



Brandeis Opioid Resource Connector

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Maximizing the Impact of Opioid Settlement Funds

Communities across the United States are now responding to the opioid crisis with assistance from [opioid settlement funds](#) disbursed by state and local authorities. State agencies involved in allocating settlement funds, including those in [Alaska](#), [Colorado](#), [Massachusetts](#), and [Nevada](#), recommend the [Brandeis Opioid Resource Connector](#) (BORC) for evidence-based guidance and best practices. By providing program models and needs assessment tools, BORC can help communities maximize the effectiveness of their response by choosing the most impactful interventions. Available models focus on the entire continuum of care including prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery.

BORC now features descriptions of more than [200 geographically and demographically diverse programs](#) that communities have implemented to address the opioid crisis, and over [1000 relevant academic papers, reports, and websites](#). We regularly scan for new and promising programs as well as new resources. Here are a few of the most recent additions:

- [Overdose detection technologies](#), including smartphone apps, that can reduce the risk of fatal overdose for people using opioids alone
- A [statewide campaign](#) in North Dakota aimed at reducing addiction stigma and supporting recovery
- [Vending machines](#) that provide free and anonymous access to naloxone for reversing overdoses
- A [county jail](#) in Massachusetts that provides all three FDA-approved medications for opioid use disorder
- The [Recovery Ecosystem Index Map](#), an interactive mapping tool to better understand your community and where additional resources are most needed
- A [surveillance dashboard](#) that allows non-fatal opioid overdoses to be tracked at near real-time on both the county and state levels

As always, we welcome your feedback on promising opioid programs and policies, and on how we might improve BORC as an informational resource.

Best regards,

The Brandeis Opioid Resource Connector Team

