



OVERDOSE RESPONSE PROJECT MENU

Your faith community can play a part in bringing the overdose crisis to an end. Here's a few ideas on how:

TOWN HALL / FORUM

Host a town hall or forum around Harm Reduction, the Opioid Settlement in your community, The Good Samaritan Law or other policies, or education and updates on the opioid crisis.



- Providing education to your congregation and community is vital to breaking barriers, reducing stigma, and providing compassion to our most vulnerable populations.
- A sample budget could include: travel, meals and lodging for a speaker, speaker fees/honorariums, flyers, banners, and promotional materials, radio and media promotion.

NALOXONE TRAINING / DISTRIBUTION

Host a Naloxone training and distribution event, a Naloxone packing event, a supply drive for your local syringe service program (SSP) or harm reduction program, and/or host a Naloxone Saves service.



- Naloxone, also known as Narcan®, is a medication that blocks the effects of opioids (such as heroin, morphine, fentanyl, etc.) that can be used to temporarily reverse an opioid overdose.
- Learning how to use this life saving drug is vital to helping with the overdose epidemic.
- A sample budget could include: purchase of Naloxone/ Narcan® kits; supplies for SSP kits, flyers, banners, and promotional materials, radio and media promotion, and speaker fees.

MEDICATION TAKE BACK DAY

Host a medication take back day and promote the awareness and use of medication disposal boxes in your community, with distribution of lock boxes and/or medication disposal kits.



- Proper disposal and locking up of medication is essential to helping prevent accidental overdose, preventing your meds from getting into the wrong hands, and preventing water pollution that can potentially harm wildlife.
- A sample budget could include: fees to cover law enforcement stipend (LE must be on site for these events), flyers, banners, and promotional materials, radio and media promotion, speaker fees, purchase of lock boxes for medications and at-home medication disposal kits to hand out. For more information, go to <https://www.morepowerfulnc.org>.



BOOK CLUB / STUDY GROUP

Host a book club or study/discussion group about harm reduction and/or the opioid crisis.

- The Opioid Response Coordinator can provide book suggestions.
- A sample budget could include: the purchase of books; purchase healthy snacks for the study/discussion groups; flyers/banners and promotional materials for the club.

RECOVERY GROUPS

Host AA, NA, Al-Anon/Alateen, MARA, Celebrate Recovery, etc., at your location

- Using your facility for meetings can show that you support and care about the recovery community.
- A sample budget could include: the purchase of healthy snacks for each meeting session; flyers, banners, and promotional materials, purchase of educational materials and brochures.



Questions? Contact Overdose Response Coordinator
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