

# Opioid Best Practices

## Prevention



**Partnerships,**  
collaboration  
and coalition  
building



Focus on **youth,**  
adolescent and  
young adult  
messaging and  
services



Public  
information  
and media  
**campaigns:**  
prevention,  
education and  
awareness



Prescription drug  
**take back events**



**Harm reduction**  
including needle  
exchanges and  
hotlines

### Selected Examples:

Creation of Governor's or Legislative Task Force/Working Group.

Establishment of community action partnerships and funding community initiatives.

Collaboration with first responders and healthcare providers.

Collaboration with and funding of school programs.

Public information campaigns.

Providing drop-off locations and special events to take back unused medication.

Harm reduction including needle exchanges and hotlines.

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## Prescriber Guidelines



**Guidelines**  
on acute and  
chronic pain  
management,  
and prevention  
of prescription  
drug misuse



Opioid  
Prescription  
**Limits**



Prescriber  
**Education**



Prescription  
Drug Monitoring  
**Program**

### Selected Examples:

Schools training healthcare professionals implement core competencies so all graduates are trained in balancing pain management with potential for opioid misuse.

Requirement for prescriber education course on pain management as part of license renewal.

Requirement to consult Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) before issuing prescriptions.

Prescriptions limited to 7-day supply with exceptions for cancer, palliative care, or hospice.

Educational campaign for providers on importance of Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP).

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## Naloxone Awareness and Education



Standing orders and promotion of naloxone availability at **pharmacies**



Access to and training for **first responders** on naloxone



Naloxone access for **family and community** including training and free supply



Culturally and **linguistically appropriate** materials

### Selected Examples:

Statewide standing order for naloxone.

Pharmacy-specific standing order for naloxone.

Information on naloxone access posted on state websites, in pharmacies.

Mixed funding sources:

- State (including bulk purchasing programs through state pharmacy)
- Federal, including SAMHSA funds, block grants, STR grant
- Medicaid coverage, commercial insurance coverage, donations

Direct outreach to high risk populations including people who use drugs.

Information on use of naloxone in additional languages.

Discounted bulk purchasing programs for first responders.

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## Treatment and Recovery (Including MAT)



Enhanced access to **treatment**, including medications and counseling in diverse clinical settings



Consider **grant-funding** to spark innovations



Community education to reduce **stigma**



**Data** to inform system



Strong **partnerships** with community stakeholders



**Recovery supports** (recovery coaches/peers, housing, etc.)

### Selected Examples:

Passage of good Samaritan Laws.

Funding set aside to address treatment and recovery.

Recovery coaches connecting people to resources at Emergency Departments (EDs), through street outreach and other settings.

Enhanced availability of MAT for at risk populations.

Expanding recovery housing options for people in recovery.

Recovery-friendly workplace initiatives.

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