

CVSVC Opioid Use Disorder Education and Prevention Initiative

Scope of Services

CVSVC will provide primary prevention education to the community on Opioid Use Disorder (OUD). Primary prevention focuses on preventing the development of OUD or opioid overdose deaths. This can be achieved by preventing exposure to opioids, increasing protective factors known to reduce the risk of OUD (i.e. decision-making skills for problem solving and resisting peer pressure) and reducing risk factors (i.e. low self-esteem/self-worth, poor communication skills). We will also provide education regarding how a trauma history can contribute to use/misuse of substances to self-medicate following a traumatic experience, and provide linkages to CVSVC services to address trauma which occurred as the result of a crime.

CVSVC has an extensive and committed relationship with elementary, middle, and high schools, as well as the local colleges and university. We would target youth and young adults between the ages of ten and twenty-four years as well as family members and community networks to provide education using a harm reduction framework.