



OVERDOSE

RESPONSE

PROGRAM

END STIGMA. SAVE LIVES.

OUR WORK

A FAITHFUL RESPONSE TO THE OPIOID CRISIS

As people who seek to align ourselves with the higher good, who are accountable to the spirit of perfect justice and love, we are called to support the work of **harm reduction** and reducing stigma for people who use drugs.*

The evidence-based principles of **harm reduction** are central to the prevention of deaths by overdose and to reducing negative effects of drug use on individual lives.

Faith communities play a crucial role in the mental health delivery system, and people in crisis will often seek help from the church before contacting a physician or psychiatrist.

With this program, we equip faith leaders and communities of faith to respond compassionately to people in crisis with accurate information, accessible resources, and the knowledge to dispel myths that stigmatize people who use drugs.

With accurate information, we can work together to turn from retribution toward restoration, and transform lives and communities.

LEARN MORE

OUR OPIOID WORKSHOPS WILL HELP YOU:

- Define opioids and harm reduction
- Learn about local and state statistics
- Identify local resources and potential partnerships
- Increase your general knowledge about the subject matter
- Advocate for legislative reform
- Employ stigma reducing language
- Connect the opioid crisis to your faith with scripture examples and prayer
- Discuss ways your faith community can support their congregations and community
- ...and much more

TAKE ACTION

CONTACT US TODAY

We are eager to walk alongside you as you learn about the opioid crisis and harm reduction.

We believe that by taking this step, you are committing to saving lives and improving health outcomes for all North Carolinians.

Contact us today to schedule an Opioid Response Workshop for your faith community:

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