

BJA's Comprehensive

Opioid Abuse

Program

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Overdose Fatality Reviews

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Learning Objectives

After this session, participants will be able to:

- Understand what an OFR is and does
- Understand how examining shared data can help prevent future overdoses and save lives
- Connect with OFR experts and peers

Presentation Outline



OFR purpose and value



Team leadership and members



OFR meeting agenda and facilitation



Data collection



Recommendation implementation



Training and technical assistance (TTA)

OFR

Purpose and Value

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

OFR Team Leadership and 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

Subcommittee: Focuses attention on a recommendation or need such as case selection

OFR Team Members

Local law enforcement officer

Local public health official

Emergency medical service provider

Death investigator

Probation and parole officer

Behavioral health social worker

School counselor

Housing authority representative

Prosecutor

Substance abuse treatment provider

Substance abuse prevention professional

Harm-reduction outreach professional

Community prevention coalition lead

Drug treatment court representative

Faith-based services or healing leader

HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area) public health analyst

County sheriff

MAT (medication-assisted treatment) provider

Tribal elder, community leader, or traditional healer

OFR Meeting: Agenda

- Opening remarks
- Goals and ground rules
- Confidentiality
- Case presentation
- Agency report outs
- Case summarized and timeline drawn
- Formulate recommendations
- Summarize and adjourn



OFR Meeting: Ground Rules

- Be on time; at the beginning of the meeting and returning from breaks
- Raise your hand if you have something to say; only one person speaks at a time
- Listen actively to what other people are saying
- Be respectful; no mocking or attacking other people's ideas
- See all participants as equal; avoid favoring participants with leadership titles

OFR Meeting: Ground Rules

- Maintain and protect confidentiality
- Use appropriate and sensitive language when discussing the case
- Use person-first language, such as person with hearing loss versus deaf person
- Avoid judging decedents' decisions. Try to understand the decedents' experience through their eyes
- Consider all factors that contributed to decedents' substance use and overdose

OFR Meeting: Facilitation

- Facilitator needs to be a neutral convener
 - Good listener
 - Develops trust with partners
 - Encourages group participation and engagement
 - Leads, but does not direct discussion
 - Guides the group towards collective problem-solving to craft recommendations

Data Collection: Confidentiality

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



Data Collection: Database/Instrument



**SECURE AND STORED AT A
NEUTRAL AGENCY**



STANDARD DATA ELEMENTS



**COMING SOON: OFR
NATIONAL STANDARD
DATABASE TEMPLATE**

Data Collection: Elements

OFR meeting details

Decedent case information

- Demographics
- Death scene investigation
- Interventions following the overdose
- History of life circumstances and immediate stressors before the overdose

Community context

Recommendations

Recommendation: Significant Impact



IMPROVE SERVICE
DELIVERY AND
INVESTIGATION



CHANGE AGENCY POLICIES
AND PRACTICES



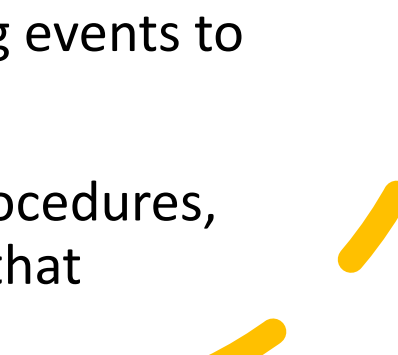
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OR STATE LEGISLATION



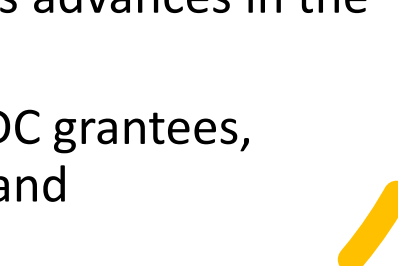
INITIATE OR MODIFY
COMMUNITY PREVENTION
STRATEGIES

IIR OFR Training and Technical Assistance (TTA)

The IIR OFR team supports COAP grantees, states, tribes, and communities in designing and implementing OFRs

- **Webinar trainings** to increase awareness of the value of OFRs and understanding of how to build a successful OFR
 - **Facilitate peer-to-peer learning** opportunities in which communities can learn from experienced programs through virtual consultations and on-site visits
 - **Providing speakers** for conferences and workshops or **skilled subject-matter experts** for training events to educate stakeholders and build capacity
 - **Identify materials** such as policies and procedures, guidelines, and data sharing agreements that support program activities
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Expanding OFRs

- **Developing and piloting a standard OFR data collection instrument** to assist local communities in capturing key findings from their reviews and document and track recommendations to develop a framework for accountability
 - **Publishing a toolkit, *A Practitioner's Guide to Implementation***, to support communities in building successful OFRs with a strong foundation in coalition, data collection, and prevention
 - **Hosting annual meetings** in August 2020 and 2021 for newly formed and existing OFR teams to share and learn from one another about best practices and recent advances in the field
 - **Coordinating community-of-practice calls** to provide regular opportunities for teams nationwide to discuss advances in the field
 - **Providing ongoing TTA** to support BJA and CDC grantees, states, tribes, and communities in designing and implementing OFRs
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How to Access and Request All COAP TTA

<https://www.coapresources.org/Program/TTA>

The screenshot shows the website header with the logo for BJA's Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Program. Navigation links include COAP GRANT PROGRAM, LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES, AREAS OF FOCUS, PUBLICATIONS & DIGITAL MEDIA, and a button for PDMP TTAC. A search bar is also present. The main heading is TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. Below this, a yellow banner contains text about the COAP training and technical assistance program and a blue button labeled REQUEST TTA, which is circled in red. Below the banner, a dark blue box lists the ways the COAP TTA Program supports communities.

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SEARCH

TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The COAP training and technical assistance program offers a variety of learning opportunities and assistance to support BJA COAP grantees and other local, tribal, and state stakeholders to build and sustain multidisciplinary criminal justice responses to the opioid epidemic.

Training and technical assistance is provided in a variety of formats, including virtual and in-person training events, workshop and meeting presentations, and online resources.

REQUEST TTA

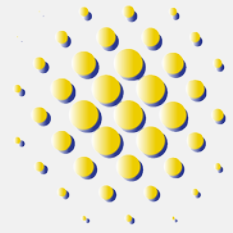
The COAP TTA Program supports communities by:

- Facilitating peer-to-peer learning opportunities in which communities can learn from experienced programs through virtual consultations and on-site visits.
- Providing speakers for conferences and workshops or skilled subject-matter experts for training events to educate stakeholders and build capacity.
- Facilitating strategic and cross-system planning to identify community resources, establish priorities, and develop a road map to achieving goals.
- Identifying materials such as policies and procedures, guidelines, and data sharing agreements that support program activities.

Questions and Answers

Contact Information

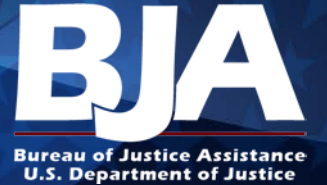
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