### Address the Opioid Crisis Legal Preparedness to in Indian Country

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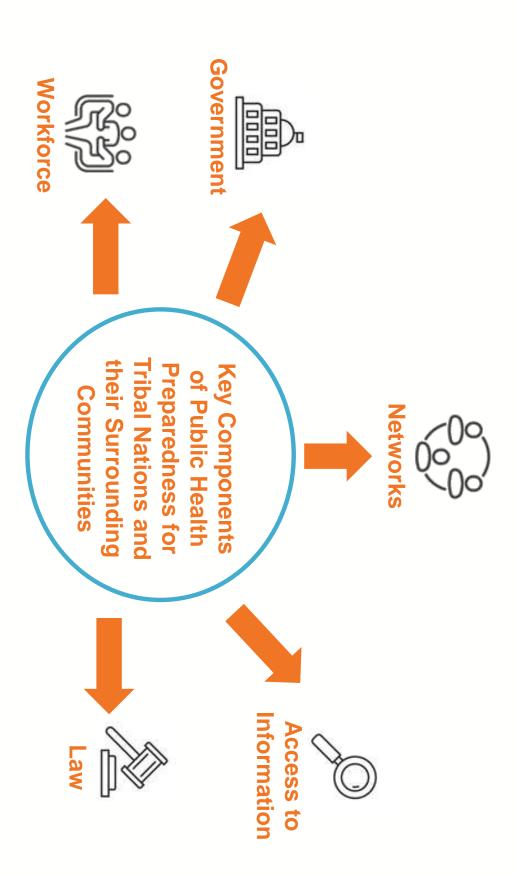
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# Learning Objectives

- Explain legal preparedness for Tribal Nations
- Describe the complex nature of the opioid overdose epidemic across Indian Country
- Discuss how to use legal actions to respond to the opioid crisis

### Roadmap

- Public health legal preparedness overview
- Tribal legal preparedness and the opioid crisis in Indian Country
- Select legal actions to address the opioid Crisis
- Federal
- Tribal
- State
- Conclusion



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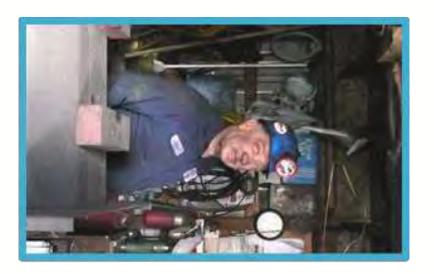
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govern itself, and order relations between that a society uses to resolve disputes, Laws are structures, norms, and rules members of the society

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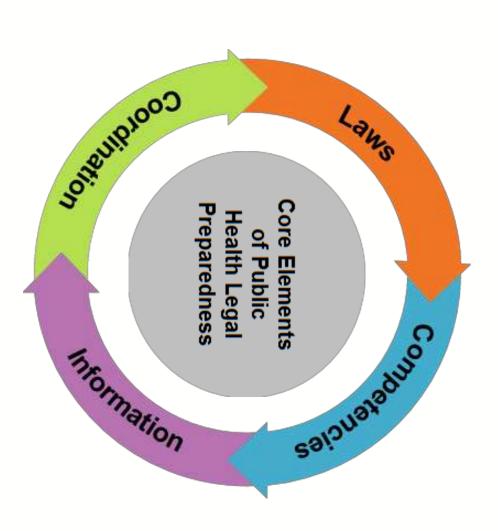
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# Health Emergencies Legal Preparedness for Public

Respond Resolve Aid

Law is a foundation for public health response

## Preparedness Tribal Public Health Legal



## Inherent Authority Tribal Legal Preparedness:



# in Emergency Preparedness Intergovernmental Agreements

- Address cross-jurisdictional goals and resolve before a disaster or emergency occurs outstanding differences and legal uncertainties
- funding, equipment, etc. Leverage collective resources in manpower,
- authorities Establish and specify roles, responsibilities, and
- Foster increased trust, communication, and an understanding of mutual priorities



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of which is a sovereign entity with authority to create preparedness for Tribal governments is crucial to critical for all jurisdictions to understand how law can community faces. To address these threats, it is Public health emergencies, including infectious interested in expanding their legal preparedness has been established to assist Tribal Nations laws. The Tribal Legal Preparedness Project (TLPP) recognized Indian Tribes in the United States, each public health response. There are 573 federally respond to public health emergencies. Thus, legal laws and take the necessary steps to prepare for and governments have the authority to create their own jurisdictions. As sovereign entities, Tribal be used to enhance public health preparedness, as disease and natural disasters, are issues that every well as improve coordination and collaboration across



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#### Training

Four modules were developed by the TLPP:

- What Is Legal Preparedness And Why Is It Important To Tribal Nations
- -Jurisdictional Issues And Using The Law To Enhance Cross Jurisdictional Collaboration
- Disaster Declarations
- -Best Practices

provides an array of best practices shared by Tribal Nations, including audio and video recordings of declaration mechanism, including the new direct Tribal disaster declaration process. The last module discuss how the law can be used to achieve cross-jurisdictional coordination, and explain the disaster success stories and helping other Tribes. Tribal public health/emergency management practitioners, so that Tribal Nations are sharing their The modules provide an introduction to legal preparedness that can be used to educate Tribal leadership,

### What Is Legal Preparedness And Why Is It Important To Tribal Nations

preparedness for Tribal Nations importance of the law to public health emergencies, and describes ways the law can enhance This first module in the series of modules provides an overview of legal preparedness, discusses the

#### Learning objectives

- Define legal preparedness and its importance to public health emergencies;
- preparedness for Tribal Nations; and Describe why Tribal Nations should be concerned about preparedness and how laws can enhance

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#### Train the Trainer

activities across jurisdictions. hour training, designed to assist Tribal Nations and their key partners with enhancing their public health all jurisdictions, including Tribal Nations, to have the capacity to effectively respond to these threats. The Public health emergencies are matters of serious concern for every community. Therefore, it is critical for legal preparedness capacity and better coordinate emergency preparedness, response, and recovery Tribal Legal Preparedness Project (TLPP) created two in person training programs, a half-day and a 2-

modified and/or customized to meet the needs of the community intending to conduct these trainings. use this guide and sample documents to prepare for and deliver upcoming training related to legal conduct their own public health legal preparedness training. The TLPP encourages training managers to The Training Manager Guide is a step-by-step guide created to help Tribal Nations and their key partners preparedness. Content for the in-person trainings are available for download below. The content may be

# Tribal Legal Preparedness Project (Half-Day Training)

#### Sample PowerPoints

- What is Legal Preparedness and Why is it Important to Tribal Nations?
- Jurisdictional Issues and Using the Law to Enhance Cross Jurisdictional Coordination
- Disaster Declarations
- Tribal Legal Preparedness Best Practices Toolkit

#### Sample Agenda

Sample Speaker Biographies

#### Sample Resources

- What is Legal Preparedness and Why is it Important to Tribal Nations?
- Jurisdictional Issues and Using the Law to Enhance Cross Jurisdictional Coordination
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disasters, are issues that every community faces. To address these threats, it

Public health emergencies, including infectious disease outbreaks and natural

Documents

Reports

emergencies and natural disasters.

capacity. While most resources have a Tribal focus, some resources are

resources to Tribal Nations seeking to enhance their legal preparedness

included that are generally applicable to legal preparedness for public health

across jurisdictions. This Resource Library is designed to provide relevant public health preparedness, as well as improve collaboration and coordination is critical for all jurisdictions to understand how law can be used to enhance

Toolkits

Useful Websites

Regulations, Sample Plans Compacts, Codes,

Trainings

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Contracting Cycle Times During an Emergency Administrative Preparedness Strategies: Expediting Procurement and

cooperative agreements. Public Health Reports (2017) contracting cycle times using data from 2014-2015 applications to the Hospital during a public health emergency affect estimated procurement and processes that were intended to expedite the acquisition of goods and services This article describes an assessment of whether administrative preparedness Preparedness Program and Public Health Emergency Preparedness (HPP-PHEP)

Public Health Emergency Legal Preparedness Assessing Cross-sectoral and Cross-jurisdictional Coordination for

Medicine and Ethics (March 3, 2008) Jurisdictions when responding to disasters and emergencies. Journal of Law, This article highlights the need for coordinated planning and action among

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### **BATTLING THE OPIOID CRISIS** THE IMPORTANCE OF TRIBAL **LEGAL PREPAREDNESS:**

# **Examples of Opioid Types and Names**

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Source	Туре	Generic Name	Brand Name Examples
Prescription	Natural	Morphine	MS Contin
Opioids	Opioids	Codeine	Tylenol with Codeine
	Semi-	Oxycodone	Percocet, Oxycontin
	Synthetic	Hydrocodone	Vicodin
		Hyromorphone	Dilaudid
		Oxymorphone	Opana
		Meperidine	Demerol
		Buprenorphine	Suboxone
	Synthetic	Methadone	Dolophine
	Opioids	Fentanyl	Duragesic, Sublimaze
		Tramadol	Ultram, Conzip
Illegal.	Heroin	Processed from r	Processed from morphine, a natural opioid
Opioids	Illicitly Manufactured Fentanyl	Lab-made synthe other products, so	Lab-made synthetic opioid, often mixed with other products, such as heroin, cocaine

# and Demand Opioids – A Problem of Supply

driving the epidemic increasing demand for opioids results from a number of challenges and conditions that are local communities. Opioids are available for abuse due to a variety of issues and the The opioid epidemic in Al/ANs is a complex problem of supply and demand impacting

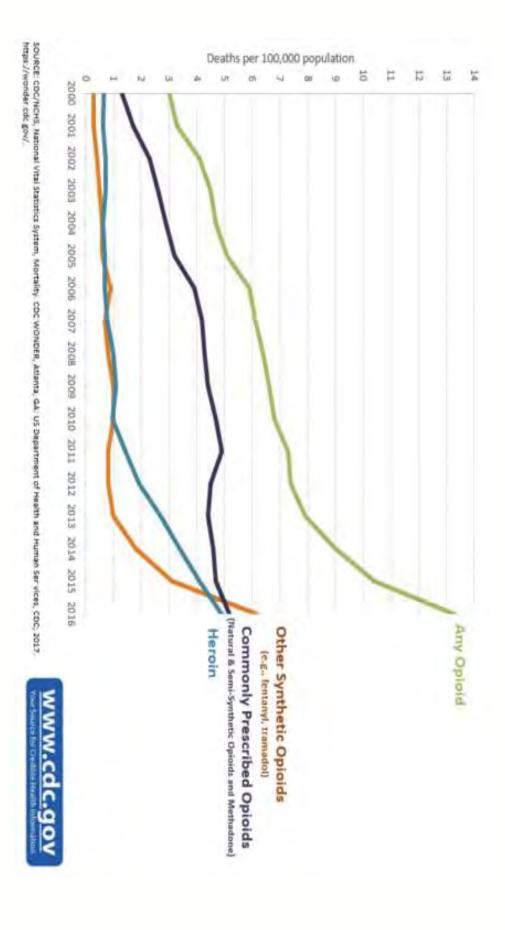
### Supply of Opioids

- Provider prescription and over-prescription
- Overuse of opioids in pain management practices
- pharmacy supply- improper access, diversion, or security breaches impaired provider access, diversion, self-prescription
- Community access through drug dealers, theft of prescribed opioids
- Pharmaceutical company distribution of large amounts of opioids in communities
- IIIegal manutacturing

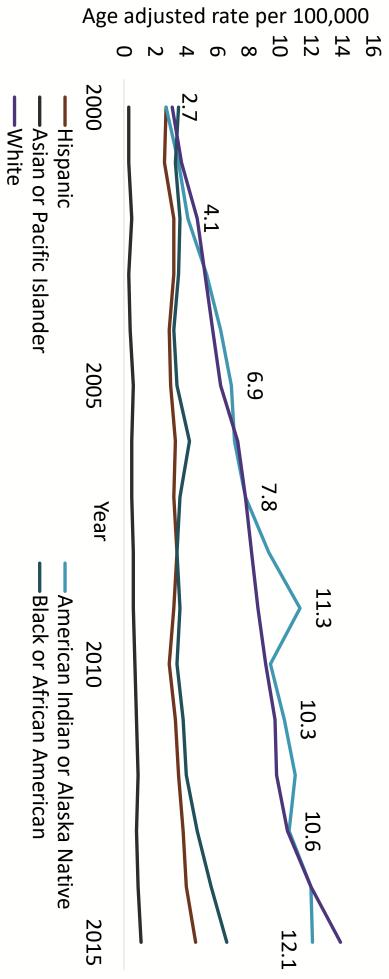
### Demand for Opioids

- Lack of access to appropriate care for conditions requiring pain management
- Use for relief of mental health issues, trauma, chronic stress
- Cause of substance abuse/addition, overdose, neonatal abstinence syndrome
- Usage by impaired providers
- Poverty, unemployment and economic opportunity in drug trafficking, sales, theft
- Lack of access to prevention/treatment/recovery services
- Lack of funding to address the opioid epidemic

# by Type of Opioid, U.S., 2000-2016 Overdose Deaths Involving Opioids,



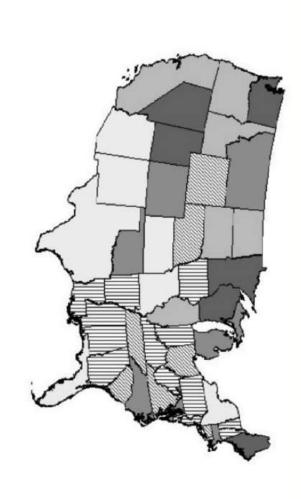
### **WONDER, 2000-2015** Overdose Death by Race/Ethnicity -Prescription And Illicit Opioid



Vital Statistics Cooperative Program. Accessed at http://wonder.cdc.gov/mcd-icd10.html on Nov 20, 2017 1:04:04 PM December, 2016. Data are from the Multiple Cause of Death Files, 1999-2015, as compiled from data provided by the 57 vital statistics jurisdictions through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. Multiple Cause of Death 1999-2015 on CDC WONDER Online Database, released

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# Opioid Overdose Age-Adjusted Rates by State for Al/AN: 1999-2016





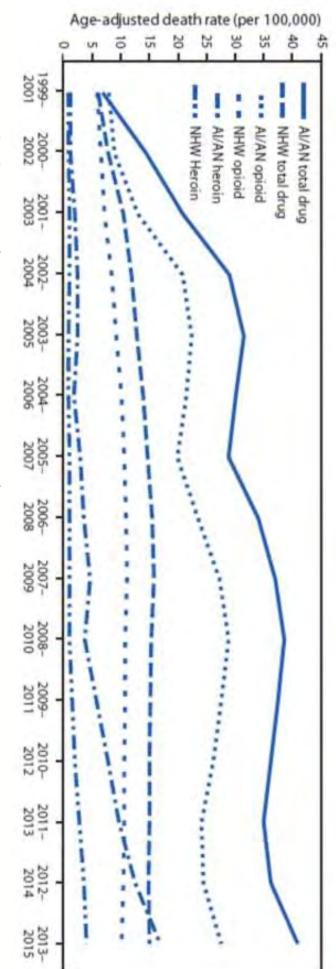






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### drug, opioid-involved, and heroin-involved Age-adjusted death rates per 100,000 for total overdose deaths among American Indians/Alaska 1999–2015 Natives and non-Hispanic whites — Washington,



**Abbreviations:** Al/AN = American Indian/Alaska Native; NHW = non-Hispanic white

### GAL ACTIONS TO ADDRESS OPIOID CRISIS

### of Prescription Opioids of Inappropriate Prescribing and Use Legal Actions Related to Prevention

- Prescription drug monitoring programs (PDMPs)
- Quantitative limits on prescriptions
- Patient identification requirements
- Physician examination or pharmacy verification
- Doctor/pharmacy shopping restrictions
- Pain-clinic regulations Tamper-resistant prescription forms
- Controlled substances rescheduling (schedule III
- Medical/recreational marijuana use

### Opioid Overdose Deaths Legal Actions Related to Harm Reduction Strategies to Reduce

- Immunity provided to naloxone prescribers, pharmacists, dispensers, and naloxone administration
- Naloxone possession by laypeople
- Authorized prescribing and dispensing (e.g., 3<sup>rd</sup> party, standing orders)
- Training, certification, and/or education required for pharmacies and/or patients
- Needle sharing, needle disposal, and safe injection site
- Good Samaritan laws (e.g., for first responders)

### OPIOID CRISIS L ACTIONS IN

# Health Emergency Opioid Crisis: National Public



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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Washington DC 20201

# DETERMINATION THAT A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY EXISTS

consultation with public health officials as necessary, I, Eric D. Hargan, Acting Secretary of Health and Human Services, pursuant to the authority vested in me under section 319 of the Public Health Service As a result of the consequences of the opioid crisis affecting our Nation, on this date and after Act, do hereby determine that a public health emergency exists nationwide

Eric D. Hargan Acting Secretary

# **Communities Act** The SUPPORT for Patients and

- Signed into law by President Trump on October 24, 2018 with bipartisan support
- Does not provide a comprehensive and many positive steps coordinated federal strategy, but takes
- Biggest flaw = lack of funding for wide and sustained expansion of addiction treatment

# IHS Response to the Opioid Crisis

- National Committee on Heroin Opioids and Pain Efforts
- IHS-BIA Memorandum of Understanding tor naloxone distribution
- policy IHS Prescription Drug Monitoring Program

# CDC Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain

- Issued in March 2016
- and end-of-life care of active cancer treatment, palliative care, Focused on treating chronic pain outside
- April 2019 NEJM commentary outlined satety Guidelines that can risk patient health and examples of misapplication of the

### SAMHSA

Tribal Opioid Response Grants

National Tribal Behavioral Agenda

### the Opioid Crisis in Indian Country Consultation/Listening Session on NIH/IHS/SAMHSA Tribal

- Two-day session at the National Indian Health Board's 9th Annual National Tribal Public Health Summit in 2018
- Provided a setting to gather feedback, exchange opportunities ideas, and explore new partnerships and
- successful in Tribal communities Allowed for sharing of approaches that are

# **OPIOID**

# Tribal Emergency Declarations

- Red Lake Nation
- Leech Lake Band of Chippewa Indians
- White Earth Nation
- Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe
- Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
- Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
- Lummi Nation

## Banishment

- emergency in July 2011 Red Lake Nation declared a public health
- Developed a banishment protocol after the declaration
- Tribal police or prosecutors must submit petition that individual is engaging in drug-related activity
- Civil hearing held and decision rendered on a case-by-case basis
- Banishment term must be at least 1 year, but not more than 5 years

#### **Healing to Wellness Court Penobscot Indian Nation**

### Four Phases of Treatment & Wellness

#### Introduction/New Beginnings Phase I - East-Tobacco:

- Why you are in the program
- The mental, emotional, physical, and spir-
- itual effect of using alcohol and/or drugs What to expect from the program, and
- What the program will expect from you

Phase IV - Sweetgrass:

Completion/Continuing Growth Working through the other

and Wellness/Life

out alcohol and other drugs

Leading a constructive life with-

Learning new things about



Phase III - Cedar

Personal Responsibility

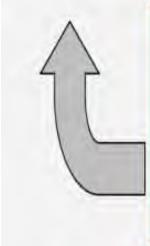
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#### Phase III - Sage: Cooperation & Accountability

nity and, the Penobscot Nation. self, your family, your commu-Making a difference for yourwellness and,

Having a plan to continue your

- Cooperate and follow the treatment program
- Encourage others to do the same & be
- a role model
- Live a good life, free of alcohol and Make better choices other drugs and,
- Develop a plan to resist relapse



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### and Utilization of Controlled Substances Adoption of Policies Regarding Dispensing

- Resolution by the governing body of the Substance Utilization and Dispensing the Flathead Nation to adopt the "Controlled Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of Limitation Policy"
- Provides guidance regarding quantity limits and acceptable parameters for the utilization of certain controlled substances
- Requires the offering of alternatives to chronic pharmacological options pain including access to pain specialists and non-

# 911 Good Samaritan Statutes

### Types of protections

- Immunity from arrest, charge, and/or prosecution for controlled substance possession crimes
- Immunity from arrest, charge, and/or prosecution for drug paraphernalia possession crimes
- Immunity from other controlled substance-related
- Immunity from being considered in violation of and/or pretrial conditions protective/restraining orders, parole, probation

# 911 Good Samaritan Statutes

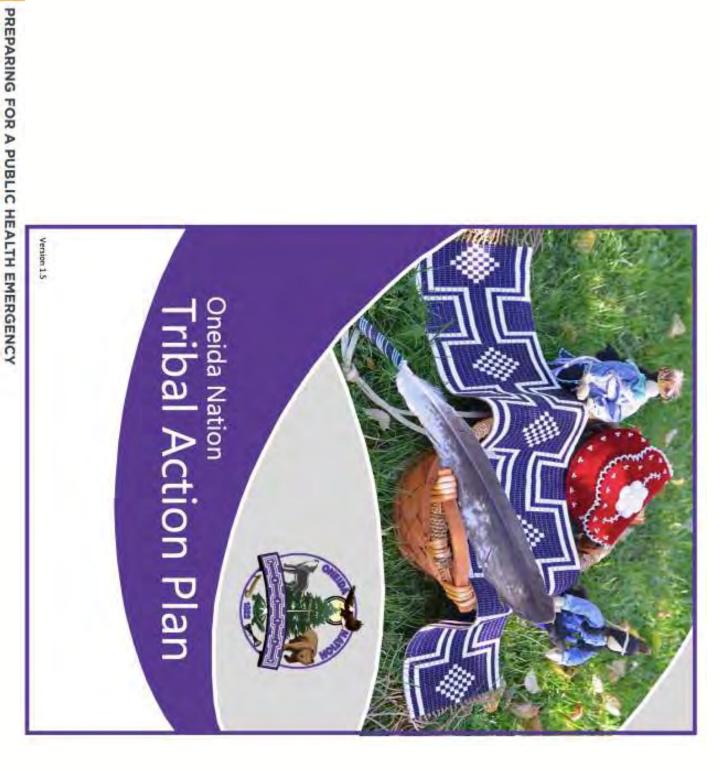
- Factors that limit the use of these laws
- Lack of awareness
- Skepticism and lack of trust
- How to overcome these factors:
- Educating law enforcement and other criminal practitioners, and the general public justice professionals, drug users, health care

# 911 Good Samaritan Statute

- Tulalip Tribe: Lois Luella Jones Law
- charges for Provides for protection from arrest from
- Possession of illicit substances or paraphernalia
- Underage drinking
- Contributing to a minor
- In addition, cannot be arrested for non-violent reason to modify or revoke probation/parole misdemeanor warrants and cannot be sole
- Immunity extends to all present who cooperate with medical staff

## **Naloxone Administration**

- Policy and Procedure Recognition and Naloxone Administration Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah: Opioid Overdose
- Provides training to Tribal employees and use naloxone to reduce the number of opioidrelated deaths interested community members regarding how to
- Naloxone provided by the Utah Naloxone Program
- References Utah state law regarding naloxone prescription, possession, administration and liability



#### Tribal Opioid Summit, 2017 Minnesota Chippewa Tribes

- Tribal leaders from nine of Minnesota's attended the two-day summit reservations and Sioux communities
- Day 1: remarks from Tribal leaders and directly with Tribal communities presentations from invited speakers who work
- Day 2: breakout sessions to seek input and develop an action plan

# North Dakota Grants to Tribes

- The North Dakota Department of Human access to medication-assisted, peer to increase access to naloxone, increase support and other recovery services Services awarded \$70,000 to four Tribes
- Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation
- Spirit Lake Nation
- Standing Rock Sioux Tribe
- Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians

#### Litigation

- Hundreds of lawsuits filed by states, cities, counties, and Tribal Nations against opioid manufacturers, distributors, physicians, and retailers: In re National Prescription Opiate Litigation
- Many cases consolidated in MDL in Ohio
- Separate track created in June 2018 for Tribes
- 448 Indian tribes filed an amicus brief in Tribal bellweather case
- Tribal Nations have also filed separate actions in different districts

#### OPIOID CRISIS TIONS N

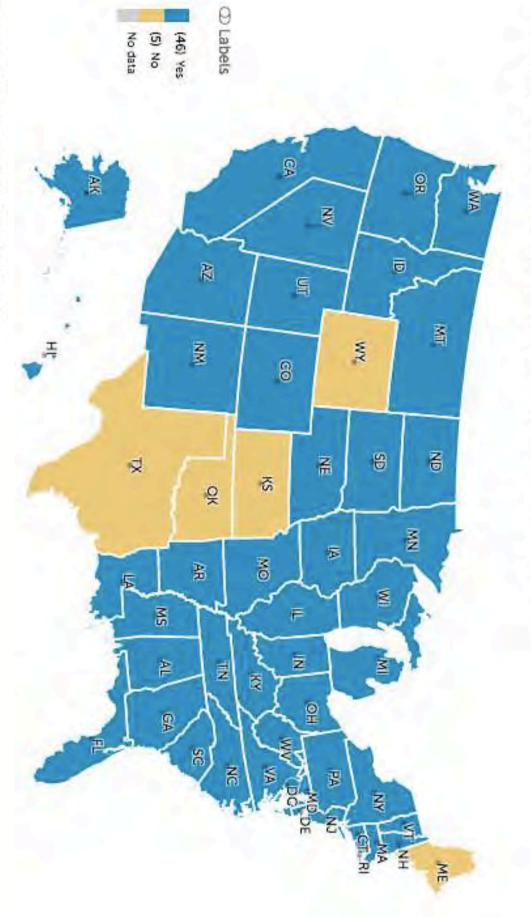
## State Opioid Emergency Declarations

Interagency Coordination	Increased Funding for Treatment	Opioid Prescribing Restrictions	Enhanced PDMP Surveillance	First Responders Can Carry/Distribute Naloxone	Naloxone Standing Order	Action
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				×	×	AK 2/14/17 2/14/18
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	×			×	×	FL 53/17 10/27/17
×			×	×	×	AZ 6/5/17 5/29/18
×		×				SC 12/18/17 TBD
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# 911 Good Samaritan Statutes

7/1/18 Does the jurisdiction have a drug overdose Good Samaritan Law?



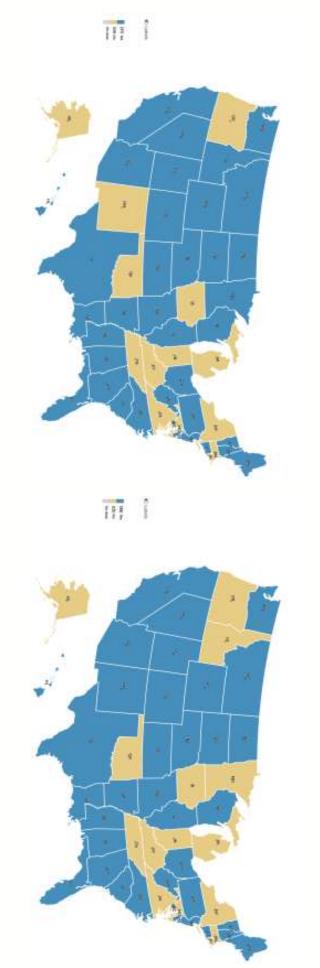
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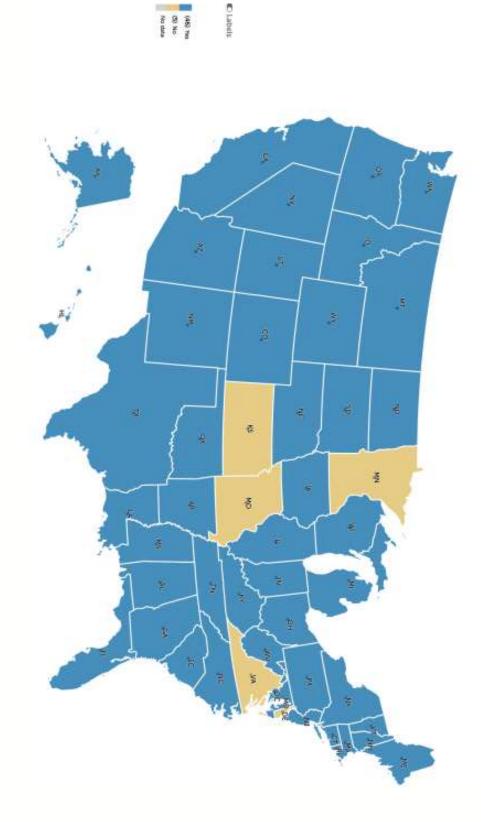
- Prescriber immunity
- Third party prescription
- Standing order
- Lay dispensing

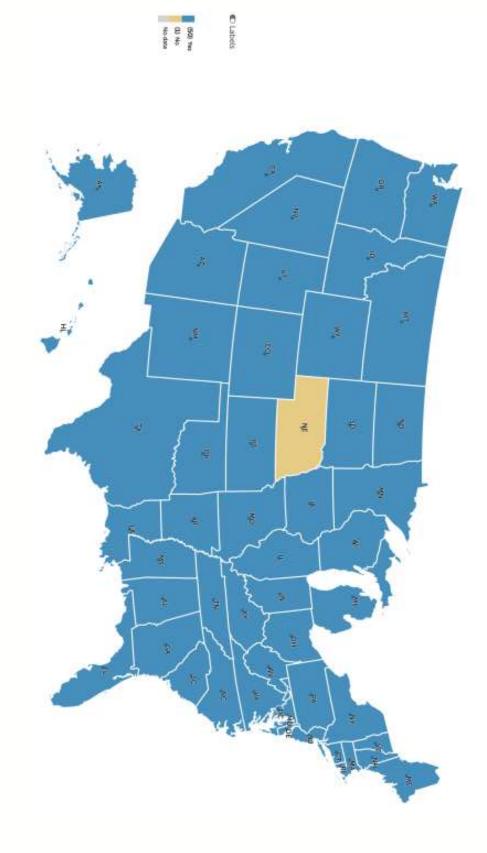
#### for prescribing, dispensing or distributing naloxone to a layperson Immunity from criminal prosecution



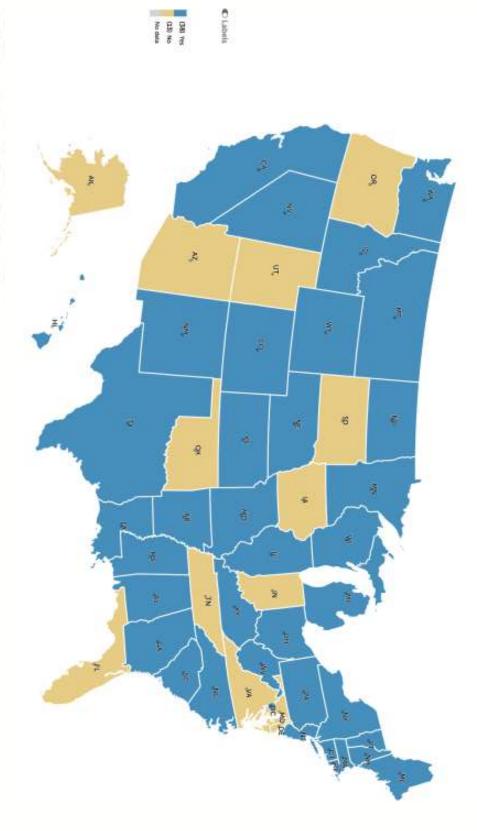
#### **Dispensers**







### Layperson immunity from criminal liability when administering naloxone

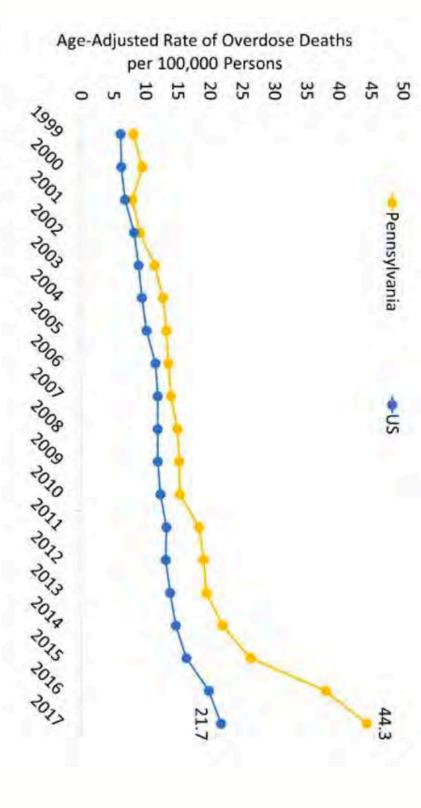


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### Pennsylvania

### persons, in the U.S. and Pennsylvania Drug overdose deaths, rate per 100,000



## Spotlight on Pennsylvania

in Ending the Opioid Epidemic Leading-Edge Practices and Next Steps

DECEMBER 2018







- Standing order for naloxone
- Encouraging more providers to offer MAT
- Implementing warm handoffs

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Leading-Edge Practices and Next Steps in Ending the Opioid Epidemic

DECEMBER 2018



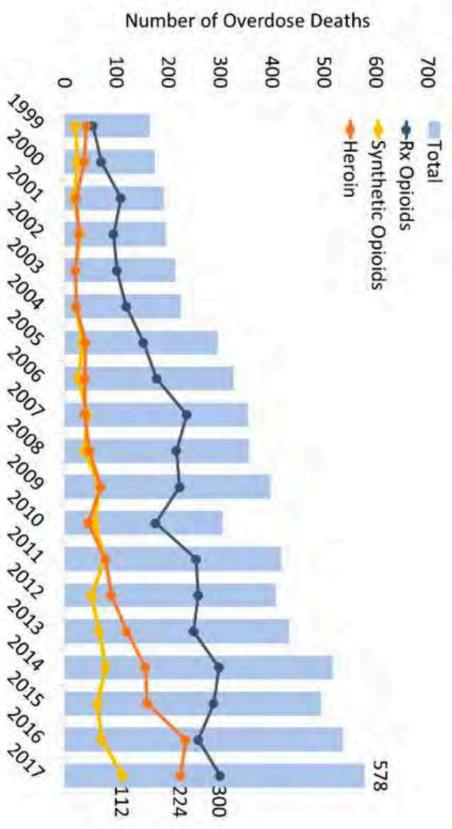




- Removes prior authorization requirements for MAT services
- Established 45 Centers of Excellence
- Increase enforcement of parity laws
- Expanded non-opioid pain management services within Medicaid

#### Colorado

opioids in Colorado, by opioid category. Number of overdose deaths involving



## Spotlight on Colorado

Best Practices and Next Steps in the Opioid Epidemic

**JANUARY 2019** 







- treatments Reduce prior authorization barriers to MAT
- underserved areas Expanding health care professionals in rural and
- Implemented a standing order for naloxone

## Spotlight on Colorado

Best Practices and Next Steps in the Opioid Epidemic

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- services Expanded non-opioid pain management
- Establishment of the Colorado Consortium for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention
- Implementation of the Opioid Safety Pilot Program

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#### Oregon

## House Bill 2638 Passed

- Modifies the definition of alcohol and drug Oregon by adding "tribal" abuse prevention and treatment program in
- Becomes effective January 1, 2020

#### Oregon

## Senate Bill 973 Proposed

- Establishes Behavioral Health Justice Reinvestment Oregon Criminal Justice Commission Reinvestment Grant Review Committee established in Program administered by Behavioral Health Justice
- Specifies that purpose of program is to provide grants to supports and services to individuals with mental health or substance use disorders programs to provide comprehensive community counties and Indian tribes to establish evidence-based

#### Oregon

## Senate Bill 134 Proposed

- Authorize authority to adopt standards to accept as equivalent to evidence-based practices practices for American Indian and Alaska Natives and consider tribal-based behavioral health care
- Require medical assistance programs to consider tribal-based behavioral health care practices for tribal-based practices. to evidence-based practices and reimburse for American Indian and Alaska Natives as equivalent

### How Can Tribal Legal Preparedness **Help Address the Opioid Crisis?**

Expanding by law who can be prescribed overdose reversal drugs and who can administer these drugs

Providing immunity and liability protections for the prescribing and administration of naloxone

jurisdiction to better

tackle drug

trafficking

law enforcement

Expanding Tribal

Entering into data sharing agreements ing a state ergency to ergreater

Drug disposal laws

reduce supply of

medications

prescription

and policies to

Declaring a state of emergency to trigger greater response

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#### the Opioid Crisis in Indian Country: Follow-Up Discussion Legal Preparedness to Address

Today, June 13th

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