

Garrett County Opioid Intervention Team

The purpose of the Garrett County Opioid Intervention Team is to address the opioid and other drug epidemic in order to prevent overdose deaths and halt the spread of the drug epidemic in the community through prevention, enforcement, intervention and treatment/recovery.

The mission of the Garrett County Opioid Intervention Teams is to 1) develop a unified local strategy; 2) conduct operational coordination with all stakeholders; and 3) work cooperatively in conducting holistic intervention and response operations to reduce the number of fatal and non-fatal opioid overdoses on an operational and tactical level.

I. Goals

The goals of the OIT include:

1. Develop a unified strategy to reduce non-fatal and fatal overdoses
2. Integrate all stakeholders from local and State agencies as well as the private and non-profit sectors, into the OIT
3. Coordinate stakeholder's operations to achieve the unified strategy

II. Organizational Structure

Garrett County's Emergency Manager and Health Officer will serve as Co-Leaders

Members shall include:

- The Garrett County Administrator
- The Garrett County Sheriff
- The Barrack Commander of the Maryland State Police or designee
- The Director of Garrett County Social Services
- The Garrett County Superintendent of Schools
- The Garrett County State's Attorney
- The Garrett County EMS Chief
- The CEO of Garrett Regional Medical Center
- The Garrett County Supervisor for Probation and Parole
- The Garrett County Supervisor for the Department of Juvenile Services

Other members may include:

- The Director of the Garrett County Behavioral Health Authority
- The Garrett County Health Department's Public Information Officer
- The Garrett County Health Department's Prevention Coordinator
- The Garrett County Health Department's Treatment Supervisor
- Local medical provider(s)
- Stakeholder State Agencies, such as MEMA

III. OIT Capabilities

The Garrett County OIT focuses on addressing the capabilities of Operational Coordination, Situational Awareness, Public Information & Awareness, Public Education, Enforcement, Intervention, and Health and Social Services as they relate to drug overdoses and abuse in the community. The OIT may identify and address additional capabilities to address the opioid and other drug crisis.

IV. OIT Preparedness & Mission Areas

A. Preparedness Cycle

The Garrett County OIT will develop and implement strategies across the five (5) preparedness mission areas of Prevention, Protection, Mitigation, Response, and Recovery. These five (5) mission areas will address and accomplish the Maryland Opioid Operational Command Center's four (4) operational pillars; Prevention, Enforcement, Intervention, and Treatment/Recovery.

The preparedness cycle will begin with Prevention and Protection using operational and tactical actions to prevent non-fatal and fatal opioid overdoses through reducing the population's access to opioids through direct enforcement and conducting awareness and educational campaigns for youth, young adults, and at-risk persons not using and/or addicted to opioids.

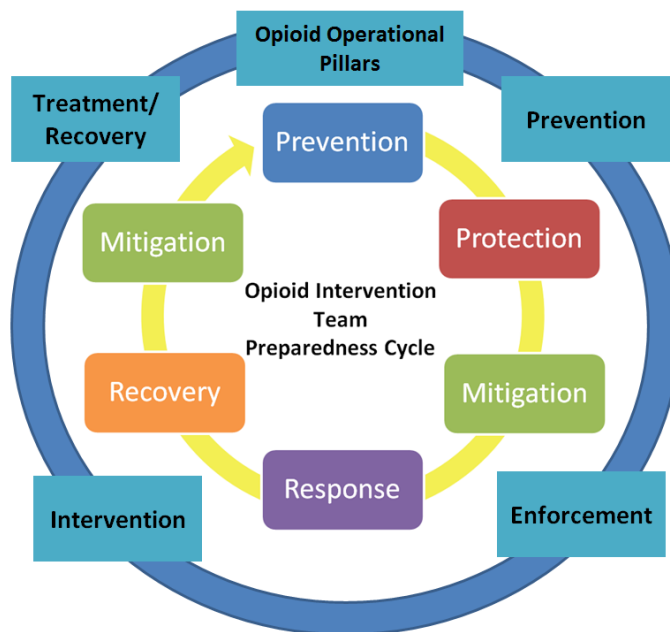


Figure 5 - OIT Preparedness Cycle & Mission Areas

B. Mission Areas

The five (5) traditional emergency management preparedness mission areas have been specifically defined with correlating operational objectives for combating the opioid crisis and reducing the number of fatal and non-fatal opioid overdoses.

Mission Area	Definition	Operational Objectives
Prevention	The Prevention mission area is the functions and capabilities to avoid, prevent, or stop both non-fatal and fatal opioid overdoses.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Prevent narcotics distribution at schools and other locations of at-risk persons ● Conduct interdiction and disruption operations against narcotics dealers, networks, and organizations ● Dismantle narcotics networks and organizations through enforcement actions ● Conduct intelligence and information sharing to establish a common operating picture ● Establish mechanism and relationships with postal carriers for screening, searching and detection of narcotics shipments ● Develop awareness and education programs to target youth, young adults and at-risk persons not currently using and/or addicted to opioids
Protection	The Protection mission area is the functions and capabilities to protect citizens from non-fatal and fatal opioid overdoses.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Protect vulnerability, at-risk and high risk- population from using opioids. ● Protect at-risk opioid users from non-fatal and fatal overdoses ● Conduct pre-overdose intervention for at- risk and high-risk opioid users ● Establish environmental surveillance networks to identify vulnerable or at-risk individuals
Mitigation	The Mitigation mission area is the functions and capabilities to reduce the loss of life of the State's citizens by lessening the impacts of non-fatal and fatal opioid overdoses.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Conduct education and awareness campaigns in academic institutions, for the public and at public facilities ● Develop non-fatal overdose intervention initiatives with medical facilities and field EMS organizations ● Training the public in the administering of Naloxone to mitigate fatal overdoses
Response	The Response mission area is the functions and capabilities to save lives, protect the environment, and meet basic human needs of persons and their families impacted by a non-fatal or fatal opioid overdose.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Conduct life safety operations on opioid overdose victims by EMS and law enforcement ● Conduct direct enforcement on non-fatal overdose victims ● Provide immediate human services to victims and families of opioid overdose victims
Recovery	The Recovery mission area is the functions and capabilities to assist persons and their families affected by a non-fatal or fatal opioid overdose in the State of Maryland and its jurisdictions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Establishing a treatment policy and implementation plan ● Develop mechanism for placing non-fatal overdose victims in behavioral health and/or addiction treatment beds ● Develop a process to assist the families of non-fatal and fatal overdose victims ● Provide governmental and non- governmental resources for short and long-term addiction management

V. Meetings

Meetings will be held at least quarterly at a date and time set by the Co-Team Leaders.

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