

South Dakota's State Targeted Response to the Opioid Crisis

Purpose: To assess the impact of the opioid epidemic in South Dakota and provide coordinated efforts in the areas of education, prevention, treatment and recovery.

- As the Single State Authority for Substance Use Disorder Services, the South Dakota Department of Social Services, Division of Behavioral Health is leading the project in collaboration with the South Dakota Department of Health (through Centers for Disease Control Data-Driven Prevention Initiative funding focused on prescription drug overdose), the Division's State SBIRT (Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment) Implementation grant, and community partners to identify, leverage, and enhance community-based resources in the areas of prevention, treatment, and recovery support services.
- The project is supported by a multidisciplinary team – the Opioid Abuse Advisory Committee – and key personnel to assess, identify, and support the implementation of strategies that directly address these broad goals.

Facts/Did You Know?

- Enough doses of opiates were prescribed to South Dakotans in 2015 to medicate every adult in SD for 19 days straight.
- SD ranked 2nd lowest in the nation for age-adjusted rate of drug overdose deaths per 100,000.

Project Time Period: May 2017 – April 2019

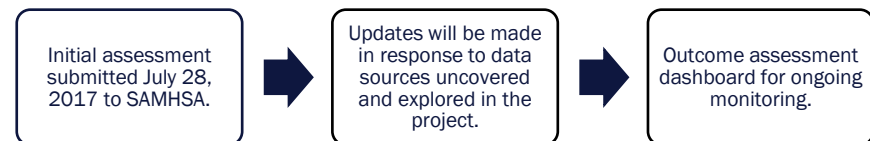
Goals: South Dakota's efforts align with the National Governors Association's *Finding Solutions to the Prescription Opioid and Heroin Crisis: A Road Map for States*.



¹Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)

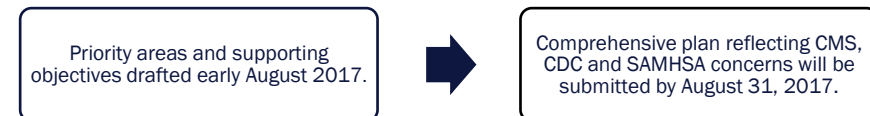
Goal 1: Assessing need to formulate action

Partner with the South Dakota Department of Health, the SD DSS Behavioral Health Advisory Council, and other key stakeholders within South Dakota to conduct a comprehensive statewide needs assessment with focus on opioid use, and leverage the findings to respond with formative change.



Goal 2: Statewide strategic plan

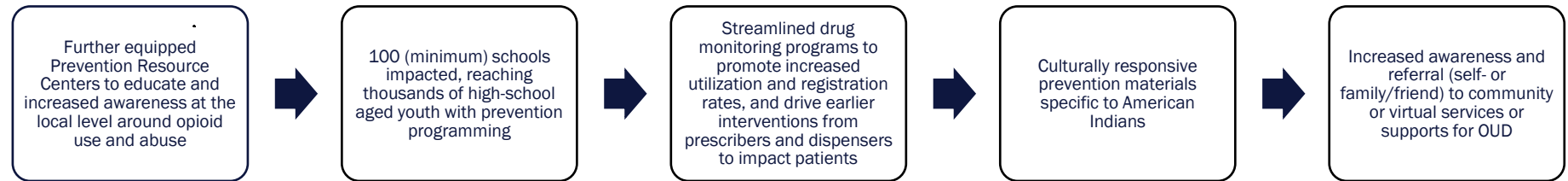
Conduct and execute a collaborative planning effort to strengthen the state's capacity to prevent misuse and abuse of opioids, and drive South Dakota's strategic response to the opioid crisis.



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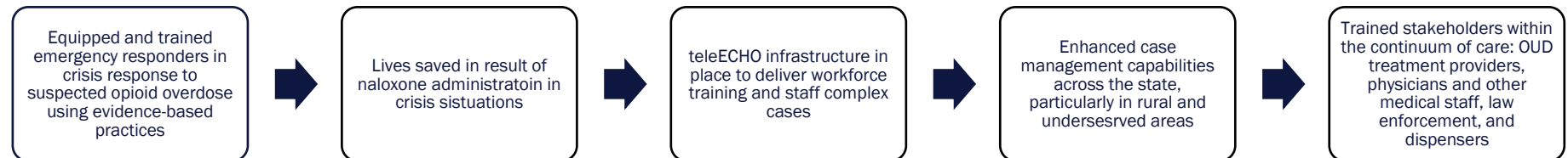
Goal 3: Prevention

Design, implement, enhance and evaluate primary and secondary prevention practices around OUD including (a) integrated drug monitoring programs, (b) training for OUD prevention and treatment providers, and (c) improved local crisis response capacity through a statewide Opiate Awareness Program.



Goal 4: Treatment

Implement new and expand access to clinically appropriate evidence-based practices for OUD treatment across South Dakota through (a) enhanced emergency response via naloxone distribution through first responders, (b) expanded access to medication-assisted treatment via in-person and telehealth care delivery, (c) increased professional competency among treatment providers, (d) comprehensive case management strategies provided through an ECHO hub-and-spoke model of support, and (e) assistance to patients with treatment costs.



Goal 5: Enhanced recovery support services

Enhance recovery support services to positively impact afflicted individuals and support their personal and professional support network.

