# Summary of Organizational Needs from Local Organizations Working to Reduce Opioid Overdose

In an effort to better understand the work being done to reduce opioid-related overdoses as well as identify gaps in services in the Milwaukee community, Milwaukee COPE developed a voluntary survey for community organizations.  This survey allowed us to develop an inventory of local organizations working to reduce opioid overdose in Milwaukee County as well as to identify specific organizational needs and these organizations' perspectives on the broader Milwaukee County needs to effectively combat the opioid-related overdose epidemic.

The following organizational needs are the result of a thematic analysis of 61 organizations' responses to the question: "*What are 3 specific needs of your organization to assist in your work to reduce heroin and opioid overdose deaths.*"  The needs were compiled by type of organization (see page 3 for definitions) and common themes were identified.  In the table below, the common themes are listed and then it is indicated which types of organizations identified the specific need. Note: some organizations may fall under more than one category as many of the organizations do a variety of activities.   Further, this list does not reflect the number of organizations that identified a specific need, just the number of organizational types.

| Organizational Need | Type of Organization | | | | | | | |
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| | Community Engagement | Data Collection and Dissemination | Education | Law Enforcement | Policy | Referrals | Social Services | Treatment/ Recovery |
| Funding for related activities (prevention, intervention, outreach, community engagement, treatment etc.) | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| Increase overall community acceptance and advocacy for agency activities. | | | X | | | X | X | X |
| Coordination and collaboration with similar entities in other municipalities and across sectors locally. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| Training for existing personnel and access to additional personnel, particularly those with specialized expertise and knowledge. | X | | X | X | | X | X | X |
| Increase access to local data to guide prevention and intervention strategies. | X | X | X | X | X | X | | |
| Ability to disseminate and market key organizational activities and resource availability throughout the community. | X | | X | X | X | | X | |

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| Expanded access to and funding for Opioid Use Disorder treatment, including long-term options such as transitional and safe housing. | | | X | | | X | X | X |
| Increase in harm reduction efforts in the community to prevent overdose including availability and access to Naloxone and safe places to use. | | | X | | | X | X | X |
| Procedures, polices, and support for MAT including an increase in the number of providers and access to an inventory of available providers. | | | X | | | X | X | X |
| Decrease the number of opioid prescriptions in the community. | | | | X | X | | | |
| Training for community physicians on non-opioid pain management. | | | X | | | | X | X |

This list and the organizational inventory are considered living documents.  If you would like to complete a survey, and have your organization represented, please go to: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/mkeopioidprevention

# Description of Service Categories

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| **Community Engagement** | Providing and building ongoing relationships, collaborations, or support for the purpose of reducing opioid and heroin overdose in Milwaukee County, such as; coalition building, providing meeting space, community outreach, or organizational support. |
| **Data Collection and Dissemination** | Collection, analysis, and/or dissemination or opioid and heroin related overdose data in Milwaukee County to benefit prevention and intervention strategies. |
| **Education** | Provide education for various members of the community regarding opioid and heroin overdose risk, prevention, and intervention, such as; education for non-users, youth, and families, education for providers, education for users and family/friends of users, education for community members, Naloxone training and/or distribution for users and family, needle exchange for users. |
| **Law Enforcement** | Provide organized enforcement of crime related to opioid and heroin use/abuse/distribution. |
| **Policy** | Provide broad support for organizations, coalitions, law-makers, law enforcement, individuals, etc., working to reduce opioid and heroin overdose in Milwaukee County. |
| **Referrals** | Provide **referrals** to treatment for substance use disorder, specifically, or other health concerns, generally. Provide **referrals** to other social services, such as; housing, support groups, health screening, case management, etc. |
| **Social Services** | Provide **access** to social services, such as; housing, support groups, health screening, case management, etc. |
| **Treatment/Recovery** | Provide **access** to treatment and/or recovery for substance use disorder, such as; medication assisted treatment, non-medication assisted treatment, detoxification facility, support groups, sober living, outpatient treatment, inpatient/residential treatment. |