Responding to the Opioid Crisis: Training LEO on Opioid Use Disorders

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Today We Will

• Discuss how the CIT ECHO model was used to train LEO on opioid use disorders.

• Identify trainings that can increase officers’ knowledge of opioid use disorder and medication assisted treatment.

• Describe the impact of training law enforcement on opioid use disorders and medication assisted treatments.

• Explain the importance of collaborative partnership among law enforcement and other emergency first responders to combat substance use problems in the community.
Background Information

- **State Targeted Response to the Opioid Crisis Grants (Opioid-STR) SAMHSA**
- Two-year grant program to address the opioid crisis by increasing access to treatment, reducing unmet treatment need, and reducing opioid overdose related deaths through the provision of prevention, treatment and recovery activities for opioid use disorder (OUD) (including prescription opioids as well as illicit drugs such as heroin). Grantees must use funding to supplement and not supplant existing opioid prevention, treatment, and recovery activities in their state.
Received 1-year grant in 2018 from NM STR
• To increase knowledge of opioid use disorders (OUD), medication assisted treatment (MAT) and resources in NM among law enforcement officers through CIT ECHO.
  ▪ Dedicated CIT ECHO sessions on OUD, MAT, effective law enforcement programs (e.g., LEAD)
  ▪ On-site training
  ▪ Purchase of kiosks for safe handling of needles

“Why are we saving people’s lives who are just going to use and potentially overdose again?”
Criminal Justice Involvement Among Adults in the U.S. with Varying Levels of Opioid Use

Source: Winkelmann et al. (2018). All pairwise comparisons significant at $p < .05$. 

Use of Medication-Assisted Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder in Criminal Justice Settings
Issue Brief
Geographic Distribution of Opioid Mortality Classes by County
Where are all the opiate pills coming from?

- From a friend or relative for free: 50.5%
- From one doctor: 22.1%
- Bought from friend or relative: 11.0%
- Took from friend or relative without asking: 4.4%
- Bought from drug dealer or other stranger: 4.8%
- From more than one doctor: 3.1%
- Other: 4.1%
Number of Overdose Deaths Involving Opioids in New Mexico, by Opioid Category.
How it Works
CIT ECHO Trainings on OUD and MATs

- Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) in the Criminal Justice Population
- New Mexico Crisis & Access Line: Supporting People Experiencing Opioid Use Disorder (OUD)
- OUD 101 for Law Enforcement
- Current MATs: Pros and Cons
- Introduction to Addictions
- Albuquerque Fire & Rescue’s Needle Exchange Program
- Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) Program
- OUD, A Tool for the Epidemic
- We’re Sick People, Not Bad People
- Suboxone vs. Methadone
- Introduction to the Madison, WI Addiction Recovery Initiative
- OUD, Naloxone, and Myths about Illicitly Manufactured Fentanyl
What We Learned

- Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion
- LEO are now getting people into treatment
- MATs in jails
- Naloxone
- Education for LEO, but also the community
- Working with partners
- Encourage the well-being of officers responding to these calls
Evaluating the Impact

- 10 trainings focused on opioid related topics
- 121 unique individuals
- 28 public safety agencies and community partners trained

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Who Attended CIT ECHO STR Trainings (N=43)

- 51% Uniformed Law Enforcement
- 37% Non-Uniformed Law Enforcement
- 5% Social Worker
- 3% Probation Officer
- 2% Healthcare Professional
- 2% Civilian with Law Enforcement Agency
Number of Years Working in Public Safety

N=43

- Less 1 Year: 2%
- 1 to 3 years: 5%
- 5 to 10 years: 5%
- 10 to 15 years: 16%
- 15 to 20 years: 25%
- More than 20 years: 47%
To what extent did the information in this week’s session improve your knowledge of the presentation topic?

N=41
How likely are you to use the information that you learned in this week’s session in your job?

N=41

- Very Little: 2%
- Somewhat: 22%
- Much: 56%
- Very Much: 20%
To what degree did this week’s session impact your knowledge of resources in the community?

N=41

- Not At All: 2%
- Very Little: 5%
- Somewhat: 39%
- Much: 37%
- Very Much: 17%
How would you now rate your ability to interact with an individual in a mental health crisis?

N=41
“I learned that opioid abuse is actually a disorder and not necessarily a moral issue.”

Non-uniformed Law Enforcement Officer with 15 to 20 years of experience

“Gave me additional resources to give to people suffering from drug induced mental illness.”

Uniformed Law Enforcement Officer with 10 to 15 years of experience
“I will now know where to direct someone or a family member to go to dispose of needles.”

Non-uniformed Law Enforcement Officer with 15 to 20 years of experience

“Feeling like I am part of the change.”

Non-uniformed Law Enforcement Officer with 15 to 20 years of experience
Collaborative Partnership
Safe Handling and Routing of Paraphernalia (S.H.A.R.P.)
QUESTIONS

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