

# HEALing Communities

**Grant Overview**

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*HEALing Communities Study: Developing and Testing an Integrated Approach to Address the Opioid Crisis*

NIDA, in partnership with SAMHSA, is exploring options for conducting a multi-site national research effort to develop and test approaches for the systematic implementation of an integrated set of data-driven evidence based interventions to prevent and treat opioid misuse and OUD across multiple sectors including:

- healthcare;
- behavioral health;
- justice systems;
- state and local governments; and
- community organizations.

# HEALing Communities: Program Goals

Primary objectives of the HEALing Communities Study are to support research to:

1. Determine the clinical and social impacts of implementing multi-pronged approaches that enhance the systematic delivery of cross-sector evidence based prevention and treatment interventions
2. Identify barriers and facilitators to implementing and sustaining comprehensive prevention and treatment strategies to address opioid misuse and OUD
3. Examine the incremental costs and the cost-effectiveness of multi-pronged prevention and treatment approaches
4. Examine the feasibility and efficacy of **data-driven** community models aimed at reducing opioid related morbidity and mortality

# HEALing Communities: Clinical Outcomes

Primary: Reduce overdose deaths by at **least 40%**

Secondary:

- Increase access to naloxone
- Reduce the number of overdoses
- Decrease the misuse of opioids
- Decrease incidents of OUD
- Reduce progression in severity of OUD and/or IV drug use
- Increase number of individuals receiving medication and behavioral TX
- Increase rates of treatment retention beyond 6 months
- Increase the use of individuals in TX or completing TX receiving recovery supports

# HEALing Communities: Service Delivery Outcomes

Primary: Increase access to prevention and treatment intervention to reduce opioid related morbidity and mortality

Secondary:

- Increase number of individuals receiving medication and behavioral treatment
- Increase rates of treatment retention beyond 6 months
- Increase the use of recovery supports among individuals in treatment or completing treatment
- Increase screening rates to promote early identification and enhanced use of interventions to address opioid misuse
- Change prescribing patterns to reduce access to prescription opioids

# HEALing Communities: Structural Outcomes

Primary: Increase capacity to provide evidence based prevention and treatment approaches to increase access to harm reduction strategies and treatment options

Secondary:

- Increase the number of specialty treatment programs providing medications for OUD
- Increase the number of providers prescribing and monitoring medications for OUD
- Increase the number of providers with X-Waivers to increase access to OBT
- Increase the number of formal linkages between the justice system, healthcare, and behavioral health
- Increase community and school-based prevention services