



Partnering with Drug User Health Hubs & OASAS Centers of Treatment Innovation

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The COTI initiative funds certified OASAS programs to expand the following treatment services within their identified high need county/counties:

- Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT),
- In-community mobile treatment services,
- Individual and group counseling,
- Telepractice,
- Peer services and
- Care management services.

Each COTI uses community specific program models to better meet the needs of the individuals and families in that unique region.

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A mobile response for a high-risk population

- Connecting people who use opioids/heroin to services who are disconnected or have disengaged from services.
- Engagement through peer support and response.
- Meeting people who use opioids/heroin at varied “stages of change”.
- Supporting linkages to a full continuum of care.

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Peer Support is about...

- Mutual Learning Relationships
- Connection
- Exploration
- Identity
- Collaboration
- Mutual Support
- Positive Change



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Peer Support is not....

- A “program model”
- Focused on deficits
- Hierarchical
- Clinical
- Coercive
- Monitoring people’s behavior
- Care coordination or care management



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Integrating Peers: Advantages for Peers

- Gain valuable transferable skills
- An opportunity to give back in a field where they can excel
- Ability to bring unique and effective skills to another peer's recovery process
- Ability to instill hope
- Opportunity to significantly increase engagement and retention of the organization
- Potential to develop a career path
- Entry level salary approximately \$30,000/year



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Implementing a community-based model

- Developing relationships with all relevant stakeholders and promoting use of all existing community resources.
- Partnering with community-based providers, law enforcement, local government and hospital/ER departments.
- Offering education and training to promote cultural alignment and reduce stigma.
- Continuing the conversation for sustainability.

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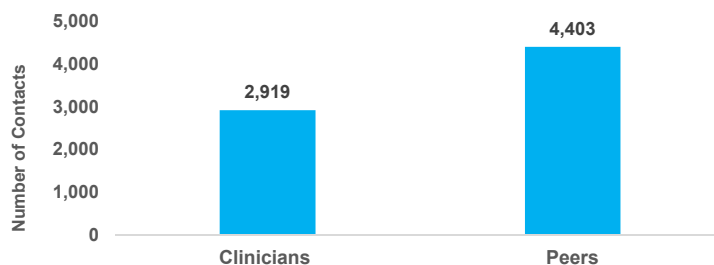


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Centers of Treatment Innovation Contacts, May 1, 2017- October 31, 2018

Overall Clinician and Peer Contacts



Source: NYS OASAS, COTI data workbooks, 05/01/2017-10/31/2018.

Note: Numbers reflect unduplicated contacts.



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Starting the Conversation

Bridging the gap for a shared population

- State Agency Collaboration
- Analyzing historical data
- Provider Surveys
- New data collection efforts
- Joint site-visits
- Ongoing collaboration efforts

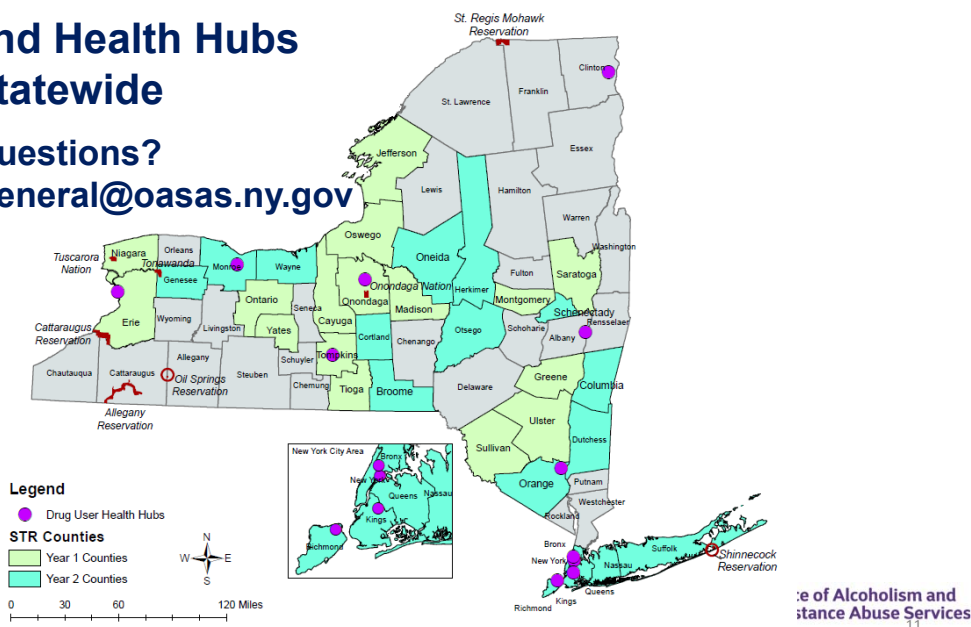
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COTIs and Health Hubs Statewide

Questions?

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Drug User Health Hubs

Syringe Exchange Programs (SEP) that use innovative approaches to engage disconnected people who use drugs (PWUD) & prevent opioid overdoses among them



Hubs answer the questions

How can we reach people who use drugs who are not engaged in services?

How can we prevent them from experiencing fatal opioid overdoses?



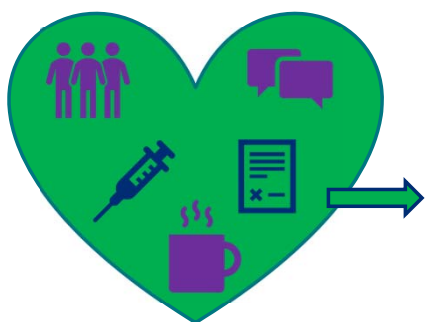
Development of Hubs



Funding given to existing Harm Reduction programs to develop **community specific interventions** that prevent opioid overdoses through **holistic service provision**



Expanding several Syringe Exchange Programs into Health Hubs



community specific interventions to reach disconnected PWUD & prevent them from overdosing



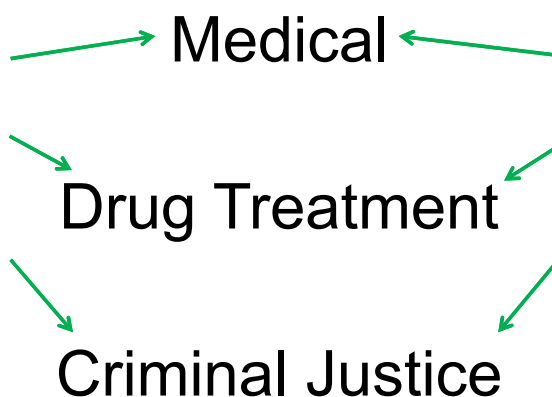
Services and partnerships of hubs



- Low threshold medical care for PWUD
- Overdose Aftercare Safety Planning
- Anti-stigma trainings for community providers
- Law Enforcement
- Emergency Departments
- Corrections
- Treatment Programs

ODUH's System Level Changes

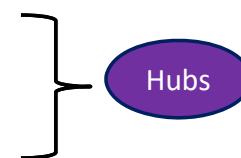
Systems that routinely engage & have historically failed PWUD



Systems with opportunities to do better & save lives

Initiatives to improve Drug Treatment Options & Outcomes for PWUD

1. Strengthen partnership between DOH (Harm Reduction programs) & OASAS (drug treatment programs)
 - a. Facilitate meaningful collaborations between DOH Hubs & OASAS Centers of Treatment Innovation
 - b. Develop direct channel between DOH & OASAS for referral issues
 - c. Coordinate joint efforts (DOH & OASAS) to bring comprehensive MAT offerings to local jails



Public Health & Law Enforcement Collaborations

- **Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD)**
 - alternatives to arrest for individuals in need of health & social services
 - Ex: Albany Police Department
- **Heroin Overdose Prevention Education (HOPE)**
 - Post-arrest, pre-arraignment alternative to engage in health and social services to get charges dropped
 - Ex: Staten Island, Brooklyn, Bronx, Manhattan
- **Post Overdose Follow Up**
 - Police Department (and local health players) conduct follow up to offer services after someone survives an overdose
 - Ex: Broome County, Cheektowaga (Erie County)

