

Five Minutes to Help





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Why are we here?

Up to 20% of individuals who EMS providers administer Narcan to **refuse transport to a hospital** or leave the ER before being seen by a healthcare provider.

First responders are often the **only healthcare professionals** to interact with those patients.

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Goal of Five Minutes to Help

To provide first responders with new skills in motivational interviewing and other communication techniques to apply after revival from an opioid overdose.



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Objectives

After the training, participants will be able to:

- 1. Describe the **stigma & stereotypes** associated with substance use.
- 2. Identify several approaches for **addiction treatment** and **harm reduction**.
- 3. Explain the stages of behavior change.
- 4. Demonstrate **basic motivational interviewing techniques** as a communication tool.

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Section 1

Compassion Fatigue

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Successes	&	Fr	ust	rati	ons

What <u>successes</u> have you experienced during an overdose call?

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Discussion about Successes & Frustrations

What frustrations have you experienced during an overdose call?

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Compassion Fatigue

Secondary traumatic stress + Burnout = Compassion Fatigue

Mental stress resulting from exposure to other people's traumatic events, which negatively impacts first responders' mental/physical health and general wellbeing

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Compassion Fatigue						
Signs/Syn	nptoms:					
Depression Anxiety Feeling burnt out Exhaustion	IrritabilityDissatisfaction with workPost Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)					

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Substance Use Disorder

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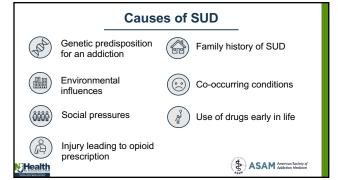
Substance Use Disorder (SUD)

- Substance use disorder/addiction is a <u>chronic</u> illness of the brain
- · No one chooses to develop SUD
- SUD can be treated successfully with the necessary support and treatment

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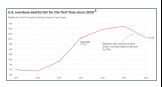
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Recent Trends in Overdose Deaths¹

- Between October 2023 and September 2024, the CDC reported a nearly **24% reduction in overdose deaths** in the U.S.¹
- 70 lives have been saved every day as a result of the decrease¹
- NJ follows a similar trend to the U.S. rates (graph to the right) with overall slightly lower overdose death rates^{2,3}

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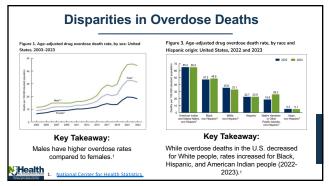


Reasons for Recent Drop in Overdose Deaths

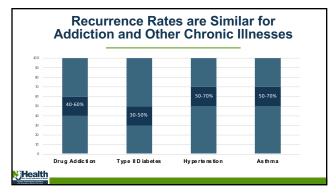
- Data-driven distribution of Narcan1
- Higher frequency of people carrying Narcan with them²
- Increased access to evidence-based treatment (ex. MOUD)1
- Financial investment in overdose prevention programs¹
- \bullet Changes in drug supply (ex. Xylazine) $\!^2$
- Rapid identification of emerging drug trends1
- Researchers are still investigating the causes of the recent decrease in overdose deaths²

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Stigma Surrounding Substance Use Disorder

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Individuals living with Addiction Need Support, Not Stigma

Junkie. Stoner. Crackhead. Addict. Alkie.

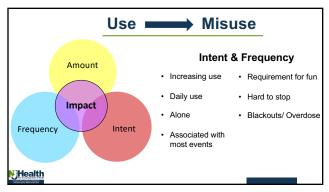
- These words are dismissive and dehumanizing
- · We need to change the national discussion
- $\boldsymbol{\cdot}$ We should use $\boldsymbol{Person\text{-}First\ Language}$ instead.

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AMA Task Force to Reduce Opioid Abuse

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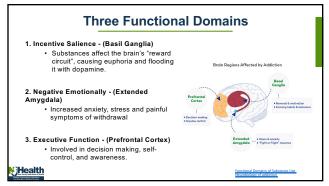
Reducing Stigma by Using Person-First Language Words to Avoid Words to Use Addict, abuser Person living with a substance use disorder (SUD) Drug problem, drug habit, abuse Substance use disorder, drug misuse, harmful use Not actively using Dirty Actively using Clean drug screen Testing negative for substance use Dirty drug screen Testing positive for substance use Former addict Person in (long-term) recovery Opioid replacement, methadone maintenance Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD), Pharmacotherapy Health $\textbf{Addictionary:} \ \underline{\text{https://www.recovervanswers.org/addiction-arv/}}$



Section 3 Substance Use Disorder Treatment & Harm Reduction

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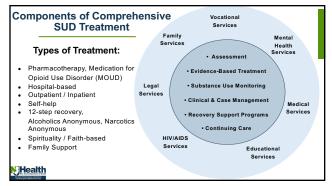
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SUD Treatment can Help Someone...

- · Stop using drugs
- · Reduce the frequency of drug use
- · Reduce the risk of harm from using drugs
- · Be productive in the family, at work, and in society

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Harm Reduction

- A set of practical strategies and ideas aimed at reducing negative consequences associated with drug use and preventing overdose deaths
- A movement for social justice built on a belief in, and respect for, the rights and autonomy of people who use drugs
- Daily examples of harm reductionSeat beltsHelmets

 - Condoms

 - Vaccines Masks Designated drivers

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Harm Reduction

- The intent is to reduce the risks associated with drug use
- The purpose is NOT to force people to stop using drugs.
 The purpose is to keep people alive long enough for if/when they are ready to stop using
- Evidence-based and effective in reducing overdoses and overdose deaths

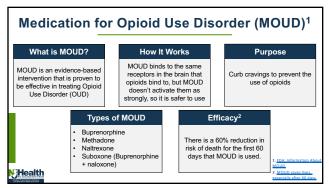
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Harm Reduction Strategy	Benefits
Naloxone education and access in communities	Community members/loved ones will know how to administer naloxone prior to first responders arriving.
Referral to SUD services or resources	Harm Reduction Centers can provide referrals to SUD resources Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD)
Infectious disease testing (HIV, Hepatitis, TB, etc.)	Provides access for treatment and medical care
Access to sterile syringes	Decreases spread of HIV/Hepatitis
Fentanyl Test Strips (FTS)	Detects presence of Fentanyl in a substance before use



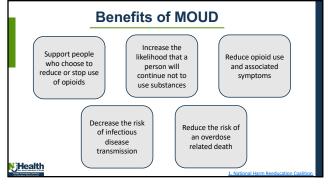
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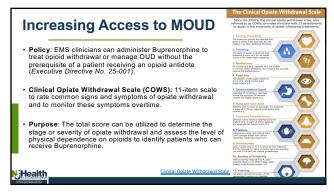
Based on what you just learned about Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD), what do you think are some of the benefits?

Do you have any real life examples of success stories?

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Resources



Naloxone Leave Behind

First responders must offer to leave naloxone and resources behind with a patient, friend, or family member post-overdose if the patient refuses transport to the hospital



- Resources must include information about Recovery Treatment

 - Harm reduction
- Passed in 2021 in NJ
- Email <u>5MinToHelp@doh.nj.gov</u> to receive FREE naloxone and resources.



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Rapid Referral Platform

How it works:

- 1. EMS encounter with an individual living with SUD (often post-overdose)
- 2. Platform facilitates a rapid referral, offering medication vouchers, transportation vouchers, and peer referrals to assist individuals in getting to their first clinic appointment
- 3. Individuals are connected to outpatient treatment organization of their choice and seen in as little as 24 hours from their referral

NJ is in the process of implementing a referral platform to be utilized by first responders.

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Behavior Change

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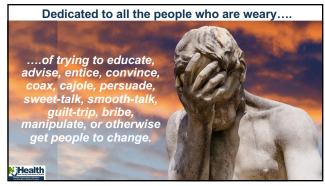


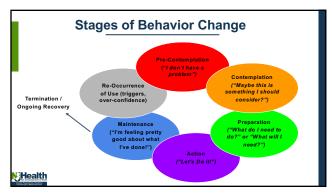
Behavior Change Discussion Questions

- 1. What behavior/habit have you tried to change in your life?
- 2. What barriers/challenges did you experience?
- 3. Were you successful in changing behavior? Why or why not?

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Motivational Interviewing

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Motivational Strategies Fear Based: • Extrinsic • Short Term • Power is external • Disempowering • Disempowering Think of goal-based motivation as doing the work from the inside out.



Steps to Developing Rapid Rapport

- Go to person's eye level or below
- Once lucid, ask permission before entering their personal space
- Ask and use the patient's name
- Ask the patient what pronouns they use
- Lead in slow deep breathing for someone who is anxious
- Unless agitated, join person's verbal tone and pace

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Rapid Rapport Discussion

- 1. Which animal was most effective in developing rapid rapport and why?
- 2. Which rapid rapport techniques did you notice in the video?
- 3. Would you change/add anything about how the animal using rapid rapport responded?

Rapid Rapport Techniques

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What is Motivational Interviewing (MI)?

- General approach to facilitate change
- Communication style to build rapport
- · Not based on one scientific theory
- Blending of techniques from other theories
- Avoids labeling patients

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MI recognizes that:

- The ideas most likely to succeed are those generated by the individual.
- Applies principles that emphasize a <u>collaborative</u> relationship
- Can help to influence/ encourage <u>progression</u> through the <u>stages of change</u>

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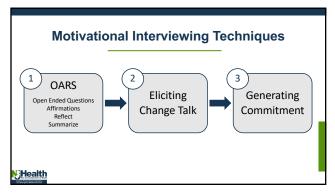
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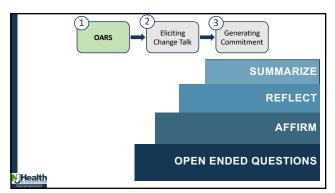
Show compassion and understanding; remember open- ended questions & affirmations can help!

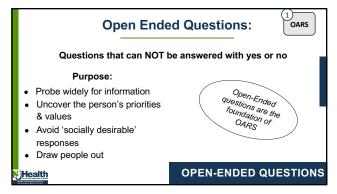
Roll with Resistance Help guide the process...not force or drag person into treatment. Avoid direct confrontation!

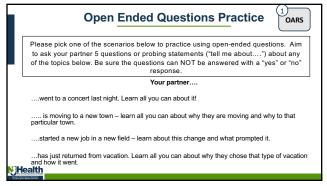
Develop Discrepancy
Help person see the discrepancy between personal values/goals and current behavior

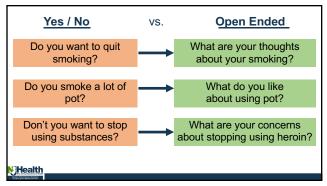
Support Self-Efficacy
Listen for examples of small success. Believe in the ability to change, to support developing confidence

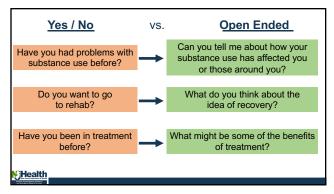




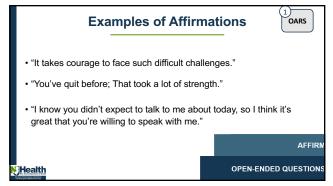


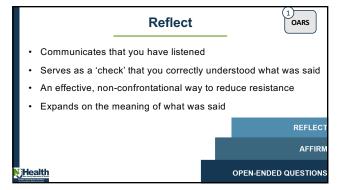


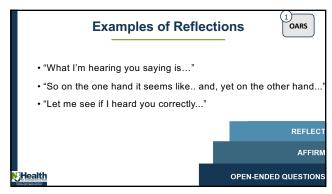


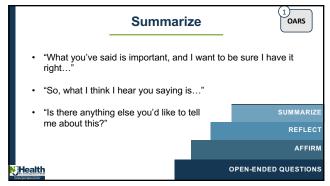


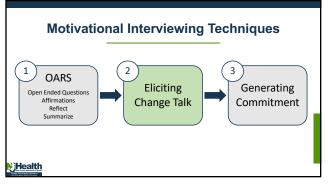












Eliciting Change Talk



Change talk is the language/words someone uses that can 'hint' at and even increase the chances for a positive change.

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Examples of Change Talk



Recognizes the problem:

- This is getting pretty bad."

 "I guess this has been affecting me more than I realized."

 "I don't know what to do, but something has to change.

- Shows concern:

 "I don't know how I can keep up like this."

 "Sometimes when I've been using, I just can't think or concentrate."

Expresses awareness:

- "I think my mom must be really mad at me."

 "I feel terrible about how my drinking has hurt my family."

Sees the cost of continuing current behavior:

"No one will ever hire me if I keep this up."
 "I'm scared I will overdose again but no one will be there to help me."

Considers the possibility of changing:

- "Tell me what I would need to do if I went
- into treatment."

 "I think I could stop using if I decided to."

Identifies the benefits of support: "I could probably keep my job if I stopped using." "I might feel better if I got some help."

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How to Elicit Change Talk



Another opportunity for open ended questions.

After identifying change talk, you can start to build rapport by asking...

- "How has your drug use affected you and those around you?
- "What has been the impact of substance use on your job?"
- "What are some things you enjoy doing?"

You can engage in a way that feels natural to you - the goal is to build a connection & establish a relationship. **V**Health

Developing Discrepancy



- Help the person see the discrepancy between present behavior and their desired behaviors or values
- Listen carefully to the person's statements about personal values and connections to community, family, and faith
- If the person is showing concern about the effects of their behavior, highlight the difference to heighten awareness and acknowledgment of discrepancy

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How to Develop Discrepancy

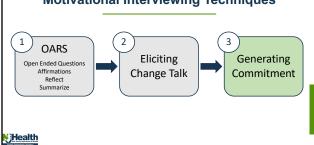


- 1. Ask for the ' $\underline{Pros'}$ of the current behavior:
- "Tell me about what you enjoy when getting high."
- Ask for the 'Cons' of the current behavior:
 "What worries you about using drugs?"
 - "How do drugs affect your family life?"
 - "What might be different in your life if you stopped using?"

Once the person begins to understand how the current behavior conflicts with personal values, amplify and focus on this discordance until they can see this discrepancy and consider a commitment to change.

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Motivational Interviewing Techniques



Generating Commitment



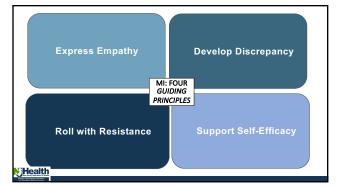
- Generating commitment should follow closely after a patient begins to talk about change
- Provide support to help implement the effort:
 - "What would you like to do next?"
 - "How can we help you?"
 - "What have you tried before? Why did it work/not work?"
 - "What is most important to you right now?"
- Your role is to support the individual and connect them with the appropriate resources to accomplish their next step

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R	RESIST telling person what to do: Avoid telling, directing, or convincing the person about the right path to good health
U	UNDERSTAND person's motivation: Seek to understand their values, needs, abilities, motivations and potential barriers to changing behaviors
L	LISTEN with empathy: Effective listening skills are essential to understand what will motivate the patient, as well as the pros and cons of their situation

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Motivational Interviewing Role Playing Scenarios

A call comes in from Central Dispatch that a suburban middle class neighborhood at 10 pm, regarding a 14-year-old female who was found by her pereits in an upstains bathroom. She was found by her directed by Dispatch to begin CPR. The parents are in their mid 50s and have very limited knowledge of drug use.

Upon your arrival you notice some glassine packets on the floor behind the toilet containing what appears to be Oxycontin. The parents do not recognize their daughter has overdosed. In talking to the parents they are shocked to hear their daughter has been using drugs, and have no knowledge of any prior use and are in denial of her use. She is reversed from the overdose and immediately begins sobbing. The parents are supportive but in denial.

3. Pregnant Single Women overdoses in library rest room You receive a call that a young woman has been found in the stall of a library restroom on the floor and unconscious. Central Dispatch said the caller hung up before they could get any further information. You are near library so arrive approximate two minuses from receiving the call. You enter the restroom and find the young Woman, pregnant (approx. 5 months) on the floor. Her breathing is shallow and guttural, and her lips and fingertips are blue.

You. Mother overdoses with three children at home are contacted by Central Dispatch to respond to a residential address where a nie year old child called 911 reporting his mother wort wake up. Upon arrival at the home you go to the litchen and find the pocine present, having reversed the mother from an appeared Cybalde (suspected tentary) overdose. She appears more embarrassed them array or fearful, as you begin to interact with her.

You are told there are three children in the home, ages nine, seven and four. The father (35 yrs) and mother (29 yrs) are separated, with the father living with his parents approximately 5 miles away. From her reaction, you believe this mother may have been reversed before.

4. Middle-aged man unresponsive in local diner restroom You have arrived at about 9:00pm with your fellow responders to find a man, approximately 50 years of age, in the men's room of a local diner, unconscious. He was found by the owner of the diner, who says he has never see the man there before. He appears to be homeless, as there is a larger cart of belongings near him, and there is a syringe lying next to him.

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Role Playing Discussion Questions

- Which parts of this felt comfortable for you? What felt uncomfortable?
- 2. How is this similar or different than how you typically interact with a patient post-overdose?
- 3. What skills from the training did your group use?
- 4. What feedback did you give your group members?

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