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# Overdose Fatality Review Teams: Partnerships with PDMPs

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# Overdose Fatality Review

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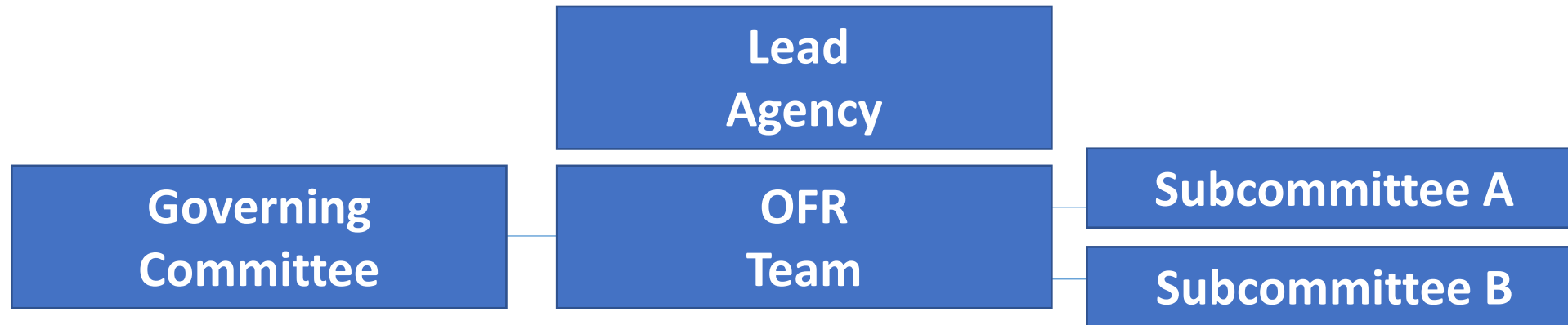
# OFR Purpose and Value

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- Overdoses are preventable
- Identify system gaps: missed opportunities for prevention and intervention
- Design innovative community-specific prevention strategies

# OFR Team Leadership and Structure



**Lead Agency:** Oversees the OFR team coordination and provides administrative support

**Governing Committee:** Supports and provides resources to implement recommendations generated from case reviews

**OFR Team:** Multidisciplinary team that reviews a series of individual deaths to identify system-level missed opportunities for prevention and intervention

**Subcommittees:** Focus attention on a recommendation or need such as case selection

# OFR Team Leadership Roles

## OFR Team Coordinator

- Obtain and share case information with team members
- Review data and reports from team members
- Research information about cases that may not be provided by OFR members, such as reviewing social media, obituaries, media coverage, etc.
- Draft OFR meeting agendas, in partnership with the OFR team facilitator
- Manage meeting logistics (such as date and time, location, and technology support)
- Take minutes during each meeting
- Document activities since the last OFR meeting
- Update the governing committee
- Support and communicate with subcommittees

## OFR Team Facilitator

- Facilitate OFR meetings
- Recruit OFR team members
- Build and maintain relationships with OFR team members
- Orient new OFR team members

## OFR Data Manager

- Enter case information and recommendations into OFR database
- Write data or summary reports for sharing with the OFR team and the governing committee
- Analyze OFR data

# Common OFR Team Members

- Local health department official
  - Local law enforcement representative
  - Medical examiner/coroner
  - Prosecutor
  - Local human services department official
  - Substance use treatment provider
  - Medication for opioid use disorder (MOUD) provider\*
  - Mental health social worker
  - Pain management clinician
  - Emergency department physician
  - Primary care provider
  - Pharmacist/toxicologist
  - **Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) representative**
- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) public health analyst
  - Sheriff
  - Probation and parole officer
  - Emergency medical service provider
  - Drug treatment court representative
  - Patient advocate
  - Child protective services representative
  - Substance use prevention professional
  - School counselor
  - Tribal elder, traditional leader
  - Community leader
  - Housing authority representative
  - Harm-reduction outreach professional

\* Formerly known as medication-assisted treatment (MAT)

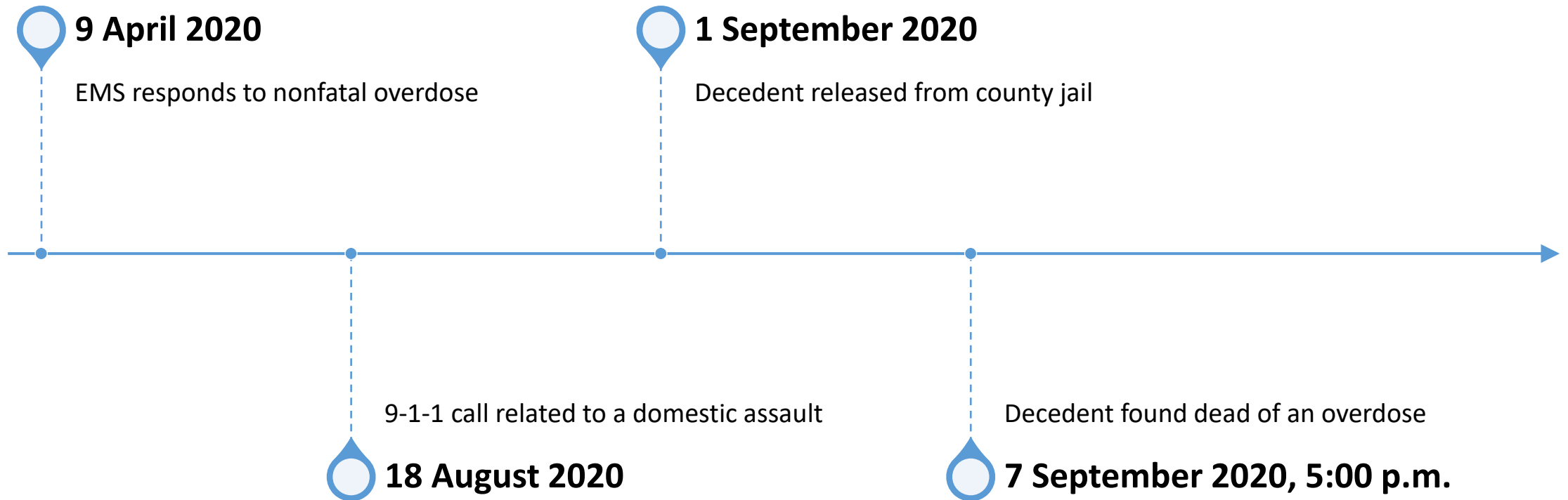


# Data Collection: Confidentiality



- Confidentiality is essential
- Data sharing agreements
- Confidentiality agreements
- State legislation

# Sample Timeline of Decedent's Life Events





# Data Collection: Elements

OFR meeting details

Decedent case information

- Demographics
- Death scene investigation
- Interventions following the overdose
- History of life circumstances and immediate stressors before the overdose

Community context

Recommendations

# Problem-Solving Process to Identify Recommendations



**Comprehensive**

Opioid, Stimulant,  
and Substance Abuse

Program

# Recommendation: Significant Impact



IMPROVE SERVICE  
DELIVERY AND  
INVESTIGATION



CHANGE AGENCY  
POLICIES AND PRACTICES



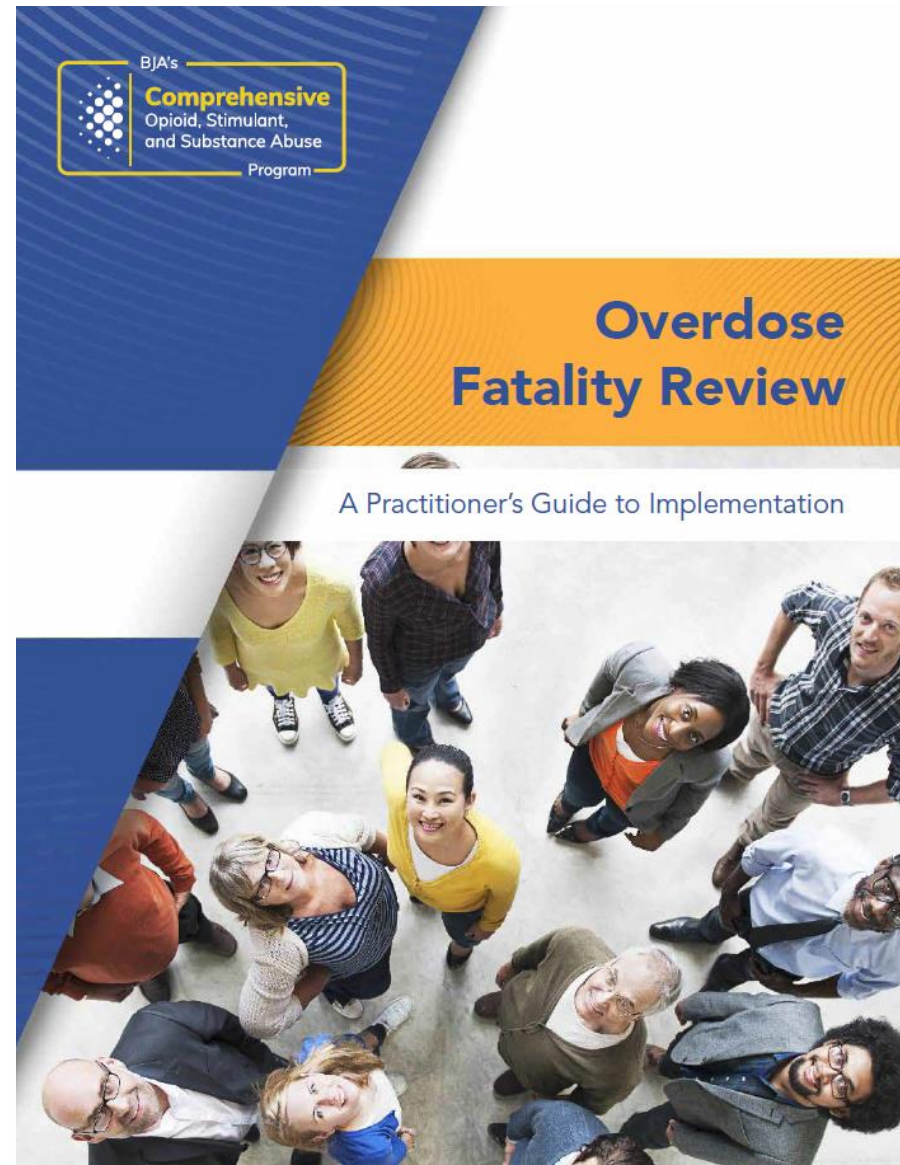
REVISE LOCAL ORDINANCE  
OR STATE LEGISLATION



INITIATE OR MODIFY  
COMMUNITY  
PREVENTION STRATEGIES

# Overdose Fatality Review: A Practitioner's Guide to Implementation

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# OFR and PDMP

Wisconsin's Partnership

# Wisconsin PDMP: History and Key Features

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# Wisconsin PDMP: Patient Alerts

- **Prescriber-Led Alerts**
  - Treatment Agreement Alert
  - Violation of Treatment Agreement
  - Overdose Event
- **Law Enforcement Alerts**
  - Suspected Violation of Controlled Substances Act
  - Suspected Narcotic-Related Death
  - Suspected Opioid-Related Overdose (Nonfatal)
  - Report of Stolen Controlled Substance Prescription
- **Data-Driven Alerts**
  - Multiple Prescribers or Pharmacies
  - High Current Daily Dose of Opioids
  - Concurrent Benzodiazepine and Opioid
  - Long-Term Opioid Therapy With Multiple Prescribers
  - Multiple Same-Day Prescriptions
  - Early Refill

The screenshot displays the Wisconsin PDMP ePDM web application. The top navigation bar includes links for Statistics, Support, Resources, User Settings, and Log Out. Below this, a secondary navigation bar contains icons for Patient Report, Patients Panel, Alerts (circled in red with an arrow pointing to the PDMP Notification), Prescribing Practice Metrics, Delegate Management, ePDM Usage, and Medical Coordinator Management.

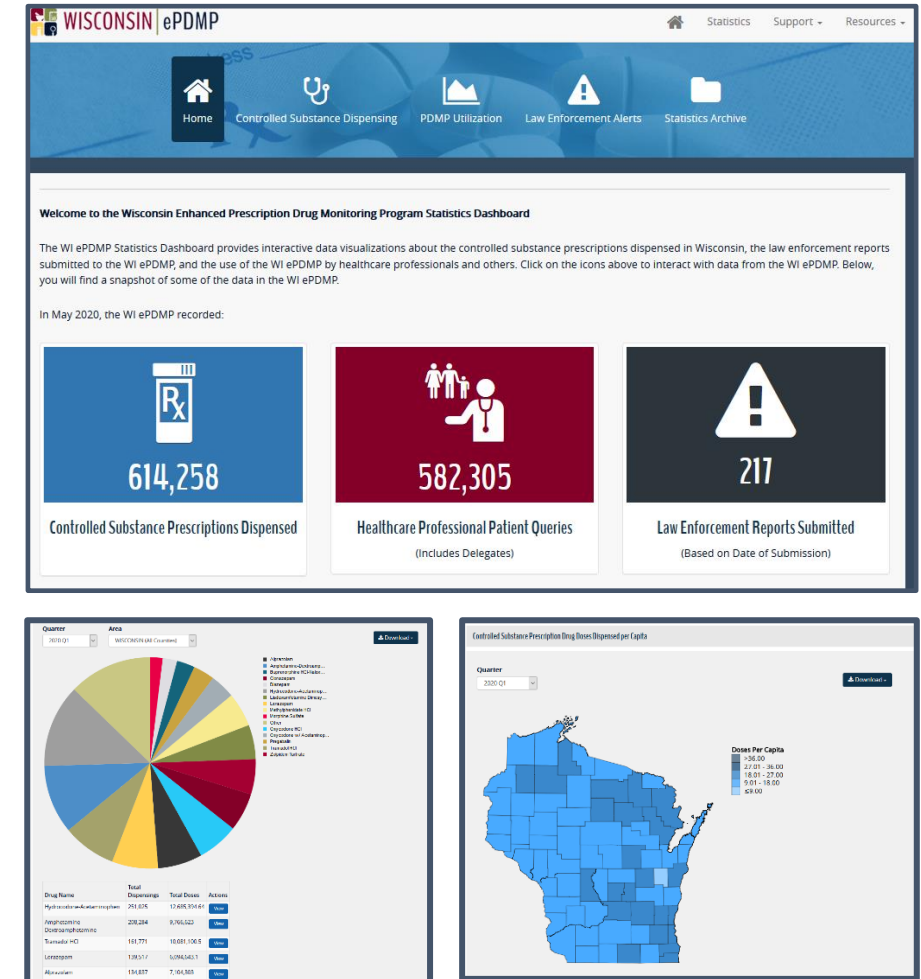
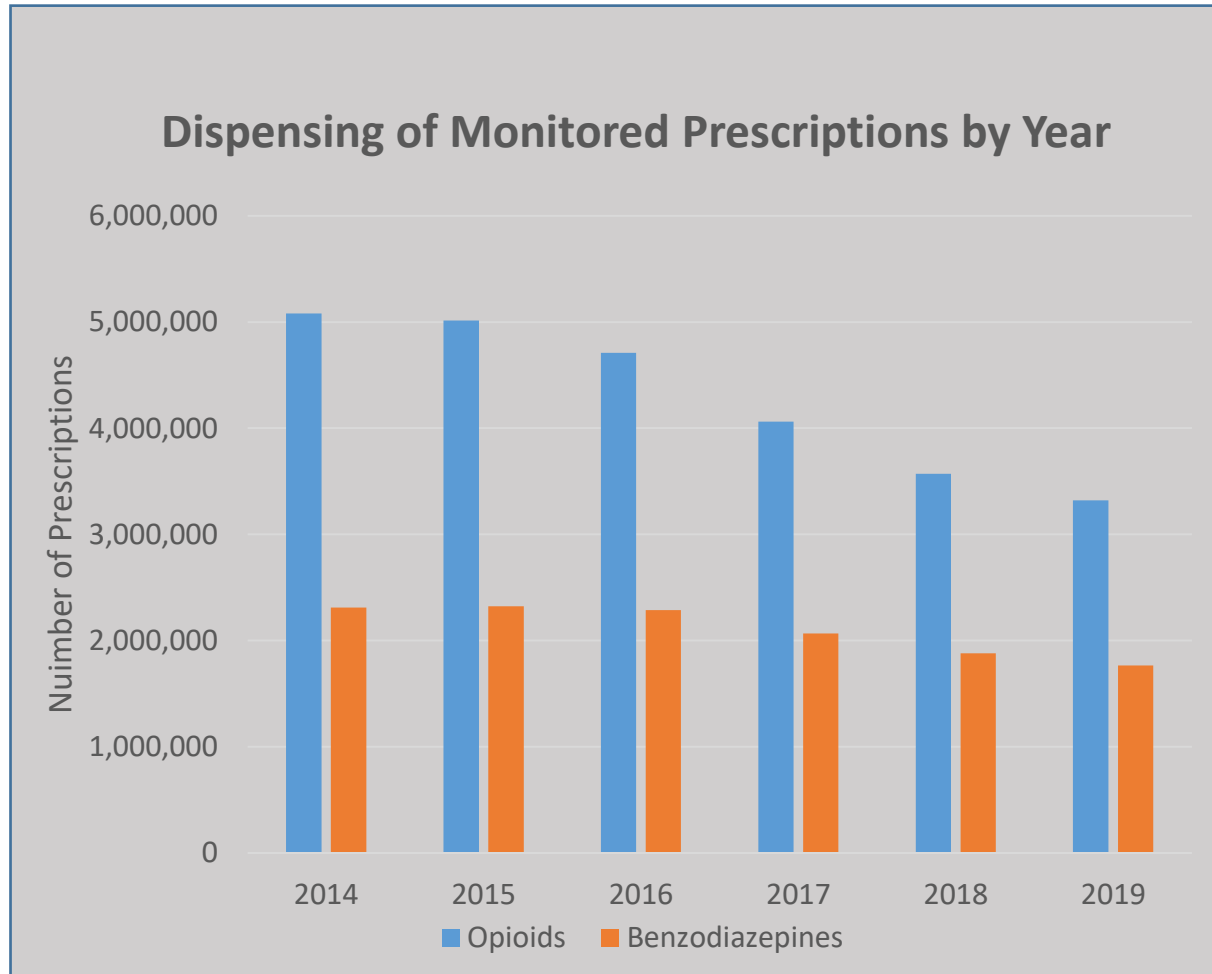
The main content area is titled "Patient Query" and features a "PDMP Notification" banner. Below the banner are search filters for First Name (sherlock), Last Name (Holmes), Date of Birth (01/06/1954), and States to Query (Wisconsin is searched by default). A "Cancel" button and a "Submit" button are located below the filters.

Below the search filters, the query results are displayed for "Marjorie Liu" with a search date range of "06/26/2018 - 06/26/2020". There are links for "Learn About Addiction Resources" and "MME Calculator".

The "Patient History Report Results" section shows details for "SHERLOCK HOLMES", including Age (66), DOB (01/06/1954), Gender (Male), and Address (4822 MADISON YARDS WAY, MADISON, WI 53705). It also displays "History of Opioids: True" and "Latest Opioid Dispensing: 4/21/2020".

On the right side of the report, there is a "Patient Alerts" section (circled in red with an arrow pointing to it) with a dropdown menu showing "Prescriber Alerts", "Law Enforcement Alerts", and "Concerning History Alerts". There is also a link to "Add a Prescriber Alert".

# Wisconsin PDMP: Statistics Dashboard





# Wisconsin OFR: History and Structure

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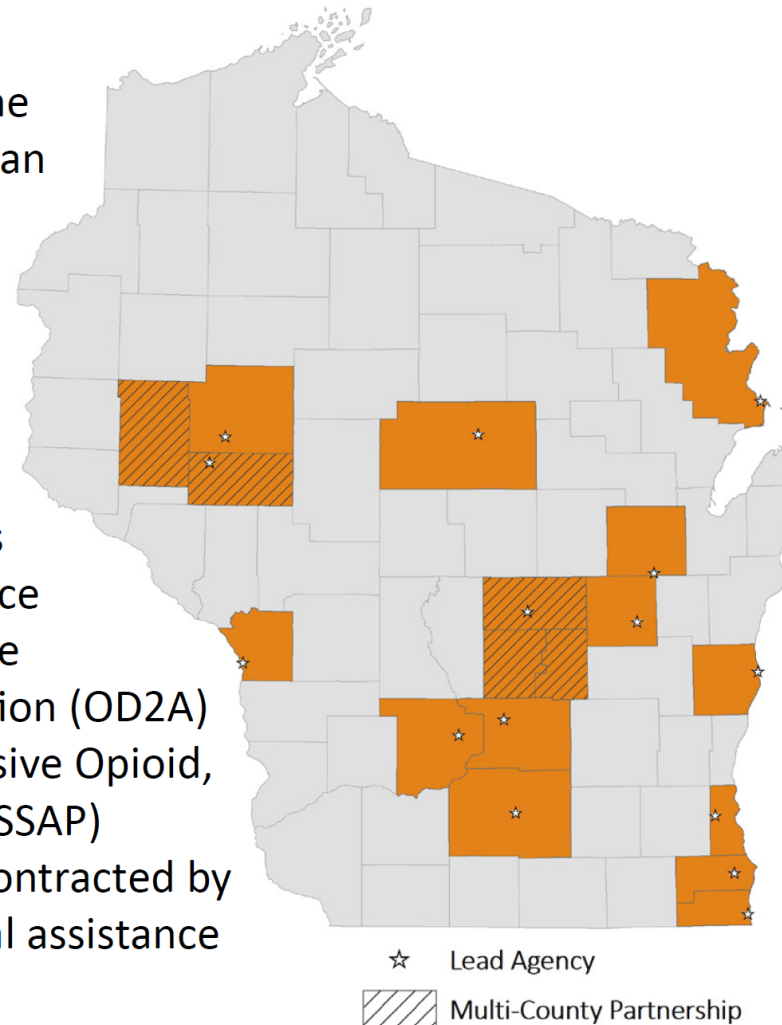
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## Wisconsin Overdose Fatality Reviews

OFR sites are primarily local counties, with one dual-county and one tri-county site. Both urban and rural populations are represented. The local agency leading OFR also varies, although most sites are led by the local public health department.

The OFR program is a collaborative effort of the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) and the Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ). It is funded through Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Overdose Data to Action (OD2A) and Bureau of Justice Assistance Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant and Substance Abuse Program (COSSAP) grants. The Medical College of Wisconsin is contracted by DHS and DOJ to provide training and technical assistance to the local OFR teams.



## Program Sites

Chippewa County  
Columbia County  
Dane County  
Eau Claire and Dunn Counties  
Green Lake, Marquette and  
Waushara Counties  
Kenosha County  
La Crosse County  
Marathon County  
Marinette County  
Milwaukee County  
Outagamie County  
Racine County  
Sauk County  
Sheboygan County  
Winnebago County

# Wisconsin PDMP and OFR Teams

How did the  
relationship  
start?

How do you  
collaborate?

# How Is Wisconsin PDMP Data Shared With OFR Teams?



# What Are the Benefits of Sharing PDMP Data With OFR Teams?

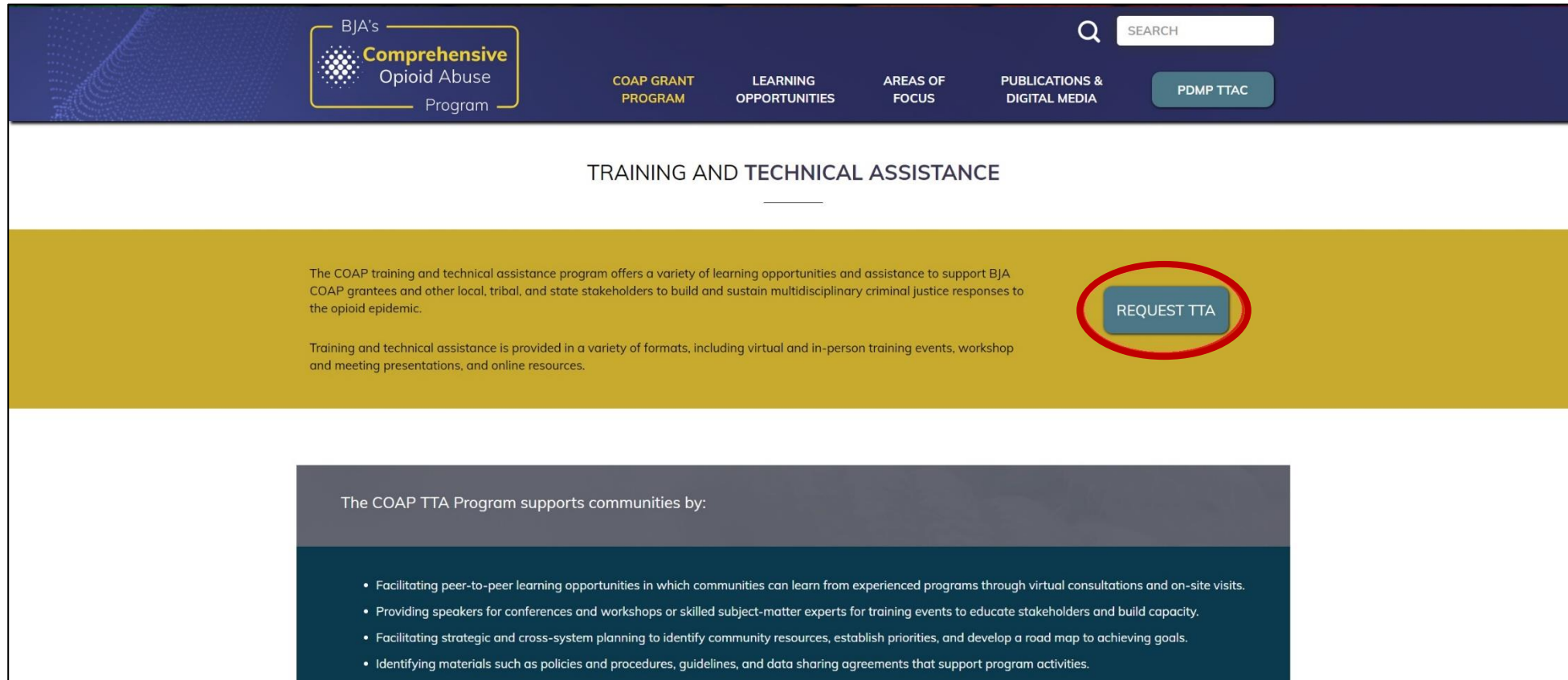


# What Are the Challenges of Sharing PDMP Data With OFR Teams?

## How Have They Been Overcome?

# How to Access and Request All COSSAP TTA

<https://www.cossapresources.org/Program/TTA>



The screenshot shows the website for BJA's Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Program. The header includes a search bar and navigation links for COAP GRANT PROGRAM, LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES, AREAS OF FOCUS, PUBLICATIONS & DIGITAL MEDIA, and PDMP TTAC. The main section is titled "TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE" and features a yellow background with descriptive text and a "REQUEST TTA" button circled in red. Below this, a dark blue box lists the program's support for communities.

BJA's **Comprehensive** Opioid Abuse Program

COAP GRANT PROGRAM LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES AREAS OF FOCUS PUBLICATIONS & DIGITAL MEDIA PDMP TTAC

## TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The COAP training and technical assistance program offers a variety of learning opportunities and assistance to support BJA COAP grantees and other local, tribal, and state stakeholders to build and sustain multidisciplinary criminal justice responses to the opioid epidemic.

Training and technical assistance is provided in a variety of formats, including virtual and in-person training events, workshop and meeting presentations, and online resources.

**REQUEST TTA**

The COAP TTA Program supports communities by:

- Facilitating peer-to-peer learning opportunities in which communities can learn from experienced programs through virtual consultations and on-site visits.
- Providing speakers for conferences and workshops or skilled subject-matter experts for training events to educate stakeholders and build capacity.
- Facilitating strategic and cross-system planning to identify community resources, establish priorities, and develop a road map to achieving goals.
- Identifying materials such as policies and procedures, guidelines, and data sharing agreements that support program activities.

# Questions?

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