

Addressing the Opioid Crisis

Pew's technical assistance

Today's Topics

- Background on Pew
- Pew's Technical Assistance
- Selected Barriers to Treatment
- Phase 1 Policy Solutions

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Tools:

- Research
- Partnerships
- Technical assistance



Substance Use Prevention and Treatment Initiative

- 1) Reduce the inappropriate use of prescription opioids while ensuring that patients with medical needs have access to pain control, and
- 2) Expand access to effective treatment for substance use disorders, including medication-assisted treatment.

Pew's Technical Assistance

Framework for an Effective SUD Treatment System

Goals	Timely	Comprehensive	Evidence-Based	Sustainable
Characteristics to achieve goal	Adequate capacity to meeting demand	Coverage of the full spectrum of services	Coverage and utilization of all FDA-approved medications for opioid and alcohol use disorder	Efficient use of all available funding sources
	Geographic distribution of all levels of care	Population-specific needs addressed	Coverage and utilization of behavioral health services	Optimize federal funding sources
	On demand treatment	Coordinated care	Screening and treatment for co-occurring disorders	Collaboration with community-based partners
			Utilize or develop surveillance systems or improve infrastructure to monitor progress and guide interventions	Adapt to emerging substances of misuse

Pew's Technical Assistance

Stage 1 Assessment	Stage 2 Policy Options	Stage 3 Policy Change
<p>Identify gaps in a state's treatment system, through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Data Analysis• System Assessment	<p>Develop a consensus package of state-specific, evidence-based policy solutions.</p>	<p>Enact policy changes, through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regulation• Administrative Action• Legislation• State Budget Process

Selected Barriers to Treatment

Selected Barriers to Treatment in Indiana

- Number of treatment providers
 - As of 10/30/17, 219 physicians with buprenorphine waivers¹
 - 46 of 92 counties have no full time substance use disorder treatment counselor²
- Geographic availability of treatment
 - Statutory moratorium on the number of OTPs
 - Telemedicine reimbursement requirements
- Identifying patients at risk for opioid misuse

¹ Number of DATA-Certified Physicians, SAMHSA. https://www.samhsa.gov/medication-assisted-treatment/physician-program-data/certified-physicians?field_bup_us_state_code_value=IN

² Data Report: Indiana Mental Health Professionals Survey. (2017). The Bowen Center for Health Workforce Research and Policy. Indiana University School of Medicine, <https://scholarworks.iupui.edu/handle/1805/13295>

Phase 1 Policy Solutions

IN Made Significant Strides in Addressing the Opioid Crisis

- Recent regulatory/legislative changes:
 - Allow Medicaid reimbursement for methadone
 - Establish five additional opioid treatment programs
- Medicaid 1115 waiver renewal adds substance use disorder benefits
- INSPECT/EMR integration

Phase 1 Policy Solutions

- Number of treatment providers
 - Addictions counselor licensure
- Geographic availability of treatment
 - OTP moratorium
- Identifying patients at risk for opioid misuse
 - INSPECT prescriber mandate

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