

## *Did you know?*

- In 2015, there were 2,185 fatal overdoses related to opioids in New York State.
- In New York State, opioid-related emergency department visits increased 207% from 2012 to 2016.
- In 2016, 47% of admissions to NYS OASAS-certified treatment programs included an opioid as a substance of abuse.

Sources: NYS Department of Health (DOH) and NYS OASAS Data Warehouse



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# Responding to Opioid Overdose

*New York State Opioid State Targeted  
Response (Opioid STR)*



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## BACKGROUND

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) awarded states grants as part of the State Targeted Response (STR) to the opioid epidemic. One of New York State's initiatives as part of the grant focuses on addressing opioid overdose related fatalities in counties showing very high rates of overdose deaths and emergency department visits related to opioid use disorder. This initiative involves training thousands of first responders and other likely witnesses in these counties.

## OBJECTIVE

To train 11,000 first responders and other likely witnesses to confidently identify an overdose and effectively use naloxone to save lives with the use of SAMHSA's Opioid Overdose Prevention Toolkit.

This Toolkit can be found at the link below:  
<https://store.samhsa.gov/product/Opioid-Overdose-Prevention-Toolkit-Updated-2016/All-NeNewProducts/SMA16-4742>

Naloxone was administered during 11,992 emergency medical services calls to reverse an opioid overdose in 2014.

-NYS Department of Health

## NALOXONE

Approved by the FDA in 1971, naloxone as an opioid antagonist, is indicated in the use of reversing an opioid overdose. Naloxone's unique chemical nature has been instrumental in reducing the numbers of fatal overdoses related to opioids. By providing naloxone trainings, our goal is to diminish existing rates of fatal overdoses related to opioids.

## HOW TO OBTAIN NALOXONE

Overdose reversal kits containing naloxone are available at trainings for all first responders and for those with an immediate need. Participants with appropriate medication insurance coverage will learn how to obtain free or low-cost naloxone from a pharmacy under the New York State Naloxone Co-Payment Assistance Program (N-CAP).

## HOW TO GET INVOLVED

To host or sign up for a training please contact one of the following Opioid STR staff members below:

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