



# Northern New England Practice Transformation Network

## Community Opioid Overdose Response (COOR) ECHO in Maine



Maine is among the states with the highest rate of opioid-related overdose deaths in the country. In 2017, there were 418 overdose deaths in Maine. This is an increase of more than 150% over the past 10 years



In 2016, Maine's rate of 25.2 opioid deaths per 100,000 persons was nearly double the national rate of 13.3 deaths per 100,000

<https://www.drugabuse.gov/drugs-abuse/opioids/opioid-summaries-by-state/maine-opioid-summary>

### Project AIM

The NNE-PTN COOR ECHO currently provides an opportunity for 12 Maine communities to focus on the goal of decreasing drug overdose deaths by promoting collaboration across sectors, sharing learning and implement key strategies that have been proven to reduce opioid overdose deaths in other states and communities



### How

Recognizes the need to address substance use disorder/opioid use disorder (SUD/ODU) and focus specifically on decreasing drug overdose deaths as a community

Brings together 12 Community "Spoke" teams with a multi-disciplinary "Hub" of expert faculty to work together to identify specific challenges and solutions



### Delivery

- Nine virtual ECHO sessions
- Community Case Presentations
- Community "Spoke" Team discussions
- 9 multi-disciplinary faculty advisers



### Participating Communities



### Impact

By collaborating with over 100 faculty and community leaders we will be able to reach 500,000 Maine people in 12 communities (2016 census)

# COOR ECHO Involves 8 Key Sectors

Community Opioid Response & Pilots from other States  
Community Coalition/Public Health/Harm Reduction  
EMS, Emergency Medicine  
Local Government  
Mental Health  
Police & Criminal Justice  
Recovery Centers  
Substance Use Disorder Treatment Community

## COOR ECHO Focus Areas

### Data on drug/opioid overdose deaths

Identify systems to conduct tracking and timely reporting of drug overdose deaths within their community, emphasizing the value of using publicly available tools such as HIDTA's "OD-MAP" smart phone application.

### Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) treatment capacity

Identify and map existing resources for providing opioid use disorder (OUD) treatment/Medications for Addiction Treatment (MAT) in their community, with a particular emphasis on identifying providers who offer rapid, low-barrier access to MAT services.

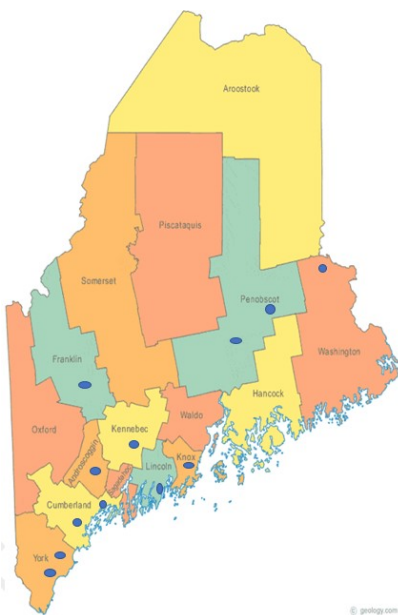
### Naloxone distribution systems

Identify and grow systems for distributing naloxone to individuals at high risk for drug overdose, and/or to family and community members in areas of high overdose prevalence.

### Linkages with recovery community

Identify and grow linkages with the recovery community, including connections between clinical sites and recovery support services.

## Communities Represented by the following Organizations



- Boothbay Region Community Resource Council
- City of Portland/Division of Public Health
- Coastal Healthy Communities Coalition (York County)
- Community Health Leadership Board/Bangor Public Health
- Health Access Network (Northern Penobscot County)
- Healthy Community Coalition (Farmington)
- Knox County Community Health Coalition/PenBay YMCA
- MaineGeneral Medical Center
- MidCoast Hospital/Access Health
- Passamaquoddy Health Center
- Strategies for a Stronger Sanford
- Tri-County Mental Health Services



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To learn more about the NNE-PTN COOR ECHO, please visit: [www.mainequalitycounts.org](http://www.mainequalitycounts.org)