



Faith-Based Opioid Project

Working with faith-based communities in primarily Black neighborhoods in St. Louis to increase awareness about resources available to manage our current opioid overdose crisis.

MISSION

ACKNOWLEDGE

our history of racial discrimination in our society's approach to drug use and consequences.

APOLOGIZE

for our role in perpetuating disparities in access to effective and life-saving services for African Americans.

ACTIVATE

our collective resources, knowledge, and skills in now providing addiction care to those who have been left out in the past.

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In Missouri, Black males are **3 times more likely to die** of an opioid overdose than White males



WHY USE MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR OPIOID ADDICTION?

- To help **stop cravings** for opioids such as Heroin, Fentanyl, OxyContin, and Percocet.
- It is the **most effective treatment** for opioid addiction.

You do not have to go away for 30 days to get better - you can stay in St. Louis and receive care at a local clinic



TREATMENT MEDICATIONS ARE:

- **Buprenorphine (Suboxone or Subutex):** an opioid replacement in the form of a tablet or film that lowers cravings and allows people to stay away from heroin, fentanyl, and pills
- **Methadone (Methadose or Dolophine):** a liquid replacement for opioids that stops withdrawals and lowers cravings. At first, you must take a daily dose at an Opioid Treatment Program (methadone clinic)
- **Naltrexone (Vivitrol, Rivia, Depade):** this medication is not an opioid replacement but helps to prevent cravings and can be given as a monthly shot or daily pill

TO FIND MORE INFORMATION ON TREATMENT, VISIT:
www.MissouriOpioidSTR.org/treatment



Faith-Based Opioid Awareness

WHAT IS NALOXONE (NARCAN)?

Naloxone (often referred to by the brand name Narcan) is a medication that reverses the effects of an **opioid overdose** to restore breathing and prevent death, usually within 1-3 minutes.

THE 911 GOOD SAMARITAN LAW SAVES LIVES DON'T BE AFRAID TO CALL 911

- You can seek emergency medical help if you experience or witness a drug or alcohol overdose
- Under this law you will be protected from prosecution, arrest, and conviction for:
 - Possession of controlled substance
 - Possession of drug paraphernalia
 - Possession of an imitation controlled substance
 - Keeping or maintaining a public nuisance
 - Sale of alcohol to a minor
 - Possession of an altered ID
 - Purchase or possession of alcohol by a minor
 - Violation of a restraining order
- This law will **NOT** protect you from:
 - Distributing a controlled substance
 - Drug manufacturing
 - Active warrants

OPIOID OVERDOSE RESPONSE

- 1 Check for breathing and clear airways
- 2 Lay the person on their back and give naloxone



- 3 Call 911 (if you must leave the person, turn the person on their side in the recovery position)
- 4 Administer rescue breaths (1 breath every 5 seconds)
- 5 If no response in 2-3 minutes, repeat Step 2
- 6 Stay with the person until medical help arrives to ensure safety and prevent repeated use/overdose
- 7 Complete Overdose Field Report, link here: www.MoHopeProject.org/ODReport

**This is an anonymous report that is directed to the University of Missouri St. Louis to provide data to support continued funding for free naloxone*

AVAILABLE RESOURCES

- Free training on addiction, medical treatment, overdose education, and naloxone
- Options to get free treatment, naloxone, and recovery support services



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