

## OVERDOSE EDUCATION & NALOXONE DISTRIBUTION (OEND)

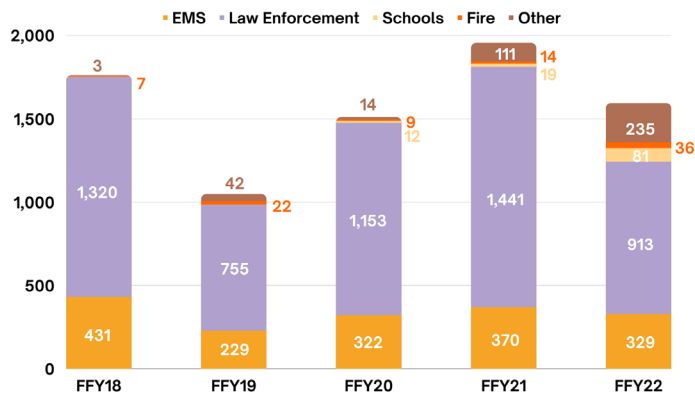
Overdose Education & Naloxone Distribution (OEND) in South Dakota is the result of a partnership between the Department of Health and Department of Social Services to reduce harm and risk of life-threatening overdoses and opioid-related deaths. Managed by the Office of Rural Health, the project aims 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.



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### DISTRIBUTION NUMBERS

Kits are distributed to first responders, treatment agencies, schools, and other organizations seeking to be equipped with emergency access to Naloxone.



### STRATEGIES



Support trainings for Emergency Responders and others in a position to assist to receive education about recognizing and responding to a suspected opioid overdose, and expand access to that training through online learning.



Provide emergency responders and SD-based organizations that serve clients who may be at risk with NARCAN®, equipping them with life-saving medication to use for a suspected opioid overdose.



Issued 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.



**950 individuals** at risk of an overdose have had an **improved response** after the administration of NARCAN®.



**67 pharmacies** are participating in the statewide standing order offering free access to NARCAN®.



More than **3,800 first responders** have been trained to recognize and respond to an opioid overdose.

To find a participating Naloxone pharmacy near you, visit:

<https://www.avoidopioidsd.com/take-action/reverse-overdose/find-a-naloxone-pharmacy/>

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

[www.AvoidOpioidSD.com](http://www.AvoidOpioidSD.com)  
Treatment Resource Hotline  
1-800-920-4343

To learn more about Overdose Education & Naloxone Distribution please contact DSS, Division of Behavioral Health at 605-367-5236.

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