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NYS Substance Use Prevention Services: Using Data and Evidence-Based Strategies for Effective Programming

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Public & Behavioral Health in New York State

Physical Health



Department of Health

Behavioral Health



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Office of Mental
Health

- >750 staff
- ~\$1.3B annual budget
- >1700 addiction programs
- >730,000 people served
- 12 Addiction Treatment Centers
- Continuum of prevention, treatment, harm reduction, recovery
- Certify, regulate, support all addiction services



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NYS Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS)

Mission Statement

To provide, support, and oversee a data-driven continuum of addiction services delivered with equity, dignity, compassion, and respect.

OASAS Continuum of Services

- Prevention
- Treatment
- Harm Reduction
- Recovery



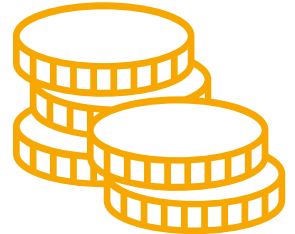
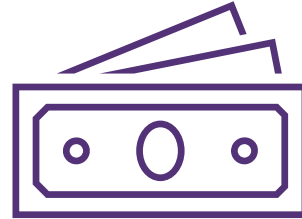
Funding Sources for Prevention Services

State Resources

- State Aid Funding
- Special Revenue Accounts
 - Opioid Settlement Funds
 - Cannabis Tax Revenue Funds

Federal Resources (SAMHSA)

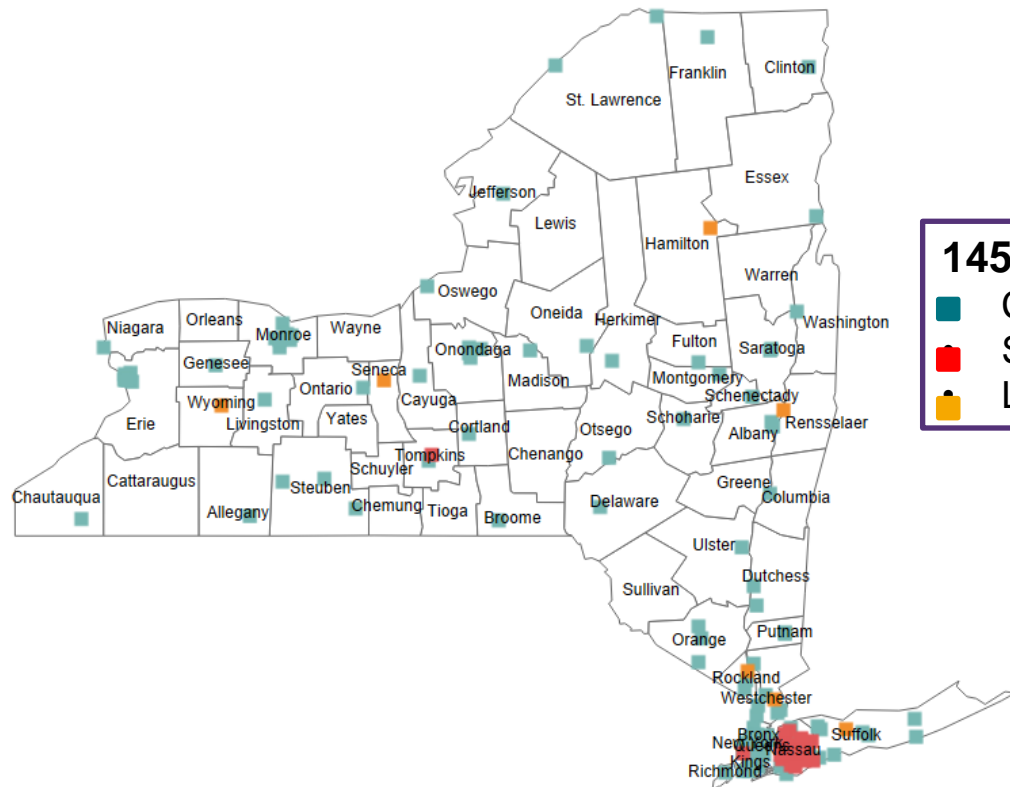
- SUPTR Block Grant
- American Rescue Plan Act
- Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act
- Grant for Screening, Brief Intervention, Referral to Treatment
- Partnership for Success Grant
- State Opioid Response Grant






Flexibility is key!

OASAS Prevention System

Providers



145 OASAS-Funded Prevention Providers

-  Community-Based Prevention Programs
-  Schools (public and private)
-  Local Government



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OASAS Prevention System

Community Coalitions and Resource Centers

150 Community Coalitions (funded & unfunded)

Deliver culturally-responsive prevention for vulnerable populations:

- Rural & urban communities
- LGBTQ & disconnected youth
- Veterans
- Youth connected to criminal justice system

9 Regional Addiction Resource Centers

Assist people, families, and communities in accessing local resources for anyone at risk of, or experiencing, problems related to alcohol, substance use or gambling

6 Prevention Resource Centers

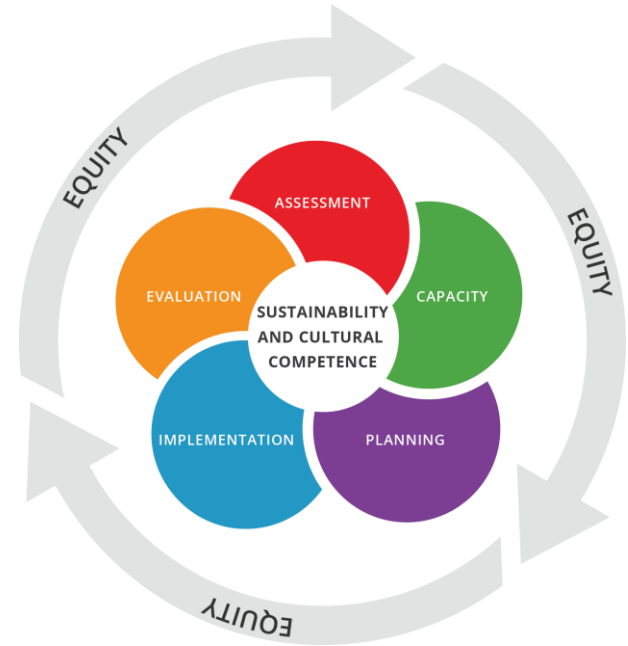
Support, strengthen and grow sustainable and effective prevention services statewide

Prevention Planning Overview

SAMHSA's Strategic Prevention Framework Model:

- 1) Assessment
- 2) Capacity Building
- 3) Planning
- 4) Implementation
- 5) Evaluation

Culturally Responsible & Sustainable



Data-Driven Approach



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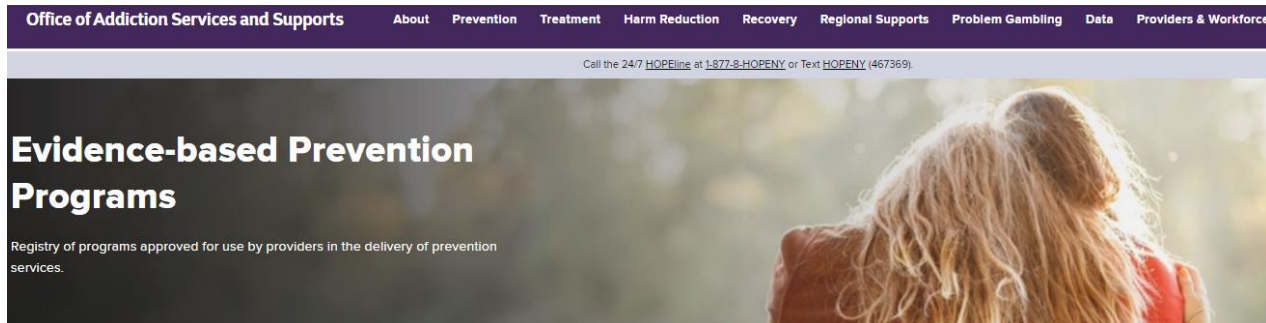
OASAS Prevention Priority Services Goals

- **Expansion of social emotional learning in schools**
- **Expansion of community-based prevention**
 - Prevention-focused coalitions
 - Parenting- and family-focused programs
- **Expansion of SBIRT services**
Screening, Brief Intervention, Referral to Treatment (SBIRT)



OASAS Prevention Priority Outcomes

- Reduce access and availability of substances
- Reduce favorable attitudes towards substance use
- Increase awareness about the harms of substance use
- Delay initiation of substance use



Prevention Programs and Strategies

Registry of Evidence-Based Program & Strategies

- Approved evidence-based programs providers can use to deliver prevention services.

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Programs

- Programs that are not approved evidence-based programs, but serve communities and meet existing local needs.

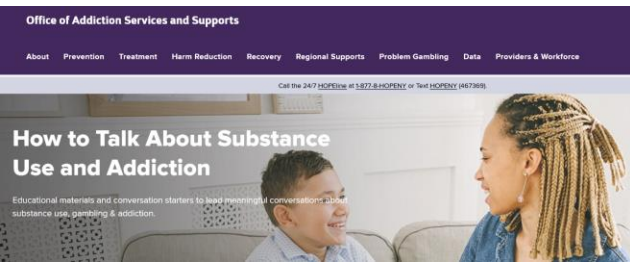
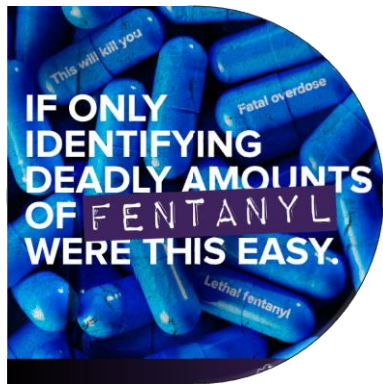
Environmental Change Strategies

- Impact the community, social, and economic contexts in which people access and consume alcohol and other substances.



Expanding Public Awareness and Resources

<https://oasas.ny.gov/next-step>



OASAS Prevention Workforce

- **Credentialed Workforce**
 - 175 Credentialed Prevention Professionals
 - 15 Credentialed Prevention Specialists
- **Paid Prevention Internships**
- **Training & Technical Assistance**
 - OASAS Website
 - Educational Development Center
 - Prevention Technology Transfer Center
 - CADCA National Coalition Academy & CADCA Training
- **Other Workforce Initiatives**
 - Minimum Wage Increases (\$2.9M)
 - Scholarships (\$13M) & Fellowships (\$7.7M)
 - New Leadership Institute
 - COLA Increases—FY23 (5.4%) & FY24 (4%)
 - Workforce Bonuses (\$37.8M)



Professional and Workforce Development

Promoting professional development and ethics to improve the substance use disorder workforce.

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About Prevention Treatment Harm Reduction Recovery Regional Supports Problem Gambling Data Providers & Workforce

Call the 24/7 Helpline at 1-877-8-HOTLINE or Text 1-877-8-HOTLINE

Providers & Workforce

Updated Credentialing Regulations

State Epidemiological Workgroup

Risk & Protective
Factor Data

Consumption
Data

Consequence
Data

Service Delivery
Data

Meet quarterly with subject matter experts from related agencies:

- NYS Department of Health
- NYS Office of Mental Health
- NYS Office for People with Developmental Disabilities
- NYS Office for the Aging
- NYS Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence
- NYS Office of Cannabis Management
- NYS Council of Children and Families
- NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services
- NYS Department of Education
- City University of New York
- School of Public Health, University at Albany
- Institute for Traffic Safety Management and Research



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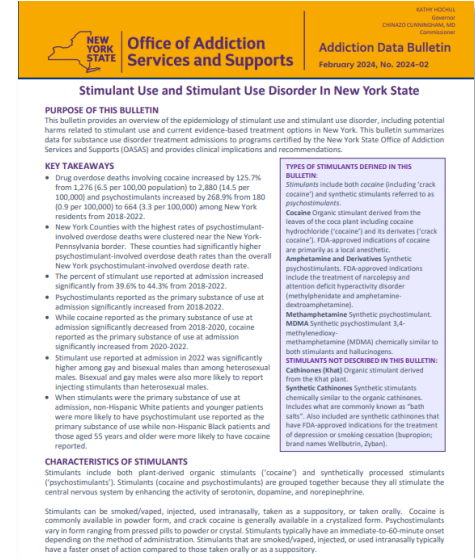
Guiding Principles

- Data-driven, evidence-based approach
- Harm reduction
- Equity



Meaningful Data

- Make better use of data
- Make data more available and accessible
- Initiatives:
 - ✓ Addiction Data Bulletins
 - ✓ Dashboards
 - ✓ NIH-funded research



Incorporating Harm Reduction Across NY

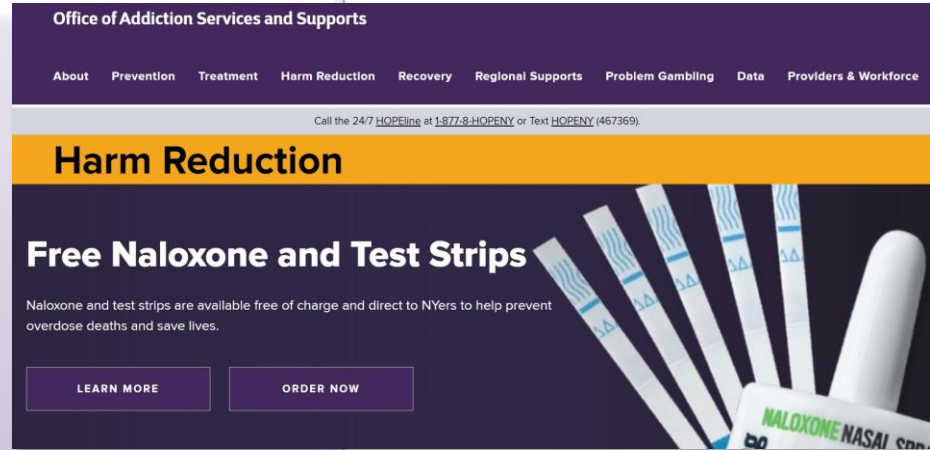
The OASAS Division of Harm Reduction

Overdose Prevention

- ✓ Free Naloxone
- ✓ Free fentanyl & xylazine test strips
- ✓ Drug deactivation bags
- ✓ Medication lock bags

Outreach & Engagement

- ✓ Clinic- and street-level outreach
- ✓ Homeless shelter initiative
- ✓ Care coordination
- ✓ Transportation



Incorporating an Equity Lens Across NYS

Office of Justice, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion (JEDI)



Internal activities

- ✓ JEDI Advisory Council
- ✓ Organizational equity assessment
- ✓ Addressing appropriate language
- ✓ Equity procurement criteria

External activities

- ✓ State-wide interagency workgroup
- ✓ Lived Experience Advisory Panel (LEAP)
- ✓ Trainings, tools, and guidance for staff providers
- ✓ Equity Leadership Institute
- ✓ Language Access

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