



# Medication Assisted Treatment for Tribal Organizations

# What is STR/SOR?

- On April 21, 2017, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced funding through the 21st Century Cures Act to address the national opioid crisis. The State of Nevada received \$5.6 million over a period of two years (May 2017 through April 2019)
- In August 2018, HHS announced continued funding to address the national opioid crisis. The State of Nevada received another \$7.2 million over a period of two years (October 2018 through September 2020)
- The Purpose of the Nevada Opioid STR/SOR Initiatives are to address the tremendous opioid crisis by expanding access to Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT), reducing unmet treatment needs, and reducing opioid overdose-related deaths through the provision of prevention, treatment and recovery services for Opioid Use Disorders (OUDs) in Nevada.

# Current priorities

- Outpatient Clinical Treatment and Recovery Services
- Medication Assisted Treatment Expansion for SAPTA-Certified Providers
- Tribal Treatment and Recovery Services
- Criminal Justice Treatment and Recovery Services
- Peer Recovery Support Services
- Community Preparedness Planning for Tribal Communities
- Mobile Opioid Recovery Outreach Teams
- Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) prevention and wrap around treatment and recovery support services (pre-natal and post partum up to one year)

**Opioid-Related Overdose Deaths, State of Nevada Residents, 2010-2019\***

Year	Opioid-Related Overdose Deaths	Crude Rates	Percent Change	Benzodiazepine Related Overdose Deaths	Opioid and Benzodiazepine Related Overdose Deaths
2010	437	16.2		161	139
2011	460	16.9	5%	166	143
2012	437	15.9	-6%	162	140
2013	396	14.1	-11%	126	106
2014	365	12.8	-9%	125	109
2015	409	14.1	10%	130	117
2016	393	13.3	-6%	155	126
2017	401	13.4	1%	123	106
2018*	354	11.7	-13%	138	111
2019*	77		-79%	17	15
<b>Percent Change 2010-2018*</b>			<b>-28%</b>		

*Rates are per 100,000 State of Nevada Population.*

Each year:

- Roughly 85% of all benzodiazepine-related overdose deaths also involve opioids.
- Roughly 30% of all opioid-related overdose deaths also involve benzodiazepines.

## Opioids in Nevada: Overdose Deaths

# Opioid Misuse Among AI/AN Communities

- An opioid crisis exists within AI/AN communities.
- AI/ANs had the second highest opioid overdose death rate in 2017 (CDC)
- AI/ANs had the largest percentage increase in the number of deaths over time from 1999-2015 compared to other racial and ethnic groups (CDC).
- From 1999-2015, deaths rose more than 500 percent among AI/ANs (CDC).
- In March 2017, the Indian Health Service (IHS) chartered the National Committee on Heroin, Opioids, and Pain Efforts (also known as the HOPE Committee).

# Expanding MAT into Tribal Communities

- The Nevada STR/SOR team has collaborated with HIS, the Tribal Training and Technical Assistance Center and the Opioid Response Network STR- Technical Assistance to provide culturally relevant training for opioid misuse
- 4 trainings are being planned across Nevada including locations in Washoe County, Douglas County, Elko County, and Clark County
  - 1 training has already occurred in Washoe County in May 2019
- Ongoing Technical Assistance is provided for organizations initiating or expanding behavioral health and medication assisted treatment programs

# MAT Training Learning Objectives

Brief history of opioid regulation and maintenance in the US.

Rationale for opioid maintenance treatment and effectiveness.

Comparison of the three major choices for opioid maintenance medication.

Integrating medication and psychosocial care for American Indians/Alaska Natives.

# MAT Training Learning Objectives

Understanding the interactions between historical/intergenerational trauma and Substance Use Disorder (SUD).

Summarize historical and cultural considerations in healthcare and behavioral health treatment with American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/AN).

Integrate knowledge of traditional healing from historical trauma into care of patients with medical, behavioral, and substance use disorders.



# Naloxone Distribution and Overdose Education

- In addition to MAT expansion, another goal is to develop naloxone distribution sites within tribal communities
  - 2 organizations are currently working on becoming naloxone distribution sites
  - Working with HIS to provide naloxone to tribal law enforcement agencies
  - Provide overdose education courses for professionals and community members

# Overdose Education Learning Objectives

Participants will develop an understanding of current legislation.

Participants will be able to discuss overdose risk factors.

Participants will learn how to reduce accidental overdose risks and speak to others about reducing risks.

Participants will be prepared to recognize and respond in an opioid overdose situation.

# Contact Information

For more information on current STR/SOR events please visit:

<https://www.nvopioidresponse.org/>

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