

GUIDE 2

LEARNING MORE ABOUT DRUG USER HEALTH PROMOTION, HARM REDUCTION, AND PUTTING PRINCIPLES INTO PRACTICE

Any of the resources below not provided by BHSB are subject to change. Questions regarding cost or availability of training from other training sponsors should be directed to those organizations.

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DRUG USER HEALTH TIPS SERIES

This guide is part of a series for providers and community-based organizations to advance evidence-based, principles-aligned practices to support the health of people who use drugs.

The resources detailed in this guide will enable providers, organizations, and individuals to advance their learning about the principles and practices detailed in this series. Those interested in an overview of these principles and practices or in implementing them should refer to other guides in this series.

Guide 1: Practices that Promote Drug User Health & the Principles of Harm Reduction

Guide 3: Taking Action and Exploring Change to Better Promote Drug User Health

Behavioral Health System Baltimore receives funding from various sources and follows guidance regarding allowable costs, language use, and more. This guide (developed with non-federal funding) uses “harm reduction” interchangeably with other language such as “overdose prevention,” “drug user health,” and “participant-centered services”. Our use of any term is not a recommendation to others to do the same.

Provider	Training	Where to go	Cost
National Harm Reduction Coalition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foundations of Harm Reduction • Overdose Prevention & Response • Engaging People Who Use Drugs • Harm Reduction is Healthcare: Sustainable Funding for Harm Reduction Programs • It’s Our Backyard Too: Building Community-Centered Support for Harm Reduction 	harmreduction.org/our-work/training-capacity-building/online-training-institute nhrclearninglab.thinkific.com/collections	<p>\$50 each for first three listed modules or \$120 for all three</p> <p>No cost for last two listed modules</p>
National Harm Reduction Coalition	Variety of topics	harmreduction.org/our-work/training-capacity-building/training-center	No cost (space may be limited)
NEXT Distro	Variety of topics	nextdistro.org/resources	No cost

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Baltimore City Health Department	Overdose response	eventbrite.com/e/baltimore-city-health-department-virtual-naloxone-trainings-tickets-54408136200	No cost (space may be limited)
Maryland Department of Health Office of Overdose Prevention & Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wound care • Other state-supported resources as available 	youtu.be/playlist?list=PLcqKFGdywHbfuBrVC7xYlRoURbEwHOGhH health.maryland.gov/pha/NALOXONE/Pages/HarmReductionTrainingandTA.aspx	No cost
HealthHIV POINT Center MD	MDH-supported OADPOP Academy and other resources for Maryland ACCESS grantees	pointcentermd.org	Free, but some only open to SSP/OADPOP staff or Maryland ACCESS grantees
BHSB	Range of topics, especially for peer recovery specialists (BHSB-sponsored but provided by other entities)	bhsbaltimore.org/get-involved/trainings	No cost
Maryland Department of Health Behavioral Health Administration	Behavioral health topics	appbhatrainings.health.maryland.gov/onlinetraining	No cost
Maryland Addiction & Behavioral Health Professionals Certification Board	Peer recovery specialist topics (listing provider only, listed trainings provided by other entities)	mabpcb.com/trainings	Varies by training provider

Request customized training or technical assistance

Provider	Topics	Where to go	Cost
BHSB – Maryland Harm Reduction Training Institute™ (MaHRTI™)	Various	Learn more at bhsbaltimore.org/harmreduction . Request training at forms.office.com/r/CdDS6r5tKr . Email mahrti@bhsbaltimore.org with questions.	No cost for Baltimore City Opioid Restitution Fund grantees. Other entities may join training for Baltimore ORF grantees at no additional cost. BHSB may consider requests from non-eligible requesters at cost.
Baltimore City Health Department	Overdose response	Learn more at baltimorecity.gov/health/our-work/opioid-epidemic/naloxene .	No cost
BHSB – Bmore POWER™	Overdose response	Learn more at bhsbaltimore.org/find-help/overdose-prevention . Email supervisionsteam.bmorepower@bhsbaltimore.org to request training or ask Bmore POWER™ to attend events.	No cost
National Harm Reduction Coalition	Harm reduction	harmreduction.org/our-work/training-capacity-building	Inquire by email training@harmreduction.org
Opioid Response Network	Various	orn.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eQlmuomKxxsFKcK	Free to eligible entities
National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors (NASTAD)	Drug user health	Contact NASTAD’s Drug User Health Team at druguserhealthta@nastad.org .	Free to eligible entities subject to NASTAD funder requirements
SAMHSA regional Technology Transfer Centers	Prevention, drug use	Addiction Tech. Transfer Center – attcnetwork.org Prevention Tech.Transfer Center – pttcnetwork.org	Free to eligible entities subject to SAMHSA requirements

Get drug user health supplies

Supply type	Authorization status	Where to get it
Drug checking test strips	Your organization is an authorized ORP.	cognitofrms.com/MDH3/ACCESSResourcesRequestForm
	Your organization is not an authorized ORP.	Find an ORP near you at health.maryland.gov/pha/NALOXONE/Documents/Maryland-ORPs.pdf .
Naloxone (like NARCAN®)	Your organization is a Maryland authorized Overdose Response Program (ORP).	cognitofrms.com/MDH3/ACCESSResourcesRequestForm
	Your organization is not an authorized ORP.	Contact your Local Health Department or find an ORP near you at health.maryland.gov/pha/NALOXONE/Documents/Maryland-ORPs.pdf .
Syringes and other safer drug user supplies	Your organization is a Maryland authorized Syringe Services Program (SSP) / Opioid-Associated Disease Prevention and Outreach Program (OADPOP).	Most SSPs/OADPOPs utilize ACCESS grant funding from MDH to purchase syringes. Learn more about the grant program at health.maryland.gov/pha/NALOXONE/Pages/ACCESSresource_s.aspx .
	Your organization is not an authorized SSP/OADPOP.	Individuals may enroll to receive supplies from an SSP/OADPOP for personal use but organizations must apply for authorization to receive these supplies. Find an SSP/OADPOP near you at health.maryland.gov/pha/NALOXONE/Documents/SSP/Maryland-SSPs.pdf .

Obtain authorization to distribute drug user health supplies

Supply type	Authorization requirement(s)	Where to go
Naloxone (like NARCAN®)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have a Licensed Healthcare Provider (someone authorized to prescribe medication in the state of Maryland). Complete the Licensed Healthcare Provider Agreement, Standing Order, and Dispensing Protocol to include as part of a completed ORP application. Submit all materials to MDH and receive approval. 	<p>health.maryland.gov/pha/NALOXONE/Pages/How-to-Become-an-ORP.aspx</p> <p>Questions? Email mdh.naloxone@maryland.gov.</p>
Drug checking test strips	Same as above for naloxone.	Same as above for naloxone.
Syringes and other safer drug user supplies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare and submit an application to the Maryland Dept. of Health (MDH) demonstrating ability to comply with all program requirements in state law and MDH regulations. Complete review and satisfy revision requirements set forth by MDH and the OADPOP Standing Advisory Committee. Receive application sign-off from the MDH Deputy Secretary of Public Health Services and the Local Health Officer in the application jurisdiction where services will be provided. 	<p>health.maryland.gov/pha/NALOXONE/Documents/SSP/SSP-Application-Guidance.pdf</p> <p>Questions? Email mdh.syringeservices@maryland.gov or mdh.access@maryland.gov.</p>

Additional resources

Provider	Scope	Where to go
BHSB	Overdose prevention	bhsbaltimore.org/find-help/overdose-prevention
BHSB – Bmore POWER™	Drug checking and other practices to address harms of the drug supply	bhsbaltimore.org/knowwhatsinit
BHSB – Bmore POWER™	Practices to prevent overdose in the presence of fentanyl	goslow.org

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National Harm Reduction Coalition	Variety of topics	harmreduction.org/all-resources
HealthHIV POINT Center MD	MDH-supported OADPOP Academy, other resources for ACCESS grantees	pointcentermd.org

Get connected

Group/list manager	Focus	Where to go
Maryland Harm Reduction Action Network	Statewide community of people working in harm reduction, overdose prevention, and drug user health engaged in learning, information-sharing, advocacy, and more.	Email md-harm-redux+managers@googlegroups.com with a request to join or visit groups.google.com/u/0/g/md-harm-redux while signed into a Gmail account then click “Ask to
BHSB General Newsletter	General updates, information on events and learning opportunities, regular updates on drug user health work,	Visit bhsbaltimore.org/about-us/contact and enter your email under “Stay Informed”.
BHSB Provider Newsletter	Provider updates, invitations to quarterly all provider meetings, and more.	Email BHSB’s Provider Relations Team at provider-relations@bhsbaltimore.org .
Maryland OADPOP List	Information for authorized OADPOP/SSP providers.	Email mdh.syringeservices@maryland.gov .
Maryland ORP List	Information for authorized ORPs.	Email mdh.naloxone@maryland.gov .
Maryland OADPOP Standing Advisory Committee List	Invitations to join quarterly OADPOP/Harm Reduction Standing Advisory Committee Meetings and receive meeting recordings.	Email mdh.syringeservices@maryland.gov or mdh.access@maryland.gov .
Maryland Dept. of Health Office of Consumer Affairs	Peer recovery specialist trainings.	Email adelaide.weber@maryland.gov to join the statewide peer training list.