



Brandeis Opioid Resource Connector

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Building Coalitions to Address the Opioid Crisis

The complexity of the opioid crisis requires a wide range of stakeholders and systems to address this public health emergency. Collaboration and coordination are essential for mounting an effective response. Collaboration can be facilitated by forming **coalitions and task forces**, many of which are currently operational in communities across the US. These stakeholder groups are often formed independently of any single lead agency and often evolve out of grass-roots initiatives. Primary objectives include:

- Convening a wide range of stakeholders and systems to break down silos and mount a comprehensive and coordinated response to the opioid crisis
- Raising awareness of opioid misuse, opioid addiction, and evidence-based treatment options
- Collecting and disseminating information on prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery resources offered by local stakeholders

The [Brandeis Opioid Resource Connector](#) (BORC) helps stakeholders build coalitions and task forces to address the opioid crisis. Specifically, our online tool includes a [Coalitions and Task Forces webpage](#) designed to help communities build or enhance stakeholder groups. This webpage includes:

- A menu of stakeholders often involved in coalitions and task forces
- A list of community-focused resources that can inform coalitions and task forces, including [resources](#) from the [HEALing Communities Study](#), a multistate research project that [involved community coalitions](#)
- Theoretical frameworks that can facilitate community collaboration
- Examples of successful coalitions and task forces across the United States

As always, we welcome your feedback on promising program models and resources that could help communities address the opioid crisis, and on how we might improve BORC as an informational resource.

Best regards,

The Brandeis Opioid Resource Connector Team

