Overdose Data to Action Policy Capacity Building (Policy Academy) Opportunity

The Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO), with support from CDC, is pleased to announce a non-monetary capacity building opportunity for OD2A recipients. This project will help build state, territorial, and local health agency capacity around overdose policy readiness, development, implementation, and evaluation to create or expand upon policy-related activities in the recipient’s current scope of work.

Intended Outcomes and Benefits

- Develop analytic skills to identify and define a public health issue, assess potential policy interventions, and implement policy proposals.
- Identify successful efforts of policy implementation, enforcement, and evaluation.
- Build partnerships within and between health agency teams to enhance capacity for engaging in the policy process.
- Identify tools and strategies to implement throughout the policy development process.

This CBTA opportunity is open to all OD2A recipients. Please complete the application by 11:59 p.m. ET on January 10, 2023. Questions can be sent to Victoria Pless, Assistant Director, Overdose Prevention: vpless@astho.org.

1. Please identify your health agency:
   - Drop down list of all OD2A jurisdictions.

2. Please provide your contact information:
   - Name: ________________________________
   - Title: ________________________________
   - Email: ________________________________
   - Telephone number: ______________________

3. Statement of Interest: Please describe why your jurisdiction is interested in participating in ASTHO’s OD2A Policy Academy Opportunity. Provide a description of your health department’s need for support and assistance to build state, territorial, and local health agency capacity around policy readiness, development, implementation, and evaluation related to overdose prevention and surveillance activities as part of CDC’s OD2A cooperative agreement. (Maximum word limit: 1000 words).
   - Open text field

4. Current Organizational Readiness, Capacity and Landscape: Please describe your organization’s current readiness to engage in the policy development process. Information can include past policy experience, current challenges or barriers in your jurisdiction’s policy landscape, and roles or skills needed to enhance your effectiveness. (Maximum word limit: 1000 words).
   - Open text field

5. Proposed Policy Topics and Intended Outcomes: Please describe up to three proposed policy topics that your team will work with throughout the Policy Academy and intended outcomes for participating in this Policy Academy opportunity. Proposed policy topics should be related to ongoing OD2A strategies and activities and achievable through the policy process. (Maximum word limit: 1000 words).
   - Open text field.
6. Please select the OD2A strategies that relate most closely to your proposed policy topics. Select all that apply.

- Strategy 1: Collect and disseminate timely emergency department (ED) data.
- Strategy 2: Collect and disseminate descriptions of drug overdose death circumstances.
- Strategy 3: Implement innovative surveillance.
- Strategy 4: Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs.
- Strategy 5: State-local Integration.
- Strategy 6: Linkage to Care.
- Strategy 7: Providers and Health Systems Support.
- Strategy 8: Public Safety Partnerships.
- Strategy 9: Empowering Individuals.

7. Team-members: Team size for each jurisdiction can vary and could include key stakeholders invested in the improvement and success of the OD2A program and policy development from throughout the health agency, such as the OD2A principal investigator, OD2A program staff, program evaluators, legislative liaisons, and other partners as appropriate. ASTHO recommends an ideal team size between three and six to provide opportunity of differing expertise, while recognizing the consensus-building process.

Please provide the contact information for team members who may be involved in this activity including their name, title, email address, and phone number. By providing this information, you are confirming that they can commit to the Policy Academy. Note: Individuals cannot apply for this opportunity.

- Text box for team member information to be included.

8. Commitment of participation in Policy Academy meetings: ASTHO understands the capacity of health agencies can be limited due to competing priorities. Because of this, ASTHO does not require that all team members be present for each Policy Academy meeting. However, team involvement is a requirement of the Policy Academy, and ASTHO encourages applicants to ensure that most team members attend each Policy Academy session for consistency and engagement. Does your team commit to having a majority of team members attend each Policy Academy meeting? Please find the dates and times for the sessions here:

  - Policy Academy Kick-off Call: Jan. 17, 2023
  - Policy Academy Session 1: Jan. 31, 2023
  - Policy Academy Session 2: Feb. 14, 2023
  - Policy Academy Session 3: Feb. 28, 2022
  - Policy Academy Session 4: March 14, 2023
  - One-on-one technical assistance calls: March 15-April 14, 2023
  - Final Report out Call: April 18, 2023

- Yes
- No

9. Support of Division or OD2A Program Leadership: Involvement of leadership is encouraged as part of this activity and leadership is invited to participate in all activities related to the project. By checking the box below, I confirm that I have received support of my departmental director to participate in this capacity building opportunity.

- Check box
10. **Evaluation**: As part of the OD2A Policy Academy, ASTHO will conduct an evaluation to assess the utility and quality of this initiative. The evaluation results will be used internally to ensure ASTHO is providing high-quality, relevant support to health agencies. The evaluation will also provide an opportunity for you to share any feedback with us including the experience and impact of ASTHO's technical assistance. Would you be willing to commit and participate in a program evaluation?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

Thank you for completing the application. We will be reviewing your submission shortly and will get back to you as soon as possible! Please direct any questions to Victoria Pless at vpless@astho.org.