

# PREPARING FOR ONSITE OVERDOSE

## AN OD RESPONSE PLANNING GUIDE FOR COMMUNITY AGENCIES

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### PREVENTION PLANNING

#### REDUCE OD RISK AT YOUR SITE AND FOR YOUR CLIENTS



- Include OD prevention messages when communicating with clients (could be informal (posters, casual conversations) or formal (questions on intake forms, questions in group sessions))
- By providing information and normalizing conversations about substance use, empower clients to protect their own health and increase their comfort level in notifying staff promptly in the event of an on-site OD

### EARLY IDENTIFICATION OF OD

#### IDENTIFY ODs EARLY FOR BEST PROGNOSIS

- Identify areas with high risk of OD or with set-up that may complicate response (e.g. bathrooms with locking ceiling to floor doors)
- How will you respectfully monitor sleeping clients?
- What other strategies will help you identify OD's quickly?



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### RESPONSE PROTOCOL

#### STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS + TRAINING + SUPPORT



- Create step-by-step instructions on how to respond to opioid ODs as well as other depressant and stimulant ODs
- Staff discuss OD response roles at beginning of shift
- Train staff in opioid overdose recognition and response (possibly including giving naloxone) - emphasize giving breaths, assigning tasks, and calling 911.
- Hold regular OD drills so staff practice in how to respond
- Support staff after responding to an overdose