

Key Recommendations

Interviewees offered their top suggestions for community-based overdose prevention programs.

Prioritize **building trust** with the people you are serving, treat them with dignity and respect, and have a willingness to listen.



Involve **directly impacted people** and people with lived experience in every aspect of implementation.

Find individuals who can **champion the work** and advocate effectively.



Building **collaborative partnerships** is key. Make sure you bring everyone to the table from the beginning – public health, EMS, law enforcement, and most importantly community partners.

Avoid duplication of efforts – contract to organizations in your county or connect with organizations in other parts of the state who are already engaging in the work.



Think carefully about **which organization or partner is best suited** to implementing the program.

Hire the right people – consider their related backgrounds and lived experiences.



Educate everyone on **harm reduction**.

Understand that getting people on board and implementing these programs **takes time**.