

# New York City RxStat

Reducing overdose deaths in NYC through cross-agency collaboration

## Overview

RxStat was established in 2012 to bring together public health and public safety agencies to create data-driven policies and programs to reduce overdose deaths in New York City (NYC). Initially formed to respond to increases in prescription opioid-involved overdose deaths, NYC's RxStat has become a nationally recognized model for data-driven collaboration. Today, more than 30 Federal, state, and local government agencies participate in a public health/public safety collaborative model, working together to reduce overdose deaths.

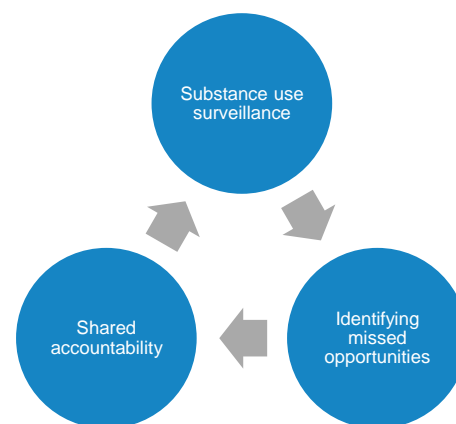
## Core Beliefs

1. Opioid overdose deaths are preventable.
2. Public health and public safety have data critical to informing overdose prevention work.
3. Policies should be informed by science and grounded in data.

## Drug Trends Meetings: Surveillance of drug use, morbidity, and mortality

### Cross-discipline data sharing to inform strategy

By participating in RxStat, agencies have access to the most timely and accurate information on drug trends, including overdose deaths. RxStat provides a mechanism to monitor multiple drug-related data sources and encourages information sharing between participating agencies. RxStat provides leadership from participating agencies with insight into shifts in drug use trends, drug-related morbidity, and overdose mortality. Population-level data also provide information on groups that historically have been made vulnerable to drug-related consequences. Combined with agency-led research and the scientific literature, these data provide a roadmap towards identifying key overdose prevention strategies.



## Overdose Fatality Review Meetings: Identifying Missed Opportunities

### Review of individual mortality cases to prevent similar deaths in the future

During RxStat Overdose Fatality Review meetings, individual overdose deaths are reviewed. Each case review examines the overdose decedent's life in totality, with agencies working together to identify system gaps that could be closed to prevent similar deaths in the future. Participants review narratives of overdose-involved deaths to gain a holistic understanding of the chain of events leading to the death; identify missed opportunities for prevention and intervention across healthcare, social services, and criminal justice systems for individuals; and develop actionable program and policy recommendations to improve collaboration and communication across agencies and sectors. All OFR members are required to sign a Confidentiality and Non-Disclosure agreement before any participation.

## Action Meetings: Shared Accountability

### Identify action steps, assign responsibility and monitor change

Action meetings will focus on identifying and tracking steps taken to address system gaps. These meetings, which began in 2022, aim to respond to priority areas and find solutions that can be implemented by member agencies. Smaller RxStat workgroups are often formed out of these Action meetings and asked to accomplish a particular goal and report back to the larger group.

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## Participating Agencies

### Local Partners

Bronx County District Attorney's Office  
King's County District Attorney's Office  
New York City Administration for Children's Services (ACS)  
New York City Department of Correction (DOC)  
New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Use Prevention, Care and Treatment\*  
New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) Poison Control Center (PCC)  
New York City Department of Parks & Recreation  
New York City Department of Probation (DOP)  
New York City Fire Department (FDNY) EMS Operations  
New York City Health + Hospitals (H+H) Correctional Health Services (CHS)  
New York City Health + Hospitals (H+H) Office of Behavioral Health  
New York City Human Resources Administration (HRA) Department of Social Services (DSS)  
New York City Human Resources Administration (HRA) Department of Homeless Services (DHS)  
New York City Office of Chief Medical Examiner (OCME)\*  
New York City Police Department (NYPD)\*  
New York County District Attorney's Office  
Office of the Special Narcotics Prosecutor (SNP)  
Office of the Staten Island Borough President  
Queens County District Attorney's Office  
Regional Emergency Medical Services Council of NYC (NYC REMSCO)  
Richmond County District Attorney's Office

### State Partners

Attorney General of New York (AGNY)  
New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS)  
New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) AIDS Institute Office of Drug User Health\*  
New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement (BNE)  
New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS)  
New York State Office of Court Administration (OCA) / Unified Court System Office of Policy and Planning  
New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH)  
New York State Police (NYSP)

### Federal Partners

Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)  
New York/New Jersey High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)\*  
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH) Office of Regional Health Operations (ORHO)  
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)  
United States Attorney's Office Eastern District of New York  
United States Attorney's Office Southern District of New York  
United States Customs and Border Protection (CBP)  
United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)  
United States Department of Homeland Security (HSI)

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