



\* **The HIV/STD Response  
to Overdose**

Blending Harm Reduction with Risk Reduction

# \*The National Drug Control Strategy

The focus...

- Preventing drug use before it begins
- Intervening early, before a medical condition becomes chronic
- Making access to treatment a reality for millions of Americans
- Eliminating barriers to recovery
- Taking a 'Smart on Crime' approach to Drug Enforcement

# \*SAMHSA's Opioid Overdose Toolkit: Strategies to Prevent Overdose Deaths

- **Strategy 1:** Encourage providers, persons at high risk, family members and others to learn how to prevent and manage opioid overdose
- **Strategy 2:** Ensure access to treatment for individuals who are misusing or addicted to opioids or who have other substance use disorders
- **Strategy 3:** Ensure ready access to naloxone
- **Strategy 4:** Encourage the public to call 911
- **Strategy 5:** Encourage prescribers to use state Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs

# \*SAMHSA's Opioid Overdose Toolkit: Essential Steps for First Responders

- Step 1: Call for help (dial 911)
- Step 2: Check for signs of opioid overdose
- Step 3: Support the person's breathing
- Step 4: Administer Naloxone



# \* How will we be responding to overdose prevention efforts?

- Train Disease Intervention Specialists (DIS) to better discuss Harm Reduction with clients who use substances/drugs
- Train DIS on what to do if a client is overdosing
- Train DIS (as well as clinical and prevention staff) to provide short 15 minute trainings to patients/clients on Overdose Prevention

- Signs of overdose
- Calling 911
- Rescue Breathing
- Recovery Position
- Narcan Administration
- Safer injecting practices



# \*Overdose Prevention Training Topics

\*Harm Reduction is a set of practical strategies and ideas aimed at reducing negative consequences associated with drug use. Harm Reduction is also a movement for social justice built on a belief in, and respect for, the rights of people who use drugs.

\*Harm Reduction

# \*Questions/Comments...

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