

Hope and Healing: Faith and Community Organizations Respond to the Opioid Crisis



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Four Focus Areas

1. Reduce stigma associated with substance use disorders – educate to gain acceptance and support
2. Increase access to community-based support and recovery programs
3. Build community capacity and expertise
4. Strengthen coalitions and align community health assets



Practical Toolkit for faith and community leaders in the face of the opioid epidemic

1. Open their doors to offer their space to recovery programs and support groups
2. Provide educational opportunities that create and understanding and encourage compassion
3. Offer training programs to build the capacity of communities to respond in an emergency, make referrals to treatment, and provide on-going support
4. Support individuals and families in the rebuilding of their lives
5. Focus efforts on Youth and Prevention
6. Join local substance use prevention coalitions to inform, connect, and strengthen their efforts



HHS Live-Stream-National Recovery Month Event
Opioids: Recovery, Prevention, & Hope
National Experts Equip Faith and Community Leaders
September 27

Live Stream: 1- 2 p.m. EDT



Please save the date, consider gathering your community to watch together, and host a post-broadcast conversation! Look for additional information in the follow email to this webinar or contact Partnerships@hhs.gov!