

OVERDOSE RESPONSE STRATEGY

The **Overdose Response Strategy (ORS)** is a nationally coordinated, cross-sector collaboration between public health and public safety.

The mission of the ORS is to **help communities reduce fatal and non-fatal drug overdoses** by connecting public health and public safety agencies, sharing information and supporting effective* interventions.



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**The term "effective" includes interventions and approaches for which there is evidence that they are associated with reduced fatal or non-fatal overdose; the evidence may be derived through available peer-reviewed research, demonstration projects or other program evaluation efforts. The term "effective" encompasses both "evidence-based" and "promising" practices in the context of overdose prevention.*

ORS

The ORS is implemented by teams made up of **Drug Intelligence Officers and Public Health Analysts**, who work together on drug overdose issues within and across sectors and states.

ORS TEAMS

HELP reduce redundancy and improve efficiency

ENCOURAGE more inclusion and cultural understanding between sectors

EXCHANGE data more quickly, building the evidence for overdose prevention and response initiatives, allowing for earlier warnings and informed decision-making

SUPPORT the utilization and **INTEGRATION** of data and evidence for strategic planning

MOBILIZE community partnerships, informing and engaging decision makers with data

As of January 2026, there are ORS Public Health Analyst positions and Drug Intelligence Officer positions in all 50 states, including the District of Columbia (DC), Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

SHARE & CONNECT

CROSS-SECTOR DATA TO DRIVE COORDINATED OVERDOSE RESPONSE

The ORS strengthens data systems and information sharing across partners to **quickly identify drug trends and respond to overdoses**.



COLLABORATE



ACROSS SECTORS TO IMPROVE OVERDOSE PREVENTION AND RESPONSE

By building strong partnerships, the ORS enhances coordinated **overdose prevention and response efforts**.

INFORM & PROMOTE



OVERDOSE AWARENESS TO EQUIP COMMUNITIES AND PARTNERS

Through education and training, the ORS provides communities and partners with the knowledge and tools to **support overdose prevention, treatment and recovery**.

HELP & IMPLEMENT

SOLUTIONS TO STRENGTHEN OVERDOSE PREVENTION EFFORTS

The ORS drives impact by helping partners implement and expand access to **effective overdose prevention, treatment and recovery services**.

