KORE’s mission is to expand and sustain an equitable recovery-oriented system of care and reduce opioid-related overdose deaths in the Commonwealth of Kentucky by increasing access to evidence-based prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery support services.

Led by the Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental, and Intellectual Disabilities (DBHDID) within the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, KORE is federally-funded through formula grants distributed by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

**Guiding Principles of Service Expansion**

- Available Statewide
- Accessible + Equitable
- Person-Centered + Culturally Appropriate
- Quality + Evidence Based

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**The KORE Framework**

- Prevent Misuse
- Prevent Initiation of Use
- Identify Treatment Need Early
- Improve Treatment Access & Engagement
- Support Treatment Retention
- Sustain Remission & Recovery

**Reduce Harm**

- Build Personal, Family, & Community Capital

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NALOXONE SAVES LIVES

Naloxone (Narcan) is a safe medication that reverses opioid overdose by attaching to opioid receptors in the brain and blocking the effects of opioids. This allows an individual to resume breathing.

OVERDOSE PREVENTION

In partnership with the Department for Public Health and the KY Pharmacists Association, a statewide naloxone program distributes free naloxone to Kentuckians since 2018.

SYRINGE SERVICE PROGRAMS (SSPs)

SSPs reduce HIV and hepatitis C and connect people with resources like treatment, health care, and housing resources. KORE provides grants to 22 SSPs to facilitate these connections.

HARM REDUCTION

Harm reduction is a set of practical strategies and ideas aimed at reducing negative consequences associated with substance use.

OPIOID STEWARDSHIP

The KY Hospital Association Program with 112 hospitals

GOAL

Improve Rx practices and reduce opioid prescriptions by 1/3

Enhancements to the Kentucky All Schedule Prescription Electronic Reporting (KASPER) system increased prescriber and pharmacist access to life-saving information

SAFETY AT HOME

Regional Prevention Centers (RPCs) champion the ‘Remove the Risk’ media campaign to promote prescription safety in the home

PRIMARY PREVENTION

47,991 PREVENTION STAKEHOLDERS ENGAGED

REGIONAL COLLABORATION SPECIALISTS

14 Collaboration Specialists completed 1,664 activities with 23,802 stakeholders

YOUTH EMPOWERMENT SPECIALISTS

14 Youth Empowerment Specialists completed 1,111 activities with 24,189 stakeholders

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

38 individuals trained as trainers and have delivered six trainings to 900 community members

37 Interns were placed within DBHDID, Regional Prevention Centers, & community stakeholder organizations

816 women & children served by Early Childhood Consultants providing education on development and attachment for parents of substance-exposed children

K-12 & AFTER-SCHOOL PRIMARY PREVENTION PROGRAMS

TWO GOOD FOR DRUGS

112,230 Students Served

5,595 Peer Leaders

2,895 Young People

SOURCES OF STRENGTH

252 Schools

97 Schools

POSITIVE ACTION

11 Clubs

Newspaper Ad Views

Out-of-Home Views

Radio Impressions

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TREATMENT

MEDICATIONS FOR OPIOID USE DISORDER (MOUD)
MOUD saves lives. Methadone and buprenorphine reduce illicit drug use and fatal overdose by over 50%, as well as improve quality of life.

28,625

KENTUCKIANS HAVE RECEIVED TREATMENT SERVICES THROUGH KORE-FUNDED INITIATIVES SINCE 2018

TREATMENT + METHADONE ACCESS
KORE serves as a payor of last resort for uninsured individuals needing licensed residential, intensive outpatient, and methadone treatment. The Treatment Access Program has served 5,172 individuals and the Methadone Access Program has served 1,074 individuals.

INTEGRATED PRIMARY CARE + OUD TREATMENT
KORE-funded programs integrate OUD services into diverse health care settings and meet people where they are at. Settings include Federally Qualified Health Centers, Primary Care Clinics, and Rural Health Clinics. The KY Primary Care Association partners on this initiative.

FAMILY SERVICES
KORE funds START, TAP and KSTEP program expansion to integrate OUD treatment for families involved with child welfare. 575 individuals have been served.

BRIDGE TO TREATMENT
Hospital Bridge Clinics and inpatient consultation services have served 9,160 individuals by beginning SUD treatment, including MOUD, in the hospital.

MOBILE TREATMENT
Mobile treatment in rural and urban settings provides engagement to communities with high rates of overdose and disparities in treatment access.

QUICK RESPONSE TEAMS
QRTs provide overdose follow-up and engagement with survivors and their family. KORE-funded teams operate in 33 counties and have served 1,423 individuals.

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The Kentucky Recovery Housing Network was established to certify quality housing using the National Alliance of Recovery Residence standards.

84 recovery housing beds that support residents’ access to MOUD and 18 new Oxford Houses have been established.

The Strategic Initiative for Transformational Employment (SITE) has linked 829 individuals to job training, recovery-friendly employment, and/or recovery supports. Staff have engaged with over 2,500 employers to provide education on transformational employment.

SMART Recovery and Double Trouble in Recovery are evidence-based mutual aid groups where people help one another resolve and manage problems with addiction.

YPR’s mission is to provide life skills and peer support to help people recover and reach their full potential. YPR has established 8 chapters.
INFRASTRUCTURE

Infrastructure builds and equips communities’ opioid response capacity by decreasing stigma, using data to drive decision making, fostering quality services, and expanding the provider network.

JUDICIAL

The Administrative Office of the Courts’ RESTORE program educates and trains court personnel. Over 2,400 court staff trained, including over 130 judges.

EMPLOYERS

The Opioids and the Workplace Toolkit, developed by The Kentuckiana Health Collaborative, provides recommendations and tools for employers. Over 2,200 employers have received the toolkit.

STUDENTS

Three Kentucky medical schools are providing a range of training to medical, pharmacy, and behavioral health students.

PROVIDER TRAINING

- ASAM Multidimensional Assessment
- Tobacco Cessation for pregnant persons
- DATA 2000 Waiver training for buprenorphine prescribing
- Assessing and Managing Suicide Risk Training for Substance Use Providers

PEERS

Peer Support Specialists and supervisors receive training in person-centered recovery planning. Specialized peers are hired and trained for Service Members, Veterans, and their families. Peers are located in hospitals & primary care, domestic violence shelters, mobile & crisis treatment, RCCs, & SSPs.

ACCOMODATIONS

Deaf & Hard of Hearing reimbursement services are available for providers.

CHILD WELFARE

The Department for Community Based Services trains staff to serve families impacted by OUD. Over 1,400 child welfare staff and foster parents trained.

PARTNERS

The Recovery Champions Curriculum, developed with the Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation, provides OUD training to non-clinical partners.

EQUITY

KORE partnered with the Opioid Response Network to provide training and technical assistance to improve equitable access to services. The program was also part of a national learning collaborative to address racial health disparities, focusing specifically on gaps in SUD services.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communications initiatives focus on education to the general public, stigma reduction, overdose prevention and awareness of resources through targeted media outreach.

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