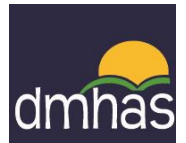


CT Strategic Prevention Framework for Prescription Drugs Initiative



Purpose:

Reduce non-medical use of prescription drugs and prevent opioid overdoses by developing and implementing a comprehensive prevention strategy that raises awareness about the dangers of sharing medications for individuals age 12 and over, and work with the pharmaceutical and medical communities on the risks of overprescribing to young adults.

Project Period: September 1, 2016 to August 31, 2021

Funding Amount: \$371,615 annually

Approach & Expectations

- The initiative will be led by the DMHAS in partnership with the Departments of Consumer Protection and Public Health. It will:
- Use statewide epidemiological and CT Prescription Monitoring Reporting System (CPMRS) data to identify high need areas where prescription drug misuse is prevalent
- Fund community providers to implement education strategies developed at the state level and promote the use of the CPMRS in their communities
- Hire staff to assist with social marketing, CPMRS data collection and reporting, and general grant oversight
- Conduct a process and outcome evaluation to determine increases in the use of the CPMRS and decreases in overdose deaths across the state but specifically in high need areas selected for funding
- Utilize the ADPC's Prevention, Screening and Early Intervention Subcommittee to provide leadership and management of the project

Opportunities Presented by the Grant

- The implementation of recommendations B, C, L and M from the ADPC Subcommittees
- Increase the number of prescribers accessing the CPMRS
- Increase collaboration and coordination among state agencies around prescription drug/opioid misuse
- Develop and disseminate reports from the CPMRS to include prescriber report cards, up-to-date dashboards and utilization reports for law enforcement
- Build on the CDC grants which fund the CPMRS and enables infrastructure development. The SPF RX will facilitate the development and implementation of prevention strategies at the state and local levels, and
- Achieve measureable reductions in overdose deaths

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