



Brandeis Opioid Resource Connector

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Online Tool Helps Communities Respond to the Opioid Crisis

A new comprehensive online resource for communities and local leaders addressing the opioid crisis is now available from the Opioid Policy Research Collaborative. The Brandeis Opioid Resource Connector (BORC) website (opioid-resource-connector.org) describes numerous community-based program models across the continuum of care, illustrating the wide range of initiatives and policies aimed at reducing opioid addiction and overdose. The website also presents an extensive array of additional opioid-related materials, such as toolkits, reports, peer-reviewed articles, and data and mapping tools, with a [collection of resources](#) specific to the intersection of COVID-19 and the opioid crisis, including more than 80 programs, policy briefs, journal articles, and resource websites.

The BORC website presents content across the spectrum of services related to the opioid crisis - prevention, treatment, recovery, and harm reduction - through four main components:

- A curated, frequently updated selection of existing community program models
- Community-focused tools that provide guidance for choosing appropriate interventions, policies, or practices, as well as assistance in building or sustaining coalitions and task forces
- Links to key resources such as data and mapping, toolkits, papers, and reports
- A feedback function for website users to provide suggestions and share their own programs

The website features navigation and search tools allowing stakeholders to easily locate program models and other resources relevant to their role in addressing the opioid crisis. Approaches used by programs include safer opioid prescribing, increasing availability of medications for opioid use disorder, overdose prevention, post-overdose response, recovery coaching, and addressing social determinants of health such as housing and employment.

- The website now highlights [over 180 program models](#) searchable by type of response approach, population, stakeholder, region, and state.
- [Over 800 additional resources](#), which include journal articles, toolkits, and consolidator websites, as well as opioid treatment and prevalence [data repositories](#).
- The website's [community response](#) section includes a [checklist](#) of interventions and policies that communities should consider implementing across the continuum of care.
- To stay current with innovations in addressing the opioid crisis, new programs and resources are added regularly.

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