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April ODMAP Newsletter

Agency Spotlight

A Closer Look at Missouri: Collaboration Saves Lives



Local representatives from area police departments, sheriff's departments, coroner's offices, and justice-related offices began meeting in late 2016 to attempt to address the increasing problems related to substance use in Stone and Taney counties. The team continued to meet sporadically over the next year, but in March of 2018, the team reconvened with new leadership, new membership (hospital and mental health providers) and renewed energy. The

team, the **Drug & Alcohol Assessment and Response Team (DAART)**, was able to set several projects in motion and continues to meet to assess and devise appropriate responses to the ever-changing landscape of substance use and misuse. DAART works collaboratively to bridge communication gaps between local police, fire, EMS, healthcare providers, and treatment providers.

DAART members were able to work collaboratively to implement **two important projects**. The first was the creation of an **Overdose Response Team**. This team was formed to proactively address the increase in opioid-related overdoses in Taney County. The team consisted of a police detective, a substance use disorder liaison (SUDL), and a police chaplain. The collaboration between Burrell Behavioral Health, who provided the SUDL, and the team from the Branson Police department has worked seamlessly. The team monitors area drug-related calls and proactively engages victims and families impacted by overdose, usually within 24-72 hours. The team provides outreach assistance including referrals to community and social services, behavioral health services, and treatment and recovery support options. The personal visit allows for one-on-one trust and relationship building and meets the person where they are at. Education provided is focused on harm reduction and the needs of the individual. The visit also allows for family members and friends to be included in the process and provides them with support as well. The team also maintains a supply of naloxone to provide to families who may have members in active opioid use. The SUDL also relies on a network of other DAART members and community partners to assist with engaging and supporting those visited.

This team is changing lives. In 2019, the team responded to 100 referrals; 42 directly linked to overdoses. Of the 100 referrals, four refused services, 37 were unable to be located, and the remainder accepted some form of support.

The second project was the implementation and utilization of ODMAP. Several

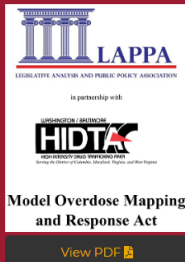
local police departments, the sheriff's office, coroner's office, local health department, local fire department, EMS, and the Emergency Room at the local hospital signed up for ODMAP and have been utilizing it consistently. One of the most significant benefits is the ability to accurately track overdose data among the participating agencies as data collection has been inconsistent in the past.

Jeff Matthews, Chief of Police with the Branson Police Department states that **“much of the OD Response Team’s success is linked to the use of ODMAP**, which provides real-time overdose incident information across all jurisdictions and links public safety and health care professionals who can then mobilize to provide immediate responses to emerging overdose trends and spikes. This mapping tool immediately links first responders with real-time response and strategic analysis capacity to effectively address overdose incidents.” Jeff Hawkins, Deputy Chief of the Taney County Ambulance District states, "TCAD Paramedics have used the ODMAP to monitor overdose trends in our service area. This valuable information helps us prepare for and defend against increases in opioid overdoses. **Together with our law enforcement, fire service, and hospital personnel, ODMAP keeps all of us up to date on the latest trends in overdose cases and has brought our agencies closer together in the battle against addiction.**"



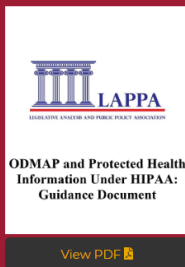
NEW!
ODMAP Model Law & HIPAA Guidance!

FEATURED DOCUMENTS



The Model Act, entitled *Model Overdose Mapping and Response Act*, was designed for policymakers to use in developing statewide legislation addressing overdose incident reporting through ODMAP.

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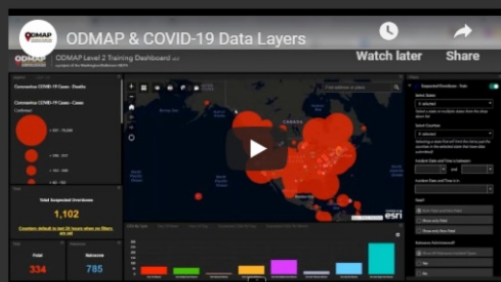


The *ODMAP and Protected Health Information Under HIPAA: Guidance Document* accompanies the *Model Overdose Mapping and Response Act*, and analyzes the extent to which the use of ODMAP implicates the protections for health information included in the Privacy Rule of the Health Insurance Portability Act of 1996 (HIPAA).

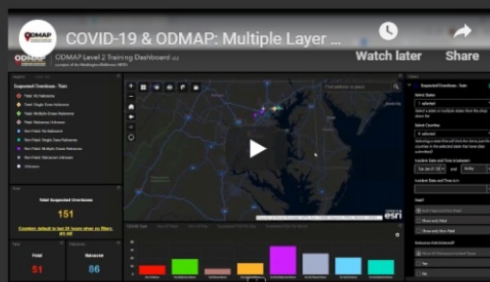
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Overlay COVID-19 Data with ODMAP data



Multiple Layer Analysis



Multiple Layer Analysis:
Using Open Source Data & CSV File Data

Upcoming Webinar

April 21, 2020 - Low Burden, High Impact: ODMAP in Saint Paul Police Department

Saint Paul Police Department began using ODMAP in May 2019 and have entered over 800 overdoses. In order to streamline data reporting, Saint Paul Police Department implemented the Application Programming Interface (API) in August 2019, and completed the integration with internal staff. Alyssa Arcand, Research Analyst with the Community

Outreach and Stabilization Unit (COAST) analyzes ODMAP data to identify current drug trends as well as where overdoses are occurring. The COAST Unit is staffed with 7 officers and 2 social workers. After someone survives an overdose in St. Paul, Officer Justin Tiffany from the COAST Unit, and a social worker works to get him or her connected with treatment and/or resources. Alyssa and Justin will discuss how Saint Paul implemented with API with internal staff, and how the efforts lowered the burden and increased real-time data, as well as the COAST Unit's response plan to spike alerts.

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May, 2020 - No webinar

ODMAP in the News

GCSO forms overdose task force and receives \$50,000 grant

How Rhode Island is using tech to tackle the opioid epidemic

Opioids remain major issue



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