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Central Florida ORS Team Highlights DEA Fentanyl Free America / CADCA Summit July 2026



From left to right: Chris Jakim, HIDTA National Coordinator; Brittany Brown, Central Florida PHA; Paul Maxwell, Central Florida DIO; Scott Delano, North Florida DIO

In July 2026, ORS and Drug Free Communities (DFC) program staff participated in a plenary session at the inaugural DEA Fentanyl Free America Summit in Orlando, FL. Dr. Grant Baldwin, CDC Director of the Division of Overdose Prevention, Helen Hernandez, ONDCP DFC Senior Policy Analyst and Chris Jakim, ORS HIDTA National Coordinator, discussed the role of the ORS and DFC program during a panel titled, “Collaborating for Impact: Advancing Primary Prevention and Overdose Response.” The summit was held alongside the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA)’s 25th Annual Mid-Year Training Institute. More than 2,500 participants were in attendance, including leaders in law enforcement, prevention, public health, education, recovery and faith communities to strengthen the nation’s coordinated response to the fentanyl crisis.

A note from Chris Jakim, the HIDTA National Coordinator:

“Just a quick note to say thank you for your support and acknowledge the great work by Brittany, Paul, and Scott as they represented the ORS at the DEA Fentanyl Free America / CADCA Summit. We were fortunate and appreciative of their efforts in manning the ORS Resource Table. There was a great turnout of multi-discipline professionals to include law enforcement, public health and prevention specialists who were able to learn more about ORS efforts and our work in the overdose response space.”

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