

# Rural Community Opioid Response Program

# TN-RCORP



A PROGRAM OF  
RURAL HEALTH  
ASSOCIATION

# RCORP Goal

The Rural Health Association of Tennessee (RHA) and our 200+ partners are working to reduce SUD by 5% by 2025 through prevention, treatment, and recovery education and advocacy.

# RCORP Consortium



Create a network of partners who provide prevention, treatment and recovery services



First Responders, Health Councils, Coordinated School Health, Pharmacies, RHCs, etc



Increase number of Consortium Members to 200 statewide



The first step to becoming a partner is signing up for our monthly newsletter. You'll receive event updates, resources, and consortium meeting notices.

# RCORP Projects & Resources

- ▶ Prescription Drug Take Back Toolkit
- ▶ Naloxone Training
- ▶ Naloxone Kits
- ▶ Caregiver Safe Storage Education
- ▶ Mental Health/SUD Related Trainings/Webinars
- ▶ Drug Take Back Boxes
- ▶ Workforce Support
- ▶ EMS Education
- ▶ Monthly Newsletters



The goal of the Tennessee Rural Community Opioid Response Program (TN-RCORP) is to reduce the prevalence of substance use disorder by 5% over the next 3 years. By signing this pledge, you will be added to our monthly newsletter providing resources, event announcements, and best practice guides to support reaching this goal.

By signing this pledge, your organization will support our efforts to reduce substance misuse by sharing resources, events, and materials with your community.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Organization:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_


**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



# Safe Storage Education Material

Safe Medicine Storage for: **Parents**

Put your medicines **up<sup>2</sup>** away and out of sight.



Medicines and vitamins help families feel well and stay well, but children are curious; to keep them safe, parents and caregivers must practice safe medicine storage. Always put every medicine and vitamin away every time you use it, including those you use every day.

**The following tips can help:**

- ✓ Keep medicines (including those carried in purses, bags, pockets, or pill organizers), in a safe location that is too high for young children to reach or see.
- ✓ Never leave medicines or vitamins out on a counter, table, or at a sick child's bedside. At home or away, keep medicines in child-resistant containers until right before you take them.
- ✓ Always relock the safety cap on a medicine bottle. If it has a locking cap that turns, twist it until you can't twist anymore or hear the "click."
- ✓ Teach children what medicine is and why you or another caregiver must be the one to give it to them.
- ✓ Never tell children medicine is candy so they'll take it, even if your child doesn't like to take their medicine.
- ✓ Remind babysitters, houseguests, and visitors to keep purses, bags, or coats that have medicines in them up and away and out of sight when they're in your home.

Keep the Poison Help number in all of your phones: (800) 222-1222  
Or text "POISON" TO 797979 to automatically save it.

For more tools and information, visit [UpandAway.org](https://UpandAway.org).

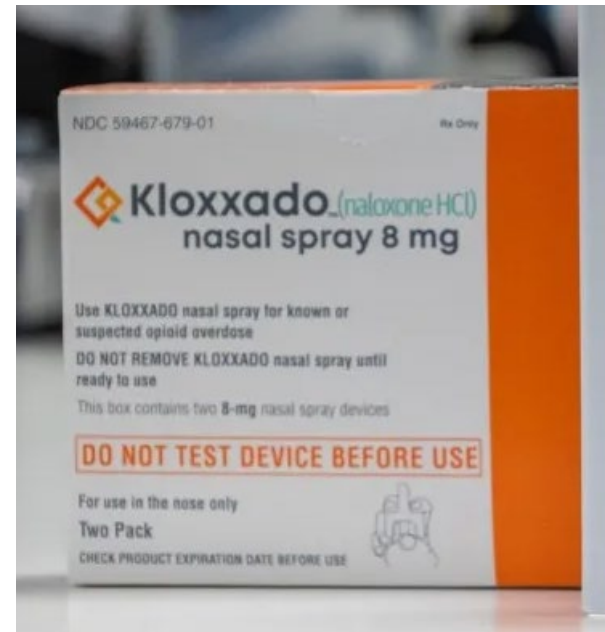
In partnership with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

- ▶ Understand the Importance of Safe Medicine Storage
- ▶ Identify Safe Storage Practices
- ▶ Implement Child-Resistant Containers and Safety Caps
- ▶ Educate Children and Others on Medicine Safety
- ▶ Prepare for Emergencies
- ▶ Utilize Resources for Further Learning and Support

# Naloxone Training

## Learning Objectives:

1. Learn about the opioid epidemic, including its prevalence.
2. Identify common risk factors, signs, and symptoms of misuse.
3. Explain the role of naloxone as an opioid overdose reversal medication and how to administer it appropriately.



# Prescription Drug Take-Back Toolkit

- ▶ Developed in partnership with the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy, this training focuses on best practices in OUD prevention and offer actionable strategies for implanting prescription take back activities locally including:
  - ▶ Hosting prescription drug take-back events
  - ▶ Installing permanent collection sites in pharmacies
  - ▶ Engaging communities in OUD prevention.
- ▶ This course offers 1.75 contact hours approved by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE).







# RCORP Drug Take-Back Boxes

- ▶ Drug Take-Back Boxes offer a safe and accessible way to dispose of unused or expired medication.
- Prevent improper disposal, avoiding contamination of water sources.
- Actively combats opioid and substance misuse
- Engaging communities in OUD prevention.





# How Can You Help?

The first step to becoming a partner is signing up for our monthly newsletter. You'll receive event updates, resources, and consortium meeting notices.

Other ways to help:

- ▶ Spread the word
- ▶ Become a consortium member
- ▶ Become a regional champion

# 2024 Consortium Members

We thank the following organizations who have consulted this program and/or carried out TN-RCORP activities.



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Big South Fork  
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Maury County  
Recovery Fest



Franklin County  
Sheriff's  
Office

Myrtle Recovery Center

