



Overdose Fatality Review

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OFR Purpose and Value

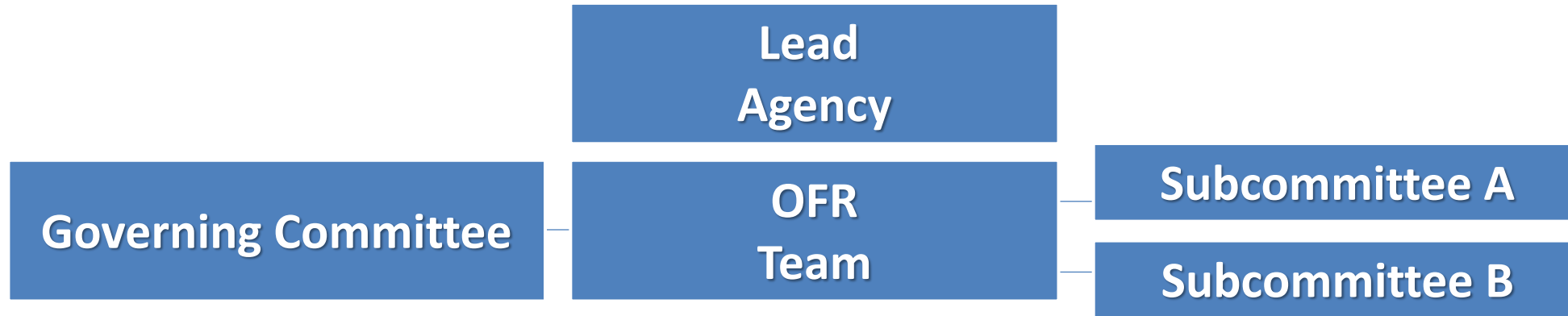
- Overdoses are preventable
- Identify system gaps: missed opportunities for prevention and intervention
- Design innovative community-specific prevention strategies



Overdose Fatality Review Overview

- 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 an implementation framework for accountability for action

OFR Structure



Lead Agency: Oversees the OFR team coordination and provides administrative support

Governing Committee: Supports and provides resources to implement recommendations generated by case reviews

OFR Team: Multidisciplinary team that reviews a series of individual deaths to identify system-level missed opportunities for prevention and intervention

Subcommittees: Focus attention on a recommendation or need, such as case selection

The “SOS” Process

Shared Understanding

OFRs increase members’ understanding of area agencies’ roles and services as well as the community’s assets and needs, substance use and overdose trends, current prevention activities, and system gaps.

Optimized Capacity

OFRs increase the community’s overall capacity to prevent future overdose deaths by leveraging resources from multiple agencies and sectors to increase system-level responses.

Shared Accountability

OFRs continually monitor local substance use and overdose death data as well as recommendation implementation activities. Status updates on recommendations are shared at each OFR team meeting and with a governing committee, reinforcing accountability for action.

Aggregate Data Discussion

- Purpose
- Examples
- Mechanism

Data Collection: Confidentiality



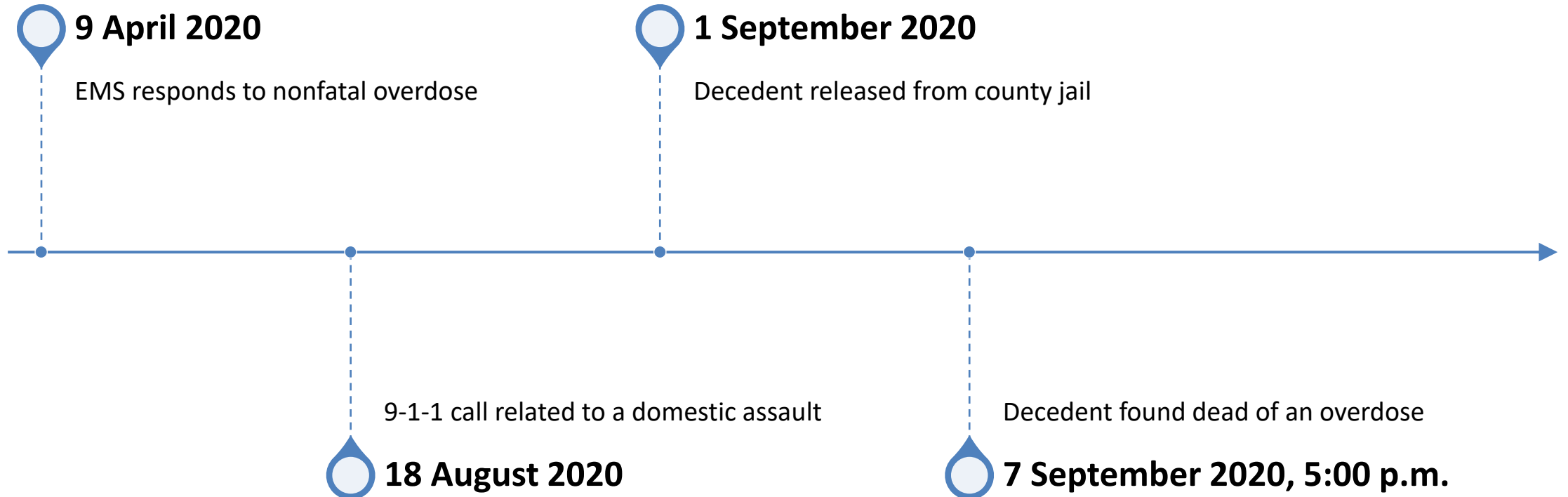
- Confidentiality is essential
- Data sharing agreements
- Confidentiality agreements
- State legislation

Information and Data Sharing

How can an OFR team obtain Prescription Drug Monitoring Program records after a person dies?

- In the absence of a specific state statute or regulation authorizing the release of Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) records to an OFR team, it is unlikely the team can directly receive prescription information from the state PDMP. However, OFR teams should contact the administrator of their state PDMP to determine if other avenues exist through which one or more team members can obtain PDMP records in the absence of direct authority, such as via the decedent's medical file or a next of kin request.

Sample Timeline of Decedent's Life Events



Case Data Discussion - Timeline

- Purpose
- Examples
- Mechanism

Problem-Solving Process to Identify Recommendations



What Makes a
Good
Recommendation?



Specific



Measurable



Actionable



Assigned to a specific agency



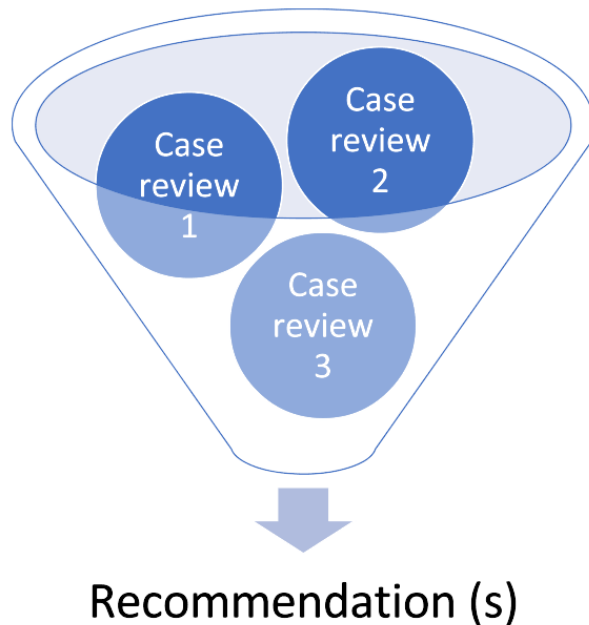
Time-bound



Data-informed



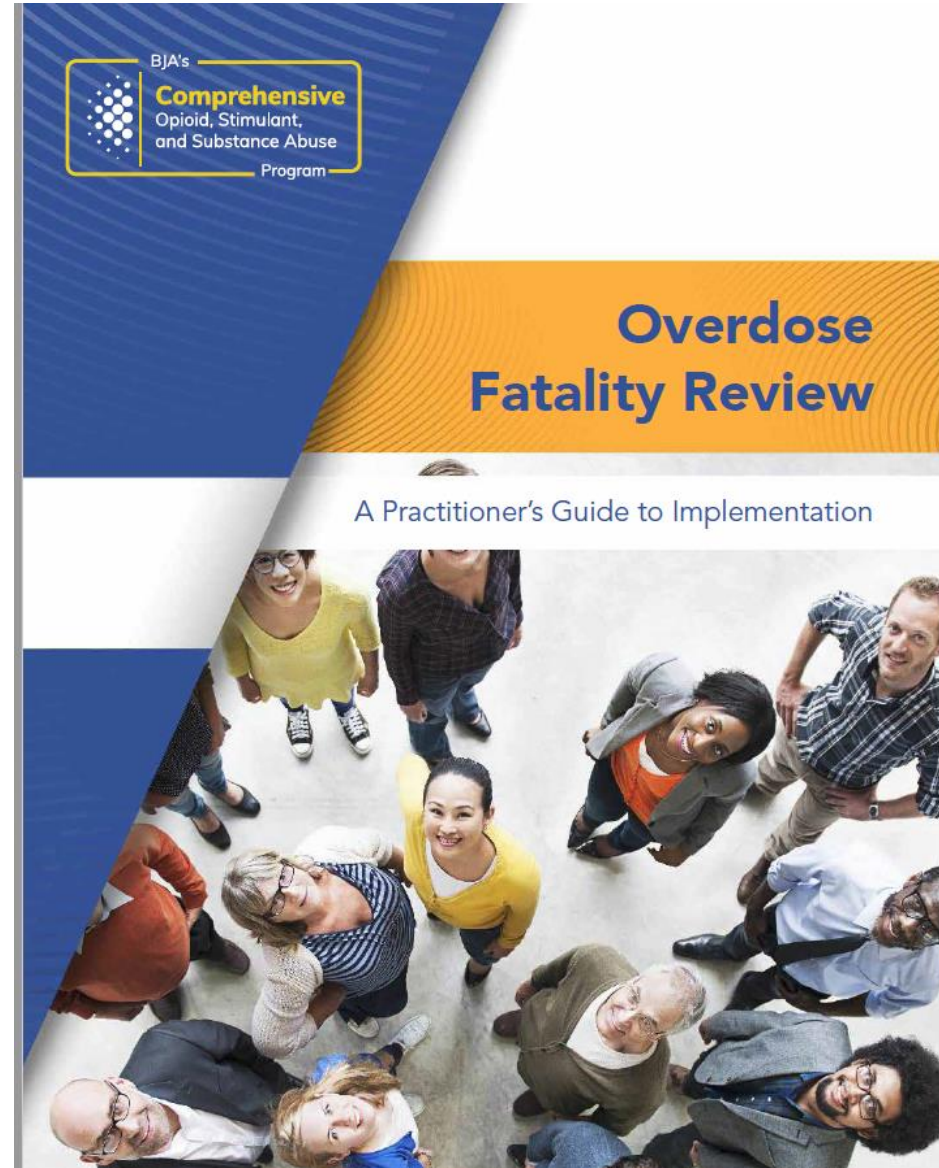
Case Review →
Recommendations
→ Action



Example: All these cases missed their first substance use disorder (SUD) treatment appointment after release from local jail. How often do people connect with community treatment after release?

Resources

Overdose
Fatality Review:
A Practitioner's
Guide to
Implementation



Modules



Recruit

Recruit Your OFR
Members



Plan

Plan Your OFR Meeting



Facilitate

Facilitate Your OFR
Meeting



Collect

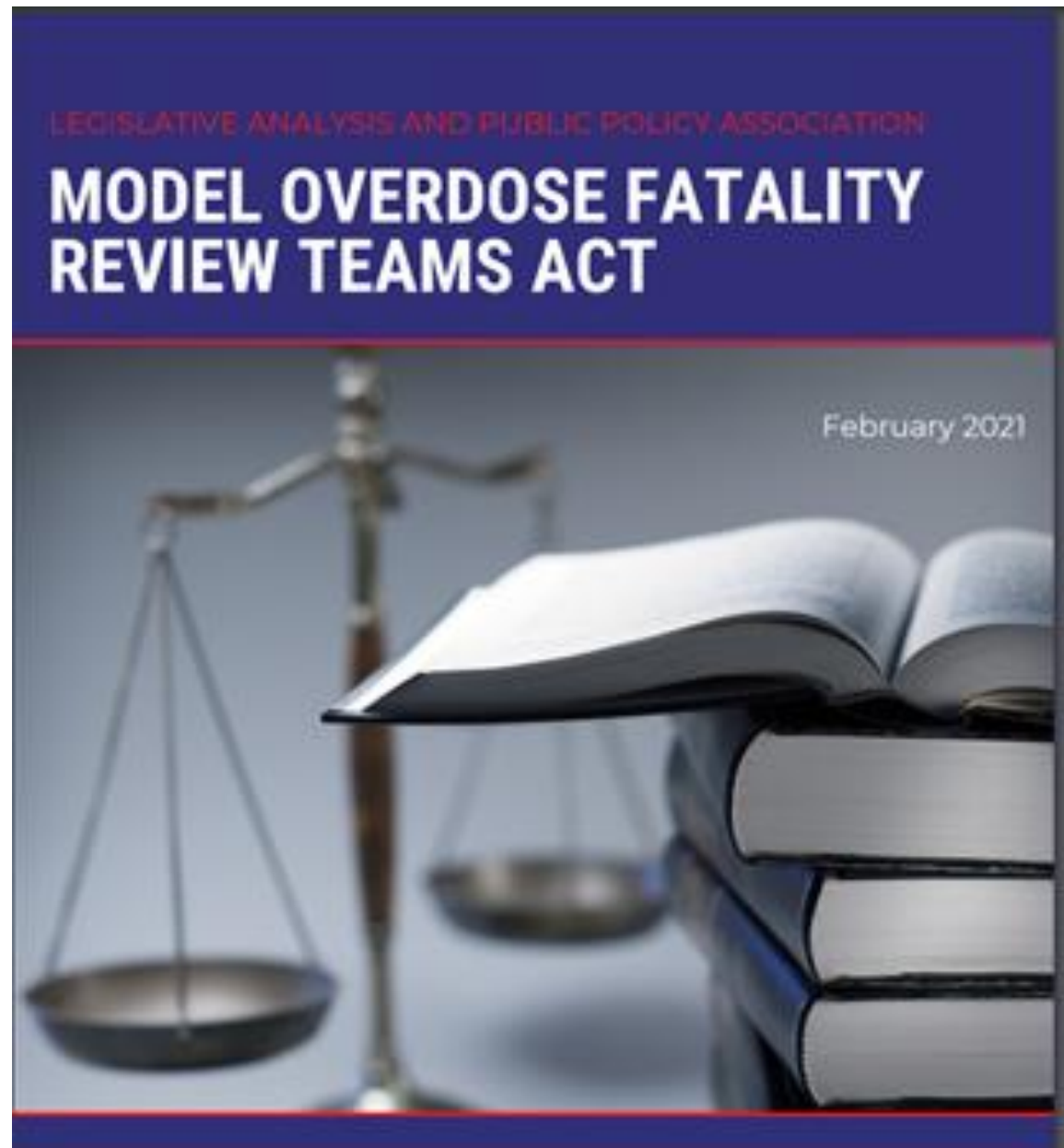
Collect Your OFR Data



Build

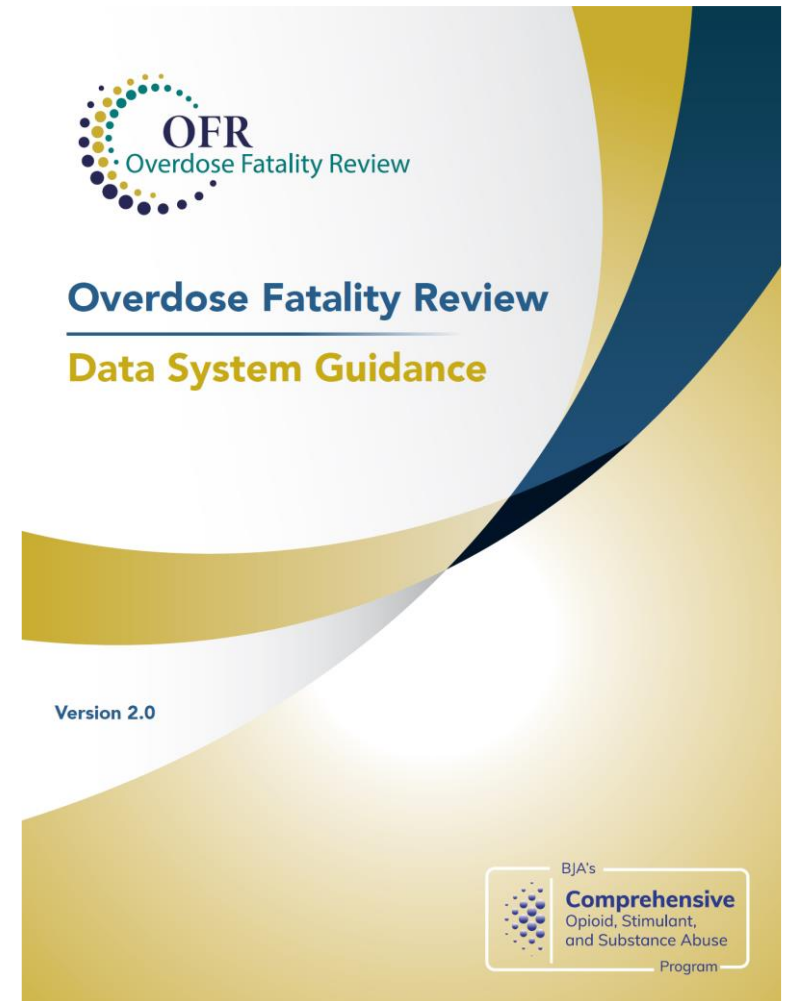
Build a Recommendation
Plan

OFR Model Law



OFR Database Version 2.0

1. Case Information
 - OFR Administration
 - Decedent Demographic Information
 - Cause of Death
 - Scene of Overdose and Death
 - Drugs at the Scene of Death
 - Death Investigation and Toxicology Information
 - Interventions Following Overdose
 - Life Stressors
 - Health History and Health Care Access
 - Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Summary Indicators
 - Mental Health History
 - Substance Use History
 - Trauma History
 - Criminal Justice History
 - Social Services History
 - Education History
 - Recommendations
 - Site-specific Community Context Variables
 - Site-specific Variables
 - Narrative Section
2. County Profile
3. Recommendation Monitoring
4. Next-of-Kin Interview





Decedent had medications entered in the PDMP within two years prior to death

- No
 Yes

Was the decedent prescribed opioids in the 24 months prior to death?

- No
 Yes

Was the decedent prescribed benzodiazepines in the 24 months prior to death?

- No
 Yes

Was the decedent prescribed benzodiazepines and opioids concurrently in the 24 months prior to death?

- No
 Yes

Was the decedent prescribed gabapentinoid in the 24 months prior to death?

- No
 Yes

Did the decedent have overlapping opioid prescriptions in the 24 months prior to death?

- No
 Yes



Example:
PDMP
Summary

Did the decedent have multiple prescribers in the 24 months prior to death?

- No
- Yes

Did the decedent have multiple pharmacies in the 24 months prior to death?

- No
- Yes

Did the decedent receive long-acting opioids at some point in the 24 months prior to death?

- No
- Yes

Was the decedent opioid naïve (not receiving opioids for a period of 6 months or greater) and then received long-acting opioids at some point in the 24 months prior to death?

- No
- Yes

Was the decedent ever prescribed greater than 90 morphine milligrams equivalent (MME) in the 24 months prior to death?

- No
- Yes

Notes

OFR Data System Guidance Documents

1. OFR Administration

1.1) Case-unique identifier (REDCap generated)

Variable: case_id

Question type: Automatically generate by REDCap

Definition: REDCap will generate a unique case ID.

Guidance: None

Reference: None

1.2) Name of person completing this form

Variable: contact_name

Question type: Text entry

Definition: First and last name of the person completing this case record information.

Guidance: These are the first and last names of the person entering the data for this case.

Reference: None

Section 1 – OFR Administration						
Variable name	Type	Description	Response options	Skip logic	Identifier?	Version
case_id	text	REDCap generated unique case identifier	--	None	No	1.0
contact_name	text	Name of person completing this form	--	None	No	1.0
contact_email	text (email)	Email address of the person completing this form	--	None	No	1.0
form_date	date	Date completing this form	--	None	No	1.0
review_date	date	Date case was reviewed in the OFR	09-09-9999 if exact date is not known	None	No	1.0
case_criteria	categorical	Criterion used to select case the case to review	0, No criteria 1, Most recent deaths 2, Random selection 3, Selected to match characteristics of overall fatalities 4, Theme review 88, Other	None	No	1.0
case_criteria_theme	text	Specifies the type of theme review	--	case_criteria = 4 (theme review)	No	1.0
case_criteria_othr	text	Specifies the other type of case criteria used to select the case to review	--	case_criteria = 88 (other)	No	1.0
data_type__1	binary	Data source, behavioral health record information	0, Unchecked 1, Checked	None	No	1.0
data_type__2	binary	Data source, criminal justice record information	0, Unchecked 1, Checked	None	No	1.0
data tvoe 3	binary	Data source. death certificate	0, Unchecked	None	No	1.0

OFR Resources

BJA's Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program

COSSAP GRANT PROGRAM | LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES | AREAS OF FOCUS | TOOLS & FRAMEWORKS | PUBLICATIONS & DIGITAL MEDIA

EXPLORE MODULES

- Recruit Your OFR Members
- Plan Your Meetings
- Facilitate Your Meeting
- Collect Your Data
- Build A Recommendation Plan

OFR Overdose Fatality Review

Overdose Fatality Reviews (OFRs) effectively identify system gaps and innovative community-specific overdose prevention and intervention strategies.

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OFR RESOURCES

Filters: From The Field

From the Field: Approaching OFR Partners Report — 1/27/2021	From the Field: OFR Project Management Template Report — 1/27/2021	From the Field: OFR Project Management Tool Demonstration Video — 1/27/2021
From the Field: OFR Project Management Tool Instructions Report — 1/27/2021	From the Field: Opioid Fatality Review Boards: State Laws Report — 12/10/2020	From the Field: Sample New Member Packet Report — 5/13/2021
Just Partnerships to Enhance Overdose Fatality Review Podcast — 2/19/2021	Overdose Fatality Review Teams Literature Review Publication — 2/19/2021	Overdose Fatality Review Teams: Partnerships with PDMPs Meeting Presentation — 8/11/2020
Overdose Fatality Review	Overdose Response Strategy	Overdose Response Strategy

Training and Technical Assistance

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Tools & Frameworks OFR

TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE REQUEST

The fields marked with the * are required.

Name *

Agency *

Current Grant Funding Source

Title *

City *

State/Territory *

Email *

Phone Number *

TTA Type *

OFR Email Exchange

Great way to network with your peers

- Send an email to the group (OFR@cossapresources.org) and every member of the list will get the email. That is all there is to it.
- Sign up by emailing COSSAP@iir.com requesting to be added to the COSSAP OFR Email Exchange

The screenshot shows the website resources.org/Tools/OFR. The header includes the logo for BJA's Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program, along with navigation tabs for COSSAP GRANT PROGRAM, LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES, AREAS OF FOCUS, TOOLS & FRAMEWORKS, and PUBLICATIONS & DIGITAL MEDIA. A search bar is located in the top right corner. A dropdown menu is open under the TOOLS & FRAMEWORKS tab, listing several options: Recruit Your OFR Members, Plan Your Meetings, Facilitate Your Meeting, Collect Your Data, Build A Recommendation Plan, OFR Message Exchange Sign-Up (highlighted with a red circle), and OFR Resources. Below the dropdown, there is a diagram titled 'EXPLORE MODULES' with five interconnected circles: Recruit Your OFR Members, Plan Your Meetings, Facilitate Your Meeting, Collect Your Data, and Build A Recommendation Plan. To the right of the diagram is a video player for 'OFR Overdose Fatality Review' with a play button. Below the video, there is a paragraph of text and three buttons: Download Guide, OFR Resources, and OFR TTA Request.

Questions?

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