communities reduce fatal and non-fatal drug overdoses by connecting public health and public safety agencies, sharing information, and supporting evidence-based interventions.



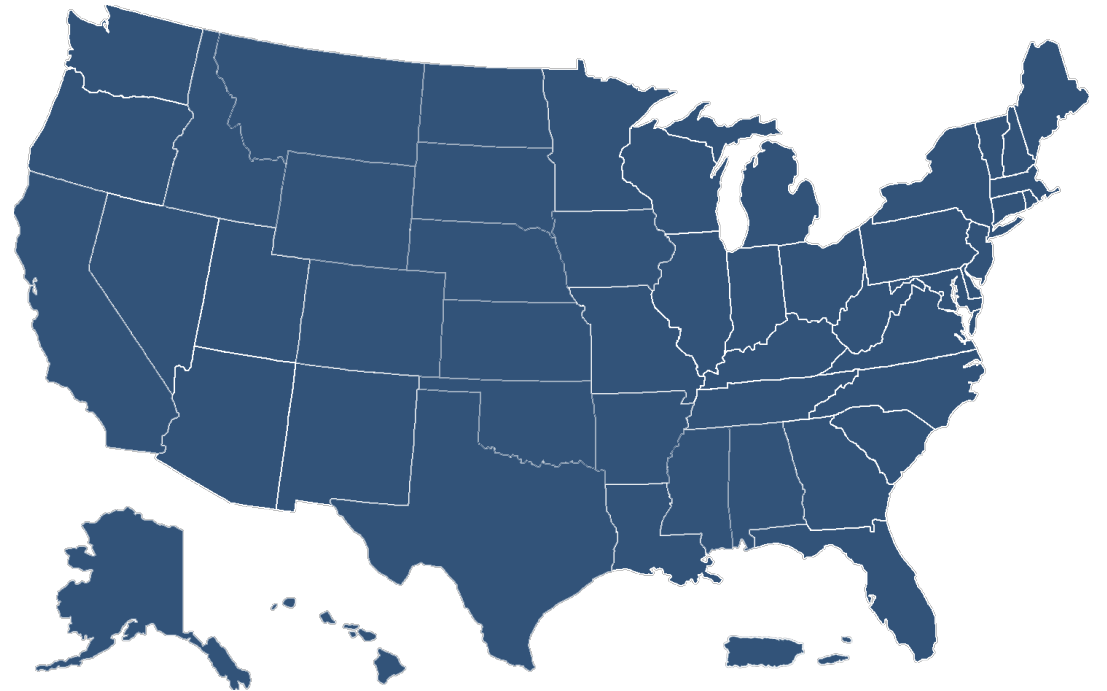
ORS Federal Partners

The ORS is supported by the **Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP)**, the **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)** and its efforts are centralized in **High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTAs)** across the country.



ORS Reach and Expansion

- The Overdose Response Strategy is a national program covering all 33 HIDTAs, 50 states, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia.
- ORS Activities are implemented by teams made up of Drug Intelligence Officers (DIO) and Public Health Analysts (PHA)



ORS Program Strategies

- 1 **Share data systems** to inform rapid and effective community overdose prevention efforts.
- 2 Support immediate, **evidence-based response** efforts that can directly reduce overdose deaths.
- 3 Design and use promising strategies at the **intersection of public health and public safety**.
- 4 **Disseminate information** to support the implementation of evidence-informed prevention strategies that can reduce substance use and overdose.



Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program (ODMAP) Overview

- ODMAP is a **free**, web-based tool that provides near **real-time surveillance** of suspected overdose events to **support public safety and public health** efforts to mobilize an **immediate response** to overdose events
 - Providing **near real-time surveillance** of suspected overdose events
 - Providing participating agencies with data to **identify** suspected overdose **occurrences** and **spikes** in near real-time
 - Enabling participating agencies to **develop effective strategies** for addressing overdose incidents occurring in their jurisdictions
 - Enhancing the development of **regional strategies** designed to **prevent the spread** of substance use disorders resulting in overdose incidents



Overdose Fatality Review (OFR)

Purpose and Value

- Overdoses are preventable
- Identify systems gaps: missed opportunities for prevention and intervention
- Design innovative community-specific prevention strategies

OFRs involve analysis and **review of aggregate data** to understand overdose trends, select cases to review, and provide context for case findings and recommendations.

OFRs involve a series of **confidential individual death reviews** by a multidisciplinary team to effectively **identify system gaps and innovative community-specific** overdose prevention and intervention strategies

These recommendations are presented to a governing committee that supports and provides resources for implementation framework for accountability for action.



Key Strategies for ORS Teams

- Data analysis/dissemination
- Rapid response support
- ODMAP implementation/usage
- Post-OD outreach programs
- Training/education
- Stigma reduction
- Criminal justice diversion
- Targeted naloxone distribution
- Harm reduction & syringe services programs (SSPs)
- Linkages to care
- Overdose prevention in jails/prisons
- Prevention programs
- Public awareness



Questions?

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