

Opioid Expansion Project Objectives/Summary of Accomplishments

July 1, 2018 through August 30, 2019

Program Overview:

In September 2018, the NYS AHEC System received supplemental funding from the federal Human Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) totaling over \$220,000 to support HRSA's priority focus on the opioid epidemic by expanding training related to opioid diagnosis, use, treatment and prevention for current health professionals, future practitioners (i.e. students), and the general population.



Project Scope of Work:

Four AHEC centers (Erie Niagara AHEC, Western New York Rural AHEC, Hudson Mohawk AHEC, and Manhattan Staten Island AHEC) participated in the project, which focused on the following objectives:

◆ Objective 1: Health Professional Continuing Education

In collaboration with University at Buffalo's Research Institute on Addiction, the NYS Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS), the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, and statewide strategic partners, recruit providers and coordinate free buprenorphine waiver training for physicians, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants practicing in New York.

◆ Objective 2: High School and College Student Awareness

In collaboration with local educational partners, coordinate outreach events addressing opioid substance abuse, prevention, and treatment for current college and high school students.

◆ Objective 3: Community Engagement and Outreach

In collaboration with local community partners, coordinate community engagement and outreach efforts addressing opioid substance abuse, prevention, and available treatments. These events will include a range of addiction specialists, counselors, and community health workers.

Project Outcomes to Date

◆ Objective 1: Health Professional Continuing Education

Centers have coordinated 4 MAT Trainings, training 61 medical professionals to receive their Buprenorphine Waiver. Centers have identified barriers to training enrollment and completion, have identified potential solutions to the training gap, and have recruited providers to attend more than 10 additional MAT Trainings, reaching over 1,600 providers.

◆ Objective 2: High School and College Student Awareness

44 of the required 40 High School and College Tabling Events have been held, reaching over 2,000 students at over 30 different institutions.

◆ Objective 3: Community Engagement and Outreach

Centers have hosted 12 of the required 12 community events, with 3 additional events scheduled. These have included Free Narcan Trainings, Peer Advocate Presentations, a Research and Community Collaborative Symposium, Care Coordination Summit, Resources Fairs, and more.

	MAT Training	MAT Recruitment	Community Event	Tabling Event
TOTAL	4 Trainings: 61 Providers	10 Trainings: 1,600 Providers	12 Events: 456 Participants	44 Events: 2,769 Students

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Program Outcomes:

A more detailed description of the completed events can be found below, including a list of the varied community events offered by each participating AHEC.



Community Events:

Erie Niagara AHEC

Taking Action Together: Community Conversation on Opioids (Buffalo, NY)
 Opioid Awareness Event & Narcan Training (Gasport, NY)
 Opioid Awareness Event & Narcan Training (Springville, NY)

WNY Rural AHEC

Wyoming County Care Coordination Summit, Opioid Epidemic (Warsaw, NY)
 Office of the Aging Opioid Community Event (Mt. Morris, NY)
 Office of the Aging Opioid Community Event (Rochester, NY)

Hudson Mohawk AHEC

Out of the Shadows Resource Fair (Queensbury, NY)
 West Glens Falls EMS Symposium
 Addressing the Opioid Epidemic with Medically-Assisted Treatment (Webinar)



Manhattan Staten Island AHEC

Substance Abuse Training/ NARCAN Training (LaGuardia Community College)
 Opioid Education Forum (Hunter College)
 Arthur Ashe Institute of Health Science Academy Opioid Awareness Event

Detailed Program Outcomes:

	MAT Training	Participants	Community Event	Participants	Tabling Event	Participants
WNY Rural	1	2	3	122	11	1366
Erie Niagara	0	-	3	114	11	190
Hudson Mohawk	3	59	3	99	11	374
MSI	0	-	3	121	11	839
TOTAL	4	61	12	456	44	2769

