

Local Response to Public Health Emergencies: Focus On the Opioid Epidemic



Local Opioid Overdose Prevention and Response (LOOPR) Project Overview

This Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) funded project aims to increase the capacity of local health departments (LHDs) to respond effectively to the opioid epidemic by working more closely with state and local partners (e.g., law enforcement, healthcare providers, local/state health departments) and rolling out evidence-based strategies at the local level.

Project goals include:

- Increasing LHD capacity to reduce fatal and non-fatal opioid overdoses
- Improving community responses to the opioid epidemic

With support and technical assistance from NACCHO, funded LHDs will be responsible for exploring, planning, and implementing innovative and collaborative approaches to support efforts to combat the opioid crisis within their communities.

Objectives

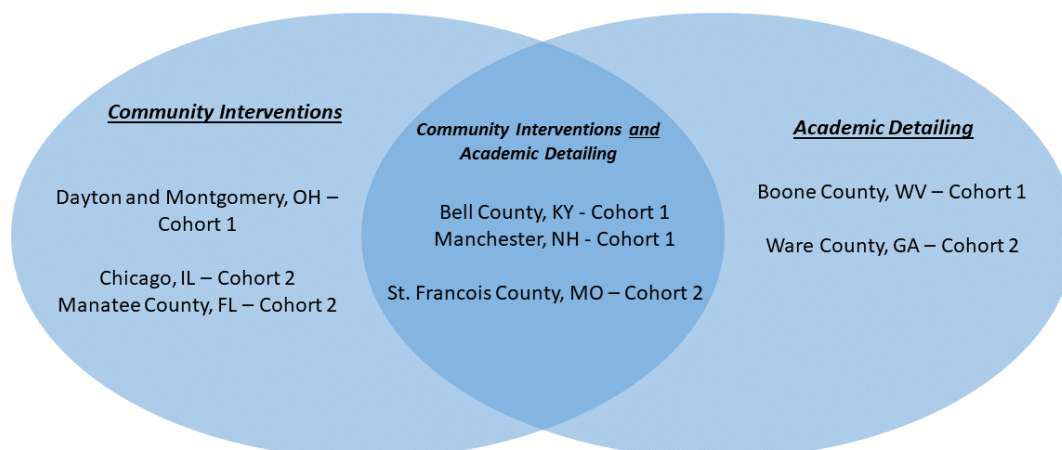
Project activities will focus on building LHDs' local capacity by:

1. Developing and implementing a Community Action Plan (CAP) or an Academic Detailing Action Plan.
2. Monitoring and evaluating LHD efforts to implement and evaluate their CAP activities.
3. Providing opportunities for peer-to-peer learning among project participants, including sharing of best practices and lessons learned.

Range of Funding and Timeline

Selected sites will receive funding from NACCHO to support community activities from **December 2018 through July 2019**.

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What is Academic Detailing?

Academic Detailing is an innovative clinician education technique that employs 1-on-1 outreach by trained “detailers” to assist clinicians to provide evidence-based care. In the context of the opioid epidemic, it can be utilized to support clinicians to better understand their opioid prescribing practices, and therefore better align their practices with recommended guidelines.

Selected AD Sites

Participating sites are selected from indicators of inappropriate prescribing practices, such as high rates of opioid prescriptions.

COHORT 1	COHORT 2
Bell County, KY	St. Francois County, MO
Boone County, WV	Ware County, GA
Manchester, NH	

NaRCAD

NaRCAD, the National Resource Center for Academic Detailing, is the Academic Detailing consultant for the LOOPR program. NaRCAD conducts two-day trainings for selected detailers, monitors detailer activity, and provides continual technical assistance as detailers visit prescribers within their jurisdiction.

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For additional information, visit NACCHO's
Opioid Epidemic webpage: <https://bit.ly/2lq9TSu>

What is a Community Action Plan?

Each LHD's Community Action Plan (CAP) is a detailed, comprehensive plan that lists out their unique identified strategies to reduce fatal and non-fatal opioid overdoses, and improve their response to other community consequences.

CAP strategies will fall within three focus areas:
prevention, harm reduction, and linkage to care.

LOOPR sites build their CAPs by engaging with a wide variety of stakeholders within their jurisdictions. CAPs are built around overarching strategies, which are then broken down into measurable and achievable objectives and activities. The CAP serves as a “blueprint” for LOOPR LHDs and their partners to implement evidence-based and innovative responses to the epidemic.

Selected CAP Sites

Participating sites engage in community initiatives to address and mitigate the consequences of the opioid epidemic in their community.

COHORT 1	COHORT 2
Bell County, KY	Chicago, IL
Manchester, NH	Manatee County, FL
Montgomery County (Dayton) OH	St. Francois County, MO

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