

# Information for State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Health Departments

## Opioid Rapid Response Teams Online Training

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) priority is to support state and local jurisdictions on the frontlines of the opioid crisis. Maintaining comprehensive, up-to-date training for the public health workforce is critical to addressing America's opioid overdose epidemic. The CDC and the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps compiled opioid rapid response resources to provide federal responders with knowledge of the opioid crisis so they can support jurisdictions in preparing for opioid overdose spikes or related scenarios. State, local, tribal and territorial health agencies can now access this training to support their agency's efforts.

### What are the benefits of the online training?

The goal of the online training is to provide a broad understanding of topics related to the opioid crisis. The training may be used to supplement trainings and resources from state, local, tribal, and territorial health agencies, or as a starting point for agencies' future workforce training. The training plan is self-paced, interactive, and can be viewed either on mobile or desktop devices. Several courses in the training plan offer free continuing education (CE) credit for health professionals. Learners can receive a training certificate upon completion of the required sections and the post-training evaluation.

### What information does the online training provide?

The online training provides a comprehensive overview of the current opioid overdose epidemic in the United States and ways to address it. Topics include opioid overdose epidemiology, clinical aspects of opioids, harm reduction strategies, and federal agency roles. Two versions of the training curriculum are available:

- A non-clinician version for staff serving in non-clinical roles, which is comprised of seven core sections and two optional sections.
- A clinician version for staff serving in clinical roles, which is comprised of all the sections of the non-clinician version plus two additional sections that cover clinical topics in greater depth.



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The table below lists the topics covered in each section of the online training curriculum.

Core Sections	Optional Sections
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Section 1:</i> Understanding the Opioid Overdose Epidemic</li> <li>• <i>Section 2:</i> Opioid Overdose Epidemic Data</li> <li>• <i>Section 3:</i> Clinical Aspects of Opioids</li> <li>• <i>Section 4:</i> CDC/HHS Strategies to Address the Opioid Overdose Epidemic</li> <li>• <i>Section 5:</i> State Policies to Address the Opioid Overdose Epidemic</li> <li>• <i>Section 6:</i> Harm Reduction and Partnering with Public Safety</li> <li>• <i>Section 7:</i> Communication Strategies</li> <li>• <i>Section 8 (clinician only):</i> Opioid Therapy and Risk Mitigation</li> <li>• <i>Section 9 (clinician only):</i> Special Topics in Opioid Therapy: Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) and Pregnancy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Optional Section 1:</i> Recovery Oriented Systems of Care (ROSC)</li> <li>• <i>Optional Section 2:</i> Essential Elements for Advancing ROSC with Rapid Response Teams</li> </ul>

## How was the online training developed?

The Opioid Rapid Response Teams (ORRT) online training was compiled by CDC in 2019 for federal ORRT members. In their conversations with health departments since the training’s launch, program liaisons received requests to share the training and guidance that the ORRT developed. In response to these requests, the ORRT has made its online training available to state, local, tribal, and territorial health agency personnel.

## How do I access the online training?

When launched in September, the online training will be available through the CDC TRAIN learning management system.

### TRAIN affiliates:

Access the training plan via the links below. If you cannot access, please use the directions in the Non-TRAIN agencies section below.

Clinician version: [https://www.train.org/cdctrain/training\\_plan/4063](https://www.train.org/cdctrain/training_plan/4063)

Non-clinician version: [https://www.train.org/cdctrain/training\\_plan/4064](https://www.train.org/cdctrain/training_plan/4064)

### Non-TRAIN agencies:

To access the training plan, please [refer to the guidance document](#). You will be instructed to create a new account in CDC TRAIN (if you do not currently have a TRAIN account) and join the Opioid Rapid Response Teams learning group.

For questions, please contact Opioid Rapid Response Teams Support at [ORRT@cdc.gov](mailto:ORRT@cdc.gov).

## How will the online training be evaluated?

The online training will continue to be reviewed and updated as new resources become available. The ORRT program will monitor participation in the training, and the training will be evaluated for learner satisfaction and usefulness.