

OEND

Overdose Education & Naloxone Distribution

OVERVIEW: Overdose Education & Naloxone Distribution (OEND) in South Dakota is the result of a partnership between the Department of Health and Department of Social Services to reduce harm and risk of life-threatening overdoses and opioid-related deaths. Managed by the Office of Rural Health, the project aims to educate, train, and equip emergency medical service personnel and other first responders on the rising dangers of opioids, how to recognize an opioid overdose, and the use of Naloxone, commonly referred to by the name brand NARCAN®, to reverse an overdose.



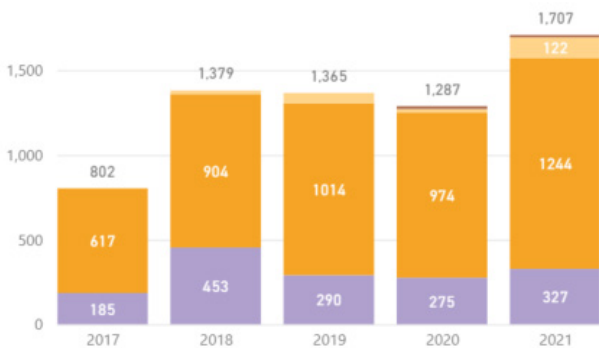
AS OF OCTOBER 2021...

- Over 700 individuals** at risk of an overdose have had an **improved response** after the administration of NARCAN®.
- 46 pharmacies** are participating in the statewide standing order offering free access to NARCAN®.
- More than 1,500 first responders** have been trained to recognize and respond to an opioid overdose.

DISTRIBUTION NUMBERS

Kits are distributed by Department of Health at the request of those trained in OEND. The majority of kits have been distributed to law enforcement statewide.

● EMS ● Law Enforcement ● Other ● Schools



STRATEGIES

- Support trainings for Emergency Responders and others in a position to assist to receive education about recognizing and responding to a suspected opioid overdose, and expand access to that training through online learning.
- Provide emergency responders and SD-based organizations that serve clients who may be at risk with NARCAN®, equipping them with life-saving medication to use for a suspected opioid overdose.
- Issued a statewide standing order allowing all pharmacies to dispense Naloxone to anyone at risk of an opioid-related overdose or those in a position to assist someone at risk (family members, friends or close third party). Individuals can access Naloxone at participating pharmacies statewide with funding assistance available.

To find a participating Naloxone pharmacy near you, visit:
<https://www.avoidopioidsd.com/take-action/reverse-overdose/find-a-naloxone-pharmacy/>

If you or someone you know is struggling with addiction - don't wait. Reach out.

www.AvoidOpioidSD.com
Treatment Resource Hotline
1-800-920-4343

To learn more about Overdose Education & Naloxone Distribution please contact the Office of Rural Health at 605-773-3361.

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