

As a recipient of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)'s State Opioid Response (SOR) funds, you're probably determining your state's **most pressing opioid issues** and how the SOR funds can be used to benefit the most people. Also, as a condition of the funding, SAMHSA will require you to spend your funds on **evidence-based approaches** and be able to demonstrate



progress toward increasing treatment and reducing overdoses. With these funds, the potential to make a difference in the lives of those

affected by the opioid crisis is great. RTI can help. RTI International has been working with SAMHSA and states for more than 50 years and we understand the challenges you are facing in responding rapidly—and accountably—to the opioid epidemic. You, your staff, and your communities can leverage our experts and experience so your funding can have the highest impact in your state. Please contact us to discuss your priorities and needs, and how we can help your citizens while meeting all of SAMHSA's requirements.

Needs that RTI can address



Our experts provide proven solutions to challenges in each of these areas. We provide services to dozens of clients nationwide who are working hard to meet their day-to-day goals while meeting the demands of federal funding agencies.

How we can help

With us, you receive client-centered technical assistance and consulting on a full range of services—from planning to data system development, implementation, and evaluation. Specifically, we can help you with the following:



Strategic Planning: Use interactive planning processes to select evidence-based strategies, set milestones, and outline feasible and measurable steps **Community Prevention:** to success. Recommend strategies to change плп attitudes and increase harm perceptions, develop skills for healthy living, and build Media Campaigns: Design and evaluate community resilience. media campaigns to reduce opioid use, improve disposal of prescription drugs, and **Epidemiology and Needs Assessment:** address the stigma related to addiction. Identify the scope of OUDs; conduct community readiness and capacity assessments; collect information from local agencies; gather qualitative and **Integrating Behavioral Health into** quantitative data from stakeholders. Primary Care: Expand identification of patients at risk for opioid use disorders **Access to Quality Treatment: Improve** (OUDs) and substance use disorders (SUDs). guidance and information on what to look for when selecting a treatment provider and providing online comparison of **OUD Treatment:** Consult on best practices providers to help OUD/SUD clients identify for incorporating medication-assisted high-quality treatment options. treatments (MATs) in combination with counseling, behavioral therapies, and recovery support for a "whole patient" **Economic Evaluation:** Estimate the costs approach; incorporate telehealth services to develop or build new programs; identify into your treatment model. the costs of providing services in a variety of settings; understand the financing and sustainability of services. Workforce Development: Identify workforce challenges, including developing a well-trained peer recovery support network. **Harm Reduction:** Train first responders on naloxone use to reverse opioid overdoses, establish needle exchange programs, and use fentanyl testing strips to **Dissemination:** Develop user-friendly prevent fatalities. materials for stakeholders, design infographics and other compelling **Data Management and Reporting:** materials, create policy briefs, and Integrate and display results through mapping. summarize best practices for front-line data visualization, and data dashboards. RTI providers as well as community leaders. 000000 provides technical assistance and web-based training to help state agencies report to the federal government the outcomes of their grant-funded behavioral health programs.

Contact us for more information

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