



# Overdose Fatality Review

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# Why OFR?



**Understand your overdose trends.**

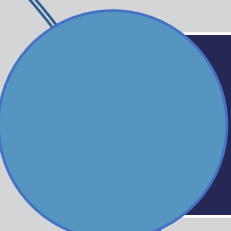


**Identify missed opportunities for prevention and intervention.**

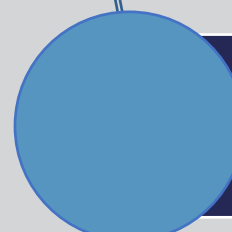


**Implement innovative, community-specific overdose prevention strategies.**

# Overdose Fatality Review



OFRs involve analysis and review of aggregate data to understand overdose trends, select cases to review, and provide context for case findings and recommendations.

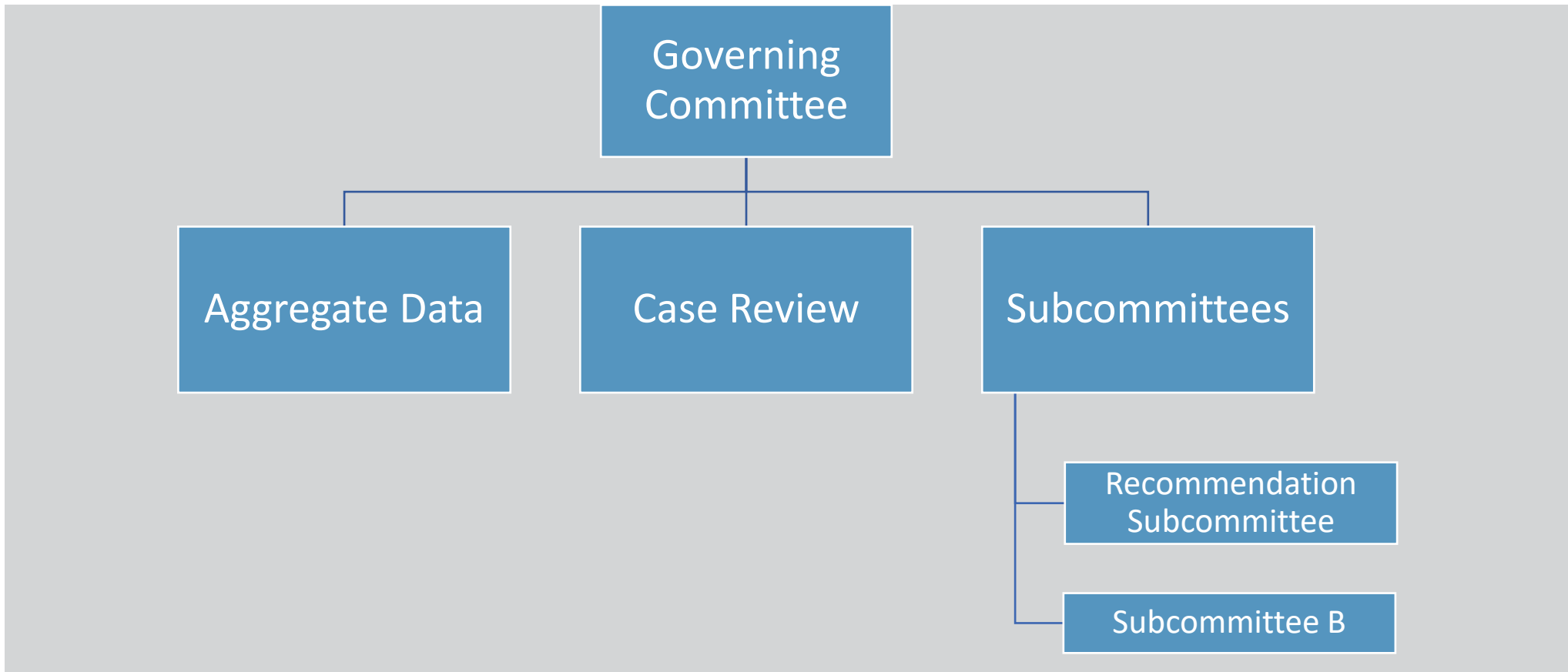


OFRs involve a series of confidential individual death reviews by a multidisciplinary team to effectively identify system gaps and innovative community-specific overdose prevention and intervention strategies.



These recommendations are presented to a governing committee that supports and provides resources for an implementation framework for accountability for action.

# OFR Structure



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- **Governing Committee:** Provides direction to the OFR and resources to implement the recommendations generated.
- **Subcommittees:** Meet separately from the OFR team and report out at case review meetings on their aims and progress. Subcommittees develop the identified recommendations and create a workplan for implementation.
- **Case Review Meeting:** Multidisciplinary team that reviews a series of individual deaths to identify system-level missed opportunities for prevention and intervention.
- **Aggregate Data Meeting:** Analyze available aggregate data to provide community context to case review meeting and assist with determining case selection criteria.

# Lead Agency

Every OFR team has a lead agency that oversees and coordinates the OFR team

Provides administrative support

Local health department, human services department, prevention coalition, or another local agency

- Trusted by community
- Collaborative
- Neutral

Fulfills three key leadership roles:

- Coordinator
- Facilitator
- Data manager

# Multidisciplinary Partnerships



**Local health department official**



**Local law enforcement representative**



**Medical examiner/coroner**



**Prosecutor**



**Local human services department official**



**Substance use treatment provider**



**Child protective services representative**



**Substance use prevention professional**



**Community leader**



**Medication for opioid use disorder (MOUD) provider**



**Mental health social worker**



**Pain management clinician**



**Emergency department physician**



**Primary care provider**



**Pharmacist/toxicologist**



**Harm-reduction outreach professional**



**Lived experience**



**Housing authority representative**



**High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) public health analyst**



**Sheriff**



**Probation and parole office**



**Emergency medical service provider**



**Drug treatment court representative**



**Patient advocate**



**School counselor**



**Tribal elder, traditional leader**



# Value of PDMP-OFR Partnerships



## Aggregate data: Communities prescribing and prescriber trends

- Number of providers and prescribers
- Insurance
- Number of patients with more than one opioid prescription
- Number of patients receiving more than an average daily dose of  $\geq 50$  morphine milligram equivalents (MME).

## Case-level data: Decedent's health and health care access (prescriptions)

- Co-occurring prescriptions
- Multiple providers
- Health system touches
- Disruptions
- Insurance

# Problem-solving skills

- **Quickly** identify and address challenges
- **Collaboratively** work with the group to find effective solutions
- **Problem solving** is easier to do within the SOS framework



# Data Driven Process Example

## Aggregate data:

Increase risk of overdose among individuals recently released from county jail.

## Case review of deaths among those released from jail in 6-months prior to overdose:

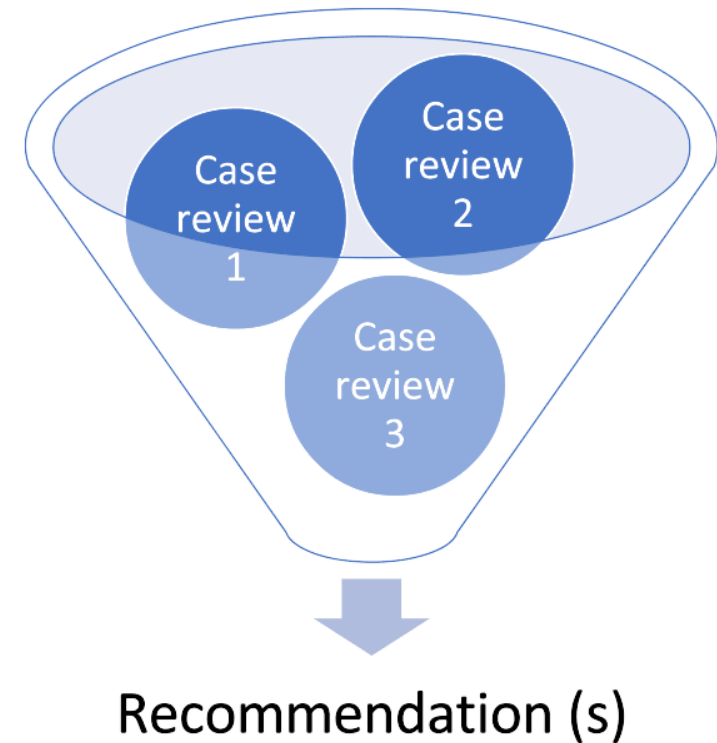
All three cases had multiple opioid prescription filled within the first month of release (as noted in PDMP).

At least one Rx for each decedent was from an emergency department visit.

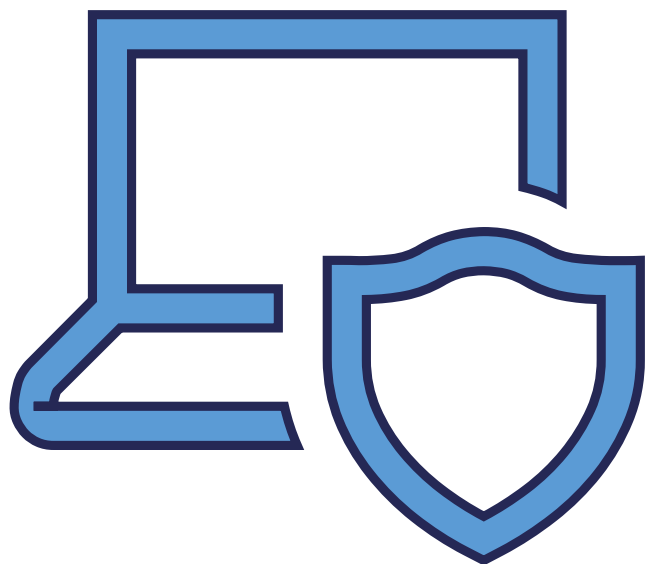
## Recommendation:

Promote screening, brief intervention, and referral to treatment (SBIRT)\* in emergency departments

Aggregate data: Theme case review



# Data Confidentiality, Sharing, and Collection



- Confidentiality
  - Confidentiality agreement template
- Data Sharing
  - Data sharing agreement template
  - Information sharing guidance documents
  - State legislation (PDMP and OFR)
- Data Collection
  - OFR Data System

- The Value of OFR



# Resources

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## A DATA-DRIVEN RESPONSE FOR COMMUNITY CHANGE

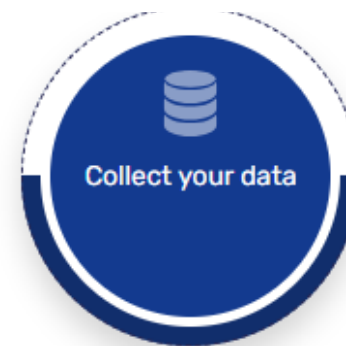
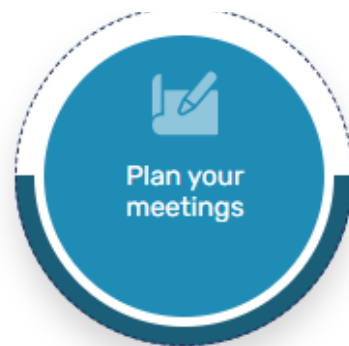
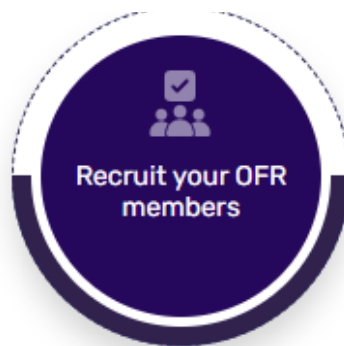
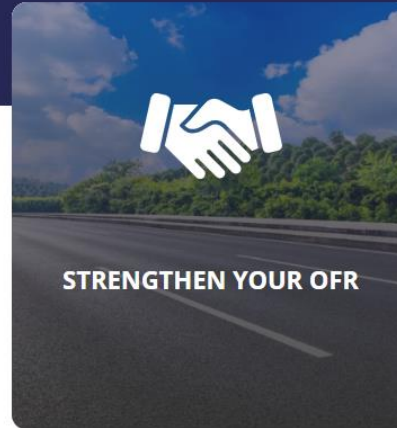
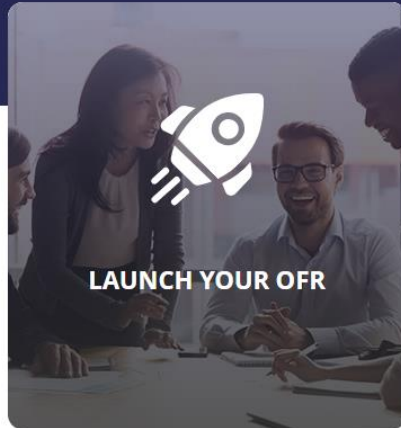
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# Getting Started



## Explore





# PDMP Information Sharing Guidance

## Overdose Fatality Review Teams: PDMP Records

### How can we obtain Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) records after a person dies?

#### Response

In the absence of a specific state statute or regulation authorizing the release of Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) records to an OFR team, it is unlikely the team can directly receive prescription information from the state PDMP. However, OFR teams should contact the administrator of their state PDMP to determine if other avenues exist through which one or more team members can obtain PDMP records in the absence of direct authority, such as via the decedent's medical file or a next of kin request.

#### PRACTICE TIP

You can find your state PDMP administrator's contact information here: [pdmpassist.org](http://pdmpassist.org).



# Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) Request



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- Expertise is available to support your OFR efforts
- We are here to help you troubleshoot day-to-day challenges as they arise



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## Training and Technical Assistance Request

Regardless of funding source, anyone can request OFR training and technical assistance. Expertise is available to support the expansion and development of overdose fatality review (teams) through a variety of formats, including but not limited to:

- Host one-on-one calls to troubleshoot day-to-day challenges
- Identify available resources and materials
- Connect TTA requestor to peers in the field
- Present to team or meeting attendees
- Convene professionals to address a need
- Facilitate virtual meetings and workshops

The fields marked with the \* are required.

Name\*

Agency\*

Title\*

# OFR Email Exchange

**Great way to network with peers!**

- Sign up [here](#) or by using the QR Code:

