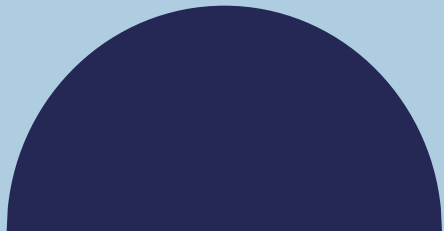


Breakout Session 2C

State Infrastructure: New and Improved Overdose Fatality Review National Standards Assessment for States

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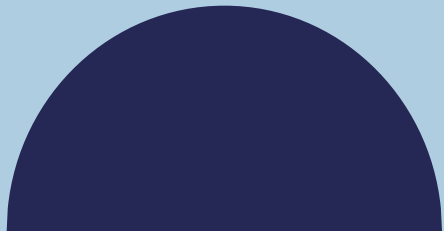
- Indira Giri, Illinois Department of Public Health and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Foundation
- Brenda Schell, Overdose Response Strategy
- Tamar Wallace, Overdose Response Strategy



Agenda



1. Attendee Introductions
2. New and Improved OFR National Standards State Assessment
3. Looking Ahead: State Profiles on OFRTools.org
4. Panelist Introductions
5. Overview of State Assessment
6. Resources
7. Next Steps

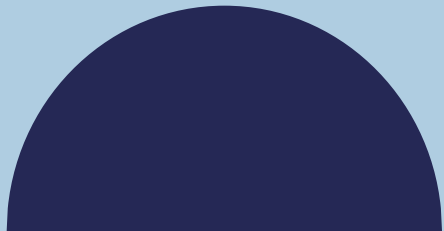


Attendee Introductions



Please share your:

- Name
- State
- Agency
- Role in OFR infrastructure
- Thing you are looking forward to doing while you are in Portland



OFRTools.org State Profile



State of Oregon

Agency: Oregon Health Authority

State Contact: Savanna Santarpio, Oregon Overdose Response & Fatality Review Coordinator,
Oregon Health Authority, savanna.santarpio@oha.oregon.gov

Funding: CDC

Established: 2023

Legislation: No

Local OFRs: Yes, piloting (1)

State OFR: No

State Profile Updates



Description of state infrastructure

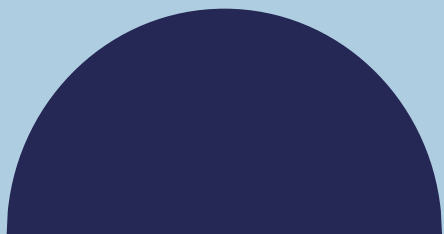
Image of state

State highlights

Success stories

Local site profiles

Key elements of the National Standards Assessment for State Infrastructure



New and Improved OFR National Standards Assessment for States



The checklist included is designed to assess the level of state infrastructure support for overdose fatality reviews (OFRs), both local- and state-led, that are already established or planned to be established. This tool was not created to grade states on their efforts; instead, this tool is meant to provide guidance on the types of infrastructure efforts that can be implemented to support OFRs. If a state is new to supporting OFRs, this checklist can be a useful resource for identifying goals and plans for implementation of infrastructure. If a state is already supporting OFRs, this checklist can be a useful resource for monitoring and enhancing ongoing support.

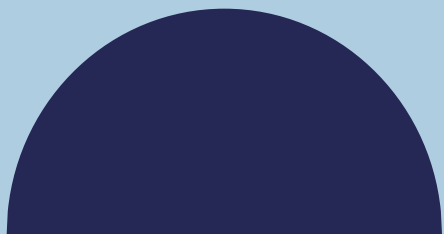
Annually, states should complete the following:

- Update this checklist.
- Meet with the Institute for Intergovernmental Research (IIR) to discuss successes, share lessons learned, and create a plan for accessing additional training and technical assistance (TTA).
- Update their state profile on the OFRTools website.

Note: Some of the checklist items may take longer than others to complete. **Bolded items** will be featured on the State Profile section of the [OFRTools](#) website.



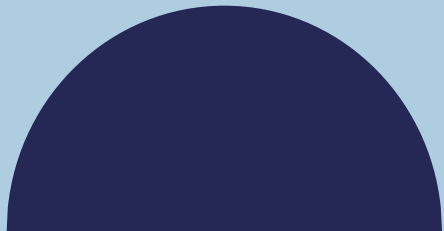
State Panelists



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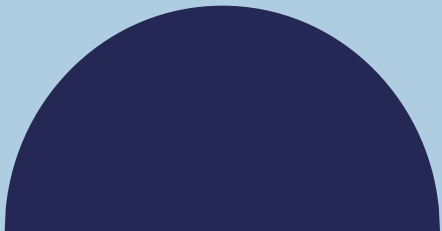
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Pennsylvania



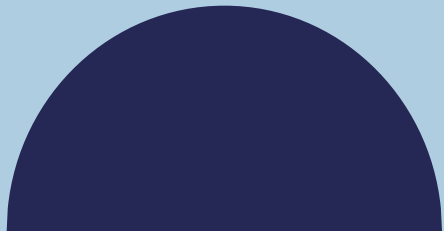
- **Agency and Role:** Tamar Wallace, Overdose Response Strategy (ORS). Support interested and already formed OFRs; support Office of Drug Surveillance and Misuse Prevention (ODSMP) with provision of technical assistance, as needed. Co-host statewide community of practice
- **Funding for Your Role and Full-Time Equivalent (FTE):** Local funding varies by jurisdiction. Historically, ODSMP provided some funding but does not currently. ORS is funded by the Office of National Drug Control Policy and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- **Legislation:** House Bill 220 (Act 101 of 2022) authorizes the creation of county suicide and/or overdose death review teams and outlines the process for the establishment of these teams
- **Data System:** Up to the local jurisdiction whether it uses the data system. ODSMP does not transmit data into the data system
- **Number of Local OFRs:** Currently, 13 OFRs and at least 3 in planning phases



Missouri



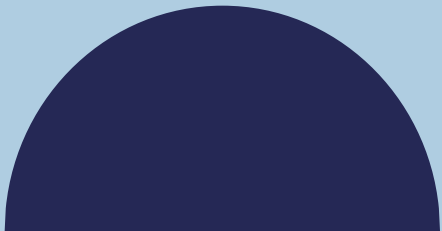
- **Agency and Role:** Brenda Schell, Overdose Response Strategy. Support interested and already formed OFRs
- **Funding for Your Role and FTE:** ORS is funded by the Office of National Drug Control Policy and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Funding for local OFRs varies by jurisdiction
- **Legislation:** No current legislation for OFR
- **Data System:** Yes, the IIR OFR Data System is being used. As we create more local OFRs, it will be up to local jurisdictions where the data is secured
- **Number of Local OFRs:** 2 active local OFRs



Illinois



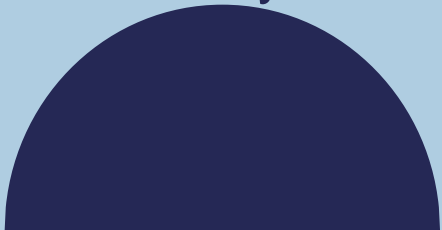
- **Agency and Role:** Indira Giri, OFR Program Coordinator, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Foundation and the Illinois Department of Public Health
- **Funding for Your Role and FTE:** Overdose Data to Action-S (OD2A-S) grant-funded, FTE 37.5 hours/week to establishing OFRs in the state
- **Legislation:** Currently no OFR legislation
- **Data System:** Not currently utilizing the OFR Data System. OFR data storage is up to local jurisdictions
- **Number of Local OFRs:** 2



New Jersey



- **Agency and Role:** Jessica Atkinson, New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH); Program Support Specialist, OFR Project Director
- **Funding for Your Role and FTE:** State-funded position within the NJDOH Office of Opioid Response and Policy. There are four full-time positions within the office that work on OFR activities (project director, grant coordinator, two next-of-kin (NOK) interviewers). New Jersey has had staff assisting with distributing grant funds, coordinating OFR work at the local level, and providing technical assistance since 2020
- **Legislation:** Established legislation for OFR teams since 2022
- **Data System:** Utilizes the OFR Data System (v2) within Research Electronic Data Capture (REDCap) hosted on the NJDOH server
- **Number of Local OFRs:** 21 OFR teams administratively housed at county health departments.



Establish State-level Framework and Capacity



Develop an understanding of state OFR infrastructure.

Strategies	Done/ Doing	Want/ Plan to	Unsure/ No
A. Read <i>Overdose Fatality Review: A Practitioner's Guide to Implementation</i> .			
B. Read <i>A Guide for States: Building a State Infrastructure to Support Overdose Fatality Review</i> .			
C. Read the <i>Public Health and Safety Team (PHAST) Toolkit</i> .			
D. Schedule a call with IIR to learn more about state OFR infrastructure resources and supports.			

Establish State-level Framework and Capacity



Develop a plan to implement state OFR infrastructure.

Strategies	Done/ Doing	Want/ Plan to	Unsure/ No
A. Check and update state contact information on the OFRTools website.			
B. Designate a representative for national OFR convenings.			
C. Designate state staff members responsible for supporting state OFR infrastructure.			
D. Meet with IIR annually to update the state infrastructure activity and plan.			

Equip the Field with Resources and Training



Build state capacity and infrastructure to improve and support local OFRs.

Strategies	Done/ Doing	Want/ Plan to	Unsure/ No
A. Establish state-level positions, protocols, and policies for sustainability.			
B. Develop a plan to support and document at least one OFR pilot site.			
C. Promote OFRs.			
D. Uplift and share national guidance, tools, trainings, and templates.			
E. Identify existing OFRs.			
F. Understand and identify lessons learned from existing OFRs within the state.			
G. Develop state-specific resources and references that address identified needs.			

Coordinate Support for OFR Implementation



Provide guidance to increase capacity of local OFRs.

Strategies	Done/ Doing	Want/ Plan to	Unsure/ No
A. Promote national OFR training and convening opportunities.			
B. Disseminate a survey to identify and assess training and technical assistance needs.			
C. Meet with IIR to develop a TTA plan based on identified needs.			
D. Convene OFR members in partnership with IIR on an as-needed basis.			

Provide Oversight and Support



Assist, monitor, and advise OFRs.

Strategies	Done/ Doing	Want/ Plan to	Unsure/ No
A. Convene a state governing committee.			
B. Leverage partnerships across and within state agencies to best serve OFRs with information, funding, resources, and trainings.			
C. Encourage and support sites in the use of the OFR Data System.			
D. Develop and promote use of a data dashboard.			
E. Disseminate to local OFRs state public health, public safety, and other relevant data, and provide analysis and translation support.			
F. Publish an annual report of OFR sites, data, and findings.			
G. Review recommendations and provide support to implement at the state and local levels.			

Facilitate Financial Support and Legislative Action



Establish legal and financial structure and support for OFRs.

Strategies	Done/ Doing	Want/ Plan to	Unsure/ No
A. Allocate, apply for, and distribute funding for OFR state infrastructure.			
B. Allocate, apply for, distribute, and monitor funding for local OFRs and the implementation of identified recommendations.			
C. Fund travel for state infrastructure staff and local team members to attend trainings.			
D. Require local teams to report to the state at least annually.			
E. Establish and/or modify OFR legislation.			

Conduct Program Evaluation and Assessment



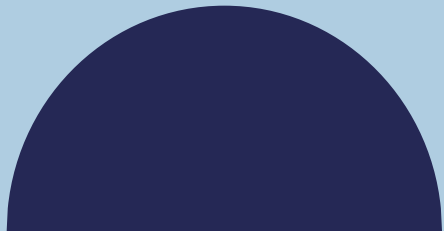
Monitor OFR activities and outcomes.

Strategies	Done/ Doing	Want/ Plan to	Unsure/ No
A. Evaluate state-level infrastructure framework.			
B. Promote and support the use of the <i>Evaluation Profile for Overdose Fatality Reviews</i>.			
C. Modify OFR state efforts based on evaluation findings.			

Group Share-Out

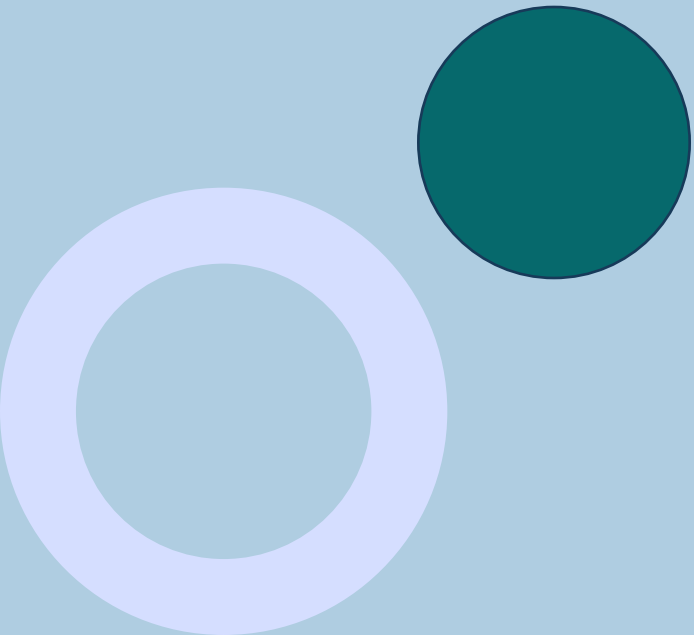


Once you have finished completing the final section, please take 5 minutes to discuss with your table what you hope to accomplish in the next 6 months.





OFR Resources



OFR: State Laws



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OFR State Community of Practice



The purpose of the OFR State Community of Practice is to convene staff working to build state infrastructure to support local OFRs to share their experience and learn from one another.

2025 Meeting Frequency:

- Quarterly schedule
- Fourth Tuesday from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., ET
- March, June, September, and December



Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) Request



- Expertise is available to support your OFR efforts
- We are here to help you troubleshoot day-to-day challenges as they arise

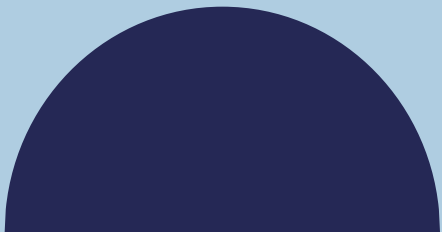


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Next Steps



- Please return your completed OFR National Standards Assessment, and we will schedule a call to discuss how best to support your efforts.
- The goal is to update the assessment annually as you are making updates to the state profile page on the OFRTools website to highlight some key elements from the assessment.
- Thank you to Pennsylvania, Missouri, Illinois, and New Jersey for sharing how you have successfully implemented pieces from the assessment in your states.



In Summary



- States can play an important role in OFR success.
- Our updated state standards will help states identify their role in supporting OFRs.
- There are many lessons to be learned from states that have begun building their state infrastructure to support OFRs.
- IIR will work with states to develop a state-specific OFR infrastructure work plan and TTA plan.

