

# Harm Reduction Services for People Who Use Drugs: Exploring Data Collection, Evidence Gaps, and Research Needs

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# Guiding Frameworks Embrace Harm Reduction

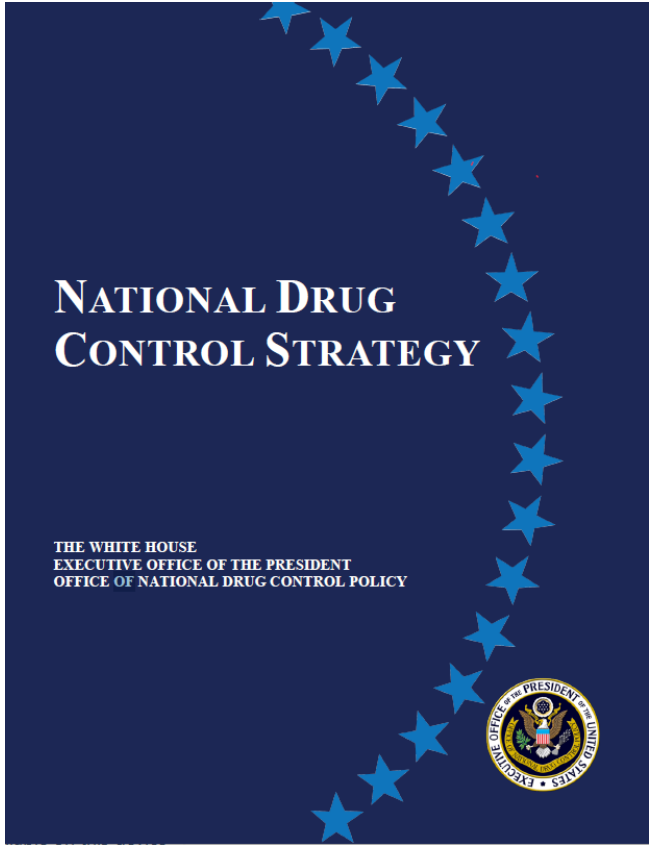
## HHS Overdose Prevention Strategy



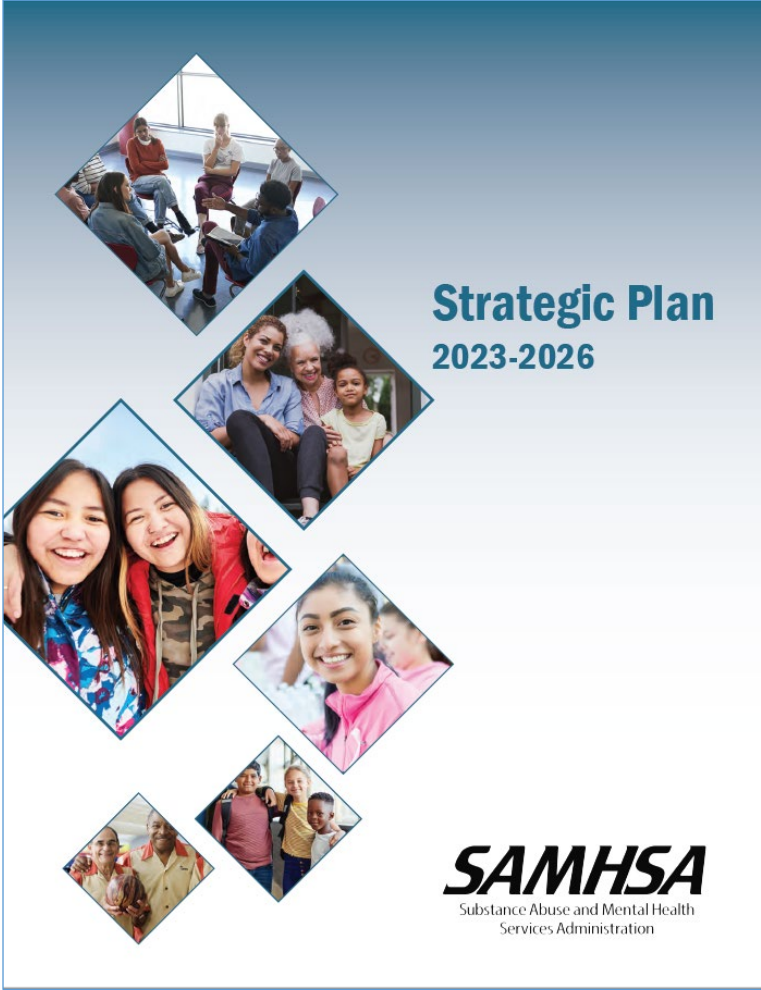
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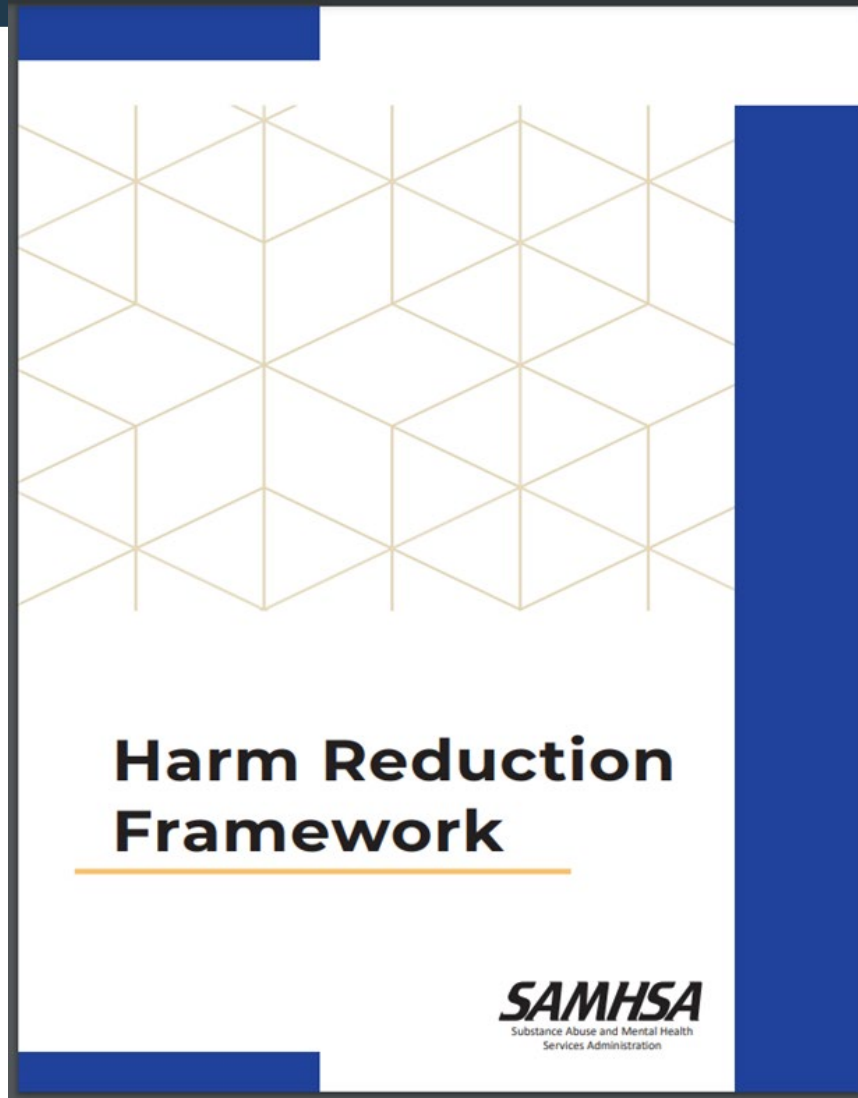
## White House Strategy



# SAMHSA's Overarching Priority Areas and Guiding Principles



# SAMHSA's Harm Reduction Framework



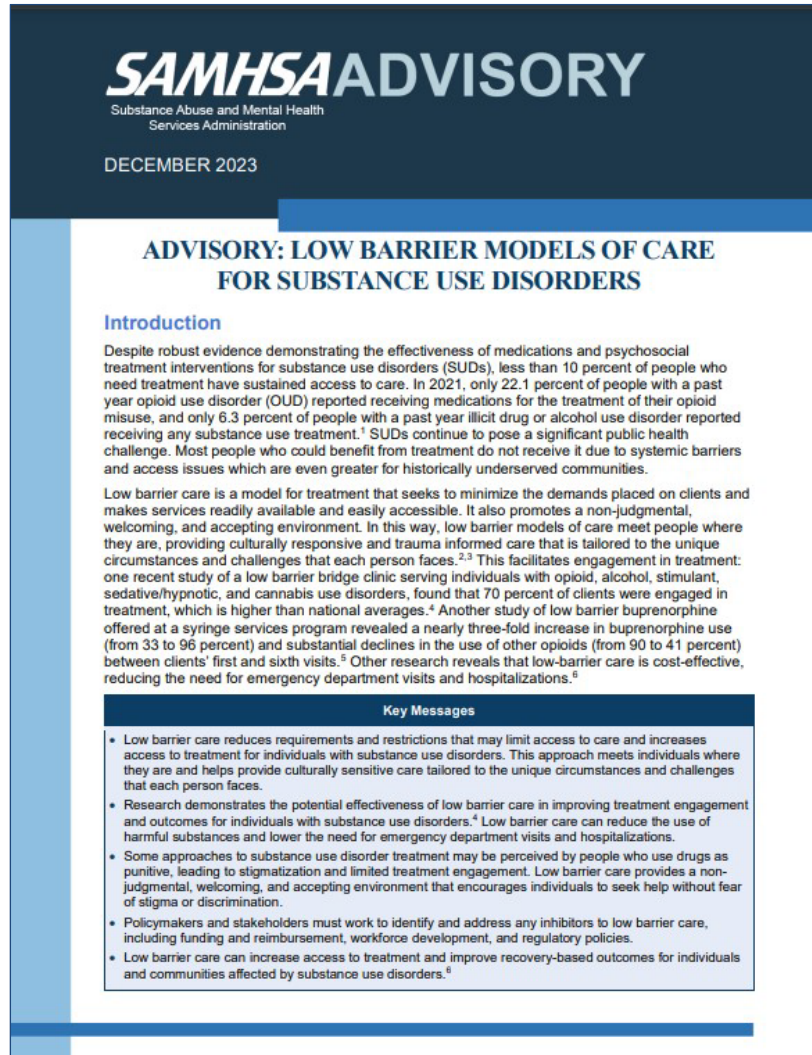
## The Framework

- Provides a roadmap of best practices, principles, and pillars that anyone can apply to their work.
- Serves as a list of best practices and services, with descriptions and citations of evidence.

<https://www.samhsa.gov/find-help/harm-reduction/framework>



# SAMHSA Advisory: Low Barrier Models of Care



December 2023,  
SAMHSA published  
an advisory:  
Low Barrier Models  
of Care for  
Substance Use  
Disorder

<https://store.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/advisory-low-barrier-models-of-care-for-substance-use-disorders-pep23-02-00-005.pdf>

# Harm Reduction Activities in SAMHSA Grant Programs

- Harm Reduction Grant Program
- Grants to Prevent Prescription Drug/Opioid Overdose-Related Deaths
- First Responders-Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Grants
- Improving Access to Overdose Treatment
- MAT-Prescription Drug and Opioid Addiction
- Minority AIDS Initiative grants
- Portable Clinical Care Pilot Project





# Naloxone Saturation in the State Opioid Response (SOR) Program

- Required all states and territories to submit Naloxone saturation plans (SOR application as vehicle)
  - Learning Community Jan 2023
  - Policy Academy July 2023
  - Learning collaborative 2024
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Policy Academy April 9-10, 2024
  - Individual state technical assistance
- States innovating to distribute naloxone
  - Lots of questions about how to translate surveillance to implementation



# Thank You!

SAMHSA's mission is to lead public health and service delivery efforts that promote mental health, prevent substance misuse, and provide treatments and supports to foster recovery while ensuring equitable access and better outcomes.

## **Grant Opportunities**

[www.samhsa.gov/grants](http://www.samhsa.gov/grants)  
[www.grants.gov/web/grants](http://www.grants.gov/web/grants)

## **988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline Toolkit**

[www.samhsa.gov/find-help/988/partner-toolkit](http://www.samhsa.gov/find-help/988/partner-toolkit)

