




OEND

Overdose Education & Naloxone Distribution

OVERVIEW: Overdose Education & Naloxone Distribution (OEND) in South Dakota is the result of a partnership between the Department of Health and Department of Social Services to reduce harm and risk of life-threatening overdoses and opioid-related deaths. Managed by the Office of Rural Health, the project aims to educate, train, and equip emergency medical service personnel and other first responders on the rising dangers of opioids, how to recognize an opioid overdose, and the use of Naloxone, commonly referred to by the name brand NARCAN®, to reverse an overdose.

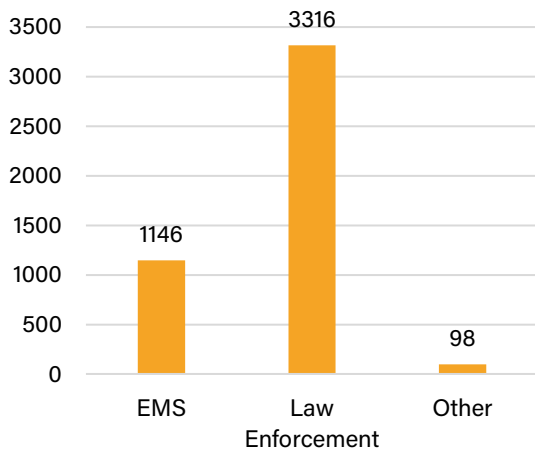


AS OF OCTOBER 2020...




-  Over 500 individuals at risk of an overdose have had an **improved response** after the administration of Naloxone.
-  Over 4,500 NARCAN® (Naloxone) kits have been distributed to first responders trained in OEND.
-  More than 1,500 first responders have been trained to recognize and respond to an opioid overdose.

DISTRIBUTION NUMBERS

Total Naloxone Distributed:
4,560



STRATEGIES

-  Host regional, community-based trainings for Emergency Responders to receive education about recognizing and responding to a suspected opioid overdose.
-  Provide emergency responders across South Dakota with Naloxone (NARCAN) Nasal Spray, equipping them with life-saving medication to use for a suspected opioid overdose.
-  Issue a statewide standing order allowing all pharmacies to dispense Naloxone to anyone at risk of an opioid-related overdose or those in a position to assist someone at risk (family members, friends or close third party). Individuals can access Naloxone at participating pharmacies statewide with funding assistance available.

If you or someone you know is struggling with addiction - don't wait. Reach out.

www.AvoidOpioidSD.com
South Dakota Resource Hotline
1-800-920-4343

To learn more about Overdose Education & Naloxone Distribution please contact the Office of Rural Health at 605-773-3361.

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