

Expanding Campus Safety: Implementing & Sustaining Narcan Programs in Higher Education Roundtable Action Guide

Every campus can play a role in preventing overdose deaths. Whether you are just beginning or expanding an existing initiative, use this worksheet to identify your next steps.

Assessing Your Campus Readiness:

- ☐ Does our campus currently have a Narcan (naloxone) program?
- ☐ Do we have written policies or protocols for an overdose response?
- ☐ Are faculty, staff, and students aware of where Narcan is located?
- ☐ Do we offer overdose recognition and response training?
- ☐ Are prevention and harm reduction messages incorporated into campus education?

Your Action Plan:

1. Build Your Team:

Identify key campus partners:

- ☐ Counseling/Health Services
- ☐ Campus Safety
- ☐ Student Affairs
- ☐ Risk Management/Legal
- ☐ Facilities
- ☐ Student Leaders
- ☐ Local Public Health
- ☐ EMS or Community Partners

Who else should be involved?

2. Review Your Policies

Consider the following:

- ☐ Storage and accessibility of Narcan
- ☐ Documentation/Monitoring of usage
- ☐ Staff responsibilities, training, etc.
- ☐ Emergency response procedures
- ☐ Good Samaritan and institutional policies

Policy questions to explore:

3. Creating a Sustainable Program

Potential funding sources:

- ☐ State/local grants
- ☐ Campus wellness funds
- ☐ Community partnerships
- ☐ Public health agencies
- ☐ Foundation support

Sustainability ideas:

- ☐ Routine inventory checks
- ☐ Replacement process
- ☐ Annual training schedule
- ☐ Orientation integration
- ☐ Staff onboarding

4. Strengthen Prevention Education

Consider ways to reduce stigma and increase awareness:

- ☐ Include overdose education in prevention programming
- ☐ Promote harm reduction messaging
- ☐ Train peer educators (student, staff, faculty)
- ☐ Incorporate into orientation or residence life programming
- ☐ Share campus resources regularly

One Educational Opportunity I Can Implement:

Target Date: _____

***An effective Narcan program is more than distributing medication—
It is a campus-wide commitment to prevention, preparedness, collaboration, and student
well-being. Small, intentional steps can save lives.***