

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF AN OPIOID CHAMPION?

- Educate about prevention strategies and help reduce stigma
- Aid in the reduction and adverse impact that opioids are having
- Provide a clear understanding of the history of opioids
- Help lower prescription and non-prescription opioid misuse
- Give training on the use of opioid overdose resources such as Naloxone (Narcan)
- Facilitate connection to resources for opioid treatment and recovery
- Work closely with the CR Training Coach for any specific training to educate the CR Leadership Team.
- Be knowledgeable in speaking with individuals who are recovering from an opioid overdose
- Mobilize the faith community to address this crisis
- Define the difference between Fentanyl overdose and Fentanyl poisoning.

Celebrate Recovery®



MISSION STATEMENT

Through the Celebrate Recovery Christ based 12-step Ministry we are working to change the way we view opioids and provide individuals with the proper means necessary to be successful in slowing the growth of our nation's opioid epidemic. There is no better way to change the world than by helping to change one life at a time and making a difference in the lives of our fellow humans.

We need to take an immediate look at opioid-addiction and overdose prevention on a global scale. The path forward is to increase awareness and prevention to help reduce opioid related deaths. It may be impossible to reverse the effects that our country has endured. It is our initiative to work to slow and prevent opioid related overdose fatalities. We must provide the much-needed training, resources, and support to our CR Ministries, local churches, and communities throughout the world.

For more information, check us out on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter.

If you are interested in becoming an Opioid Champion, use the QR code below.

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SOME STATISTICS

Our Nation is in the midst of an unprecedented opioid epidemic. In 2017 opioid overdoses were declared a national emergency in the United States. More than 130 people a day die from opioid-related drug overdoses and more than 1-million people have died from overdoses in the US since 2000. Prevention and access to training for opioid addiction and overdose reversal drugs are critical to fighting this epidemic. *CDC (Center for Disease Control and Prevention)

Opioid use disorder (OUD) remain at epidemic levels in the US and worldwide. Three (3) million US citizens and sixteen (16) million individuals worldwide have had or currently suffer from opioid use disorder. Currently more than 500,000 people in the United States are dependent on heroin. *NCBI (National Center for Biotechnology Information)

Provisional data from CDC's National Center for Health Statistics indicate there were an estimated 107,622 drug overdose deaths in the United States during 2021.

New data shows overdose deaths from synthetic opioids (primarily fentanyl), psychostimulants such as methamphetamine, and cocaine also continued to increase in 2021 compared to 2020. *CDC

Reports of opioid overdose deaths from prescriptions pills, drugs such as heroin, synthetic opioids, such as fentanyl, have played a major role in deaths. This comes as the combination of opioids such as fentanyl are being mixed with all other drugs, including marijuana. This is creating lethal drug cocktails that are difficult to reverse, even with Naloxone (Narcan). *CDC