

Maryland's Office of Overdose Response

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Overdose Prevention Team Program Inventory

Fourth Calendar Quarter, 2023

Introduction

Pursuant to Executive Order 01.01.2023.21, Maryland's Office of Overdose Response (formerly the Opioid Operational Command Center) consults regularly with the Overdose Prevention Teams (OPTs) in each of Maryland's 24 local jurisdictions to promote a comprehensive and coordinated response to the overdose crisis in all parts of the state. OPTs are multi-agency coordinating bodies that seek to enhance multidisciplinary collaboration at the local level. Each OPT is chaired by the local health officer and is required to have representatives from various other agencies and organizations, including law enforcement, social services, education, and community groups.

A central component of our work with local partners involves sharing best practices. To do this, we survey and track all programs and initiatives that are being supported by OPTs to address the opioid crisis. We have identified 142 frequently implemented programs and services designed to reduce overdose-related morbidity and mortality at the local level, and we are working to help our partners establish and expand these services to the greatest extent possible. These programs are listed in detail by jurisdiction in our OPT Program Inventory, which is updated using self-reported data. Table 1, beginning on page three below, depicts the implementation status of each program by jurisdiction. Responses range from "no programming planned" (red) to "substantial programming in place" (dark green).

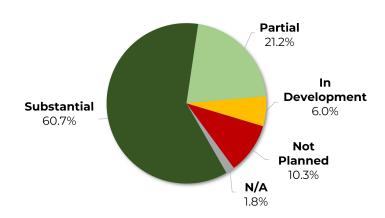
Please note that some programs may not be applicable in all jurisdictions. For example, programs having to do with higher education will not apply to a jurisdiction without a college or university. As such, instances where programming is not applicable for a given jurisdiction are not color-coded.

SUMMARY

As of the fourth calendar quarter of 2023, Maryland's local jurisdictions continued to make steady progress in implementing programs. As shown in Figure 1, 81.9 percent of programs were reported to be either partially or substantially implemented while only 10.3 percent remained unplanned. Thus, while local jurisdictions have made substantial progress in expanding programming in recent years, ample opportunities remain for program expansion across all jurisdictions.

All jurisdictions reported having at least half of the 142 programs either partially or substantially implemented, and all jurisdictions reported plans to expand programming.

Figure 1. Statewide OPT Program Implementation
As of the Fourth Calendar Quarter, 2023



Dorchester

Charles

Somerset

2% 1% Howard 80% 17% Kent 6% 1% 6% **87**% Harford 7% 1% 80% 12% **Anne Arundel 57**% 35% 1% 7% Carroll 23% 6% 4% 68% **Baltimore County** 9% 1% 76% 14% Washington **73**% **17**% **7**% 4% 4% 6% 1% Frederick 56% 34% St. Mary's **57**% 30% <mark>8% 4%</mark> 1% Allegany 3% 11% 1% **77**% 9% Cecil **71**% 14% **7**% 8% **Baltimore City** 33% 6% 6% 4% **51**% **Talbot** 6% **57**% 26% 11% **Prince George's** 12% **76**% 6% **6**% Wicomico 4% **53**% 29% 14% Montgomery 6% 14% 38% 42% Calvert 6% 3% **12**% 51% 27% Worcester **47**% 25% 5% **15**% **7**% Queen Anne 8% 2% 46% 27% 17% Caroline **1% 11%** 58% 14% 15% Garrett 50% 20% 9% 20%

53%

56%

Partially

Implemented

39%

Substantially

Implemented

17%

6% 2%

26%

Development

7%

Not

Planned

Figure 2. Program Implementation Status by Jurisdiction Fourth Calendar Quarter 2023

4%

4%

1%

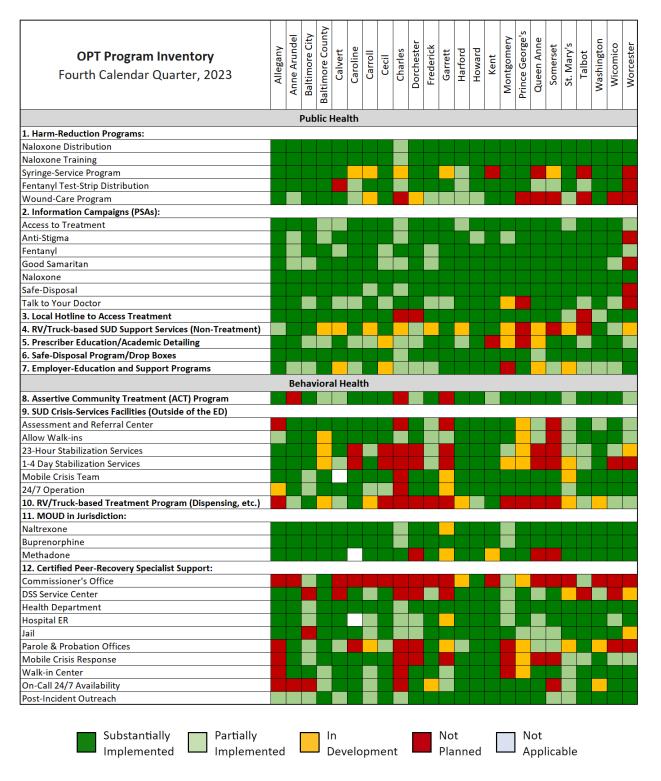
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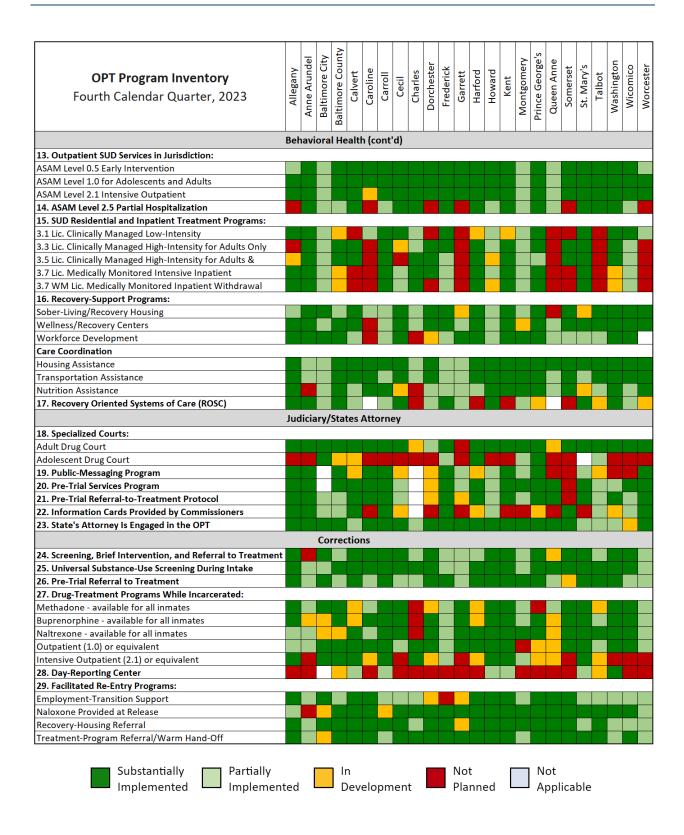
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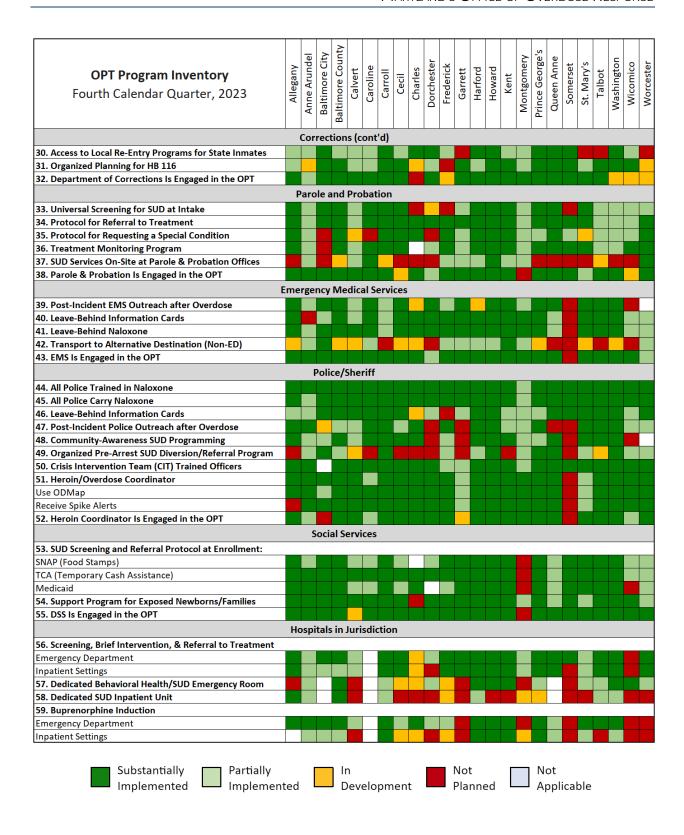
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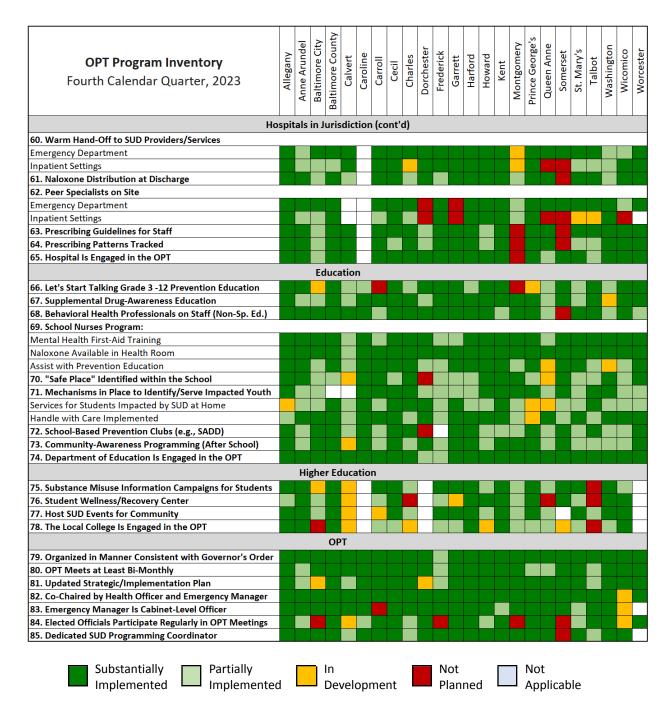
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Table 1. OPT Program Inventory: Fourth Calendar Quarter, 2023









Note: Maryland's Office of Overdose Response evaluates and updates the program inventory on a regular basis, and the number of programs may change from quarter to quarter. We frequently add new programs that have been shown to be effective and, where appropriate, remove programs that no longer fit our criteria for inclusion due to the dynamic nature of the opioid crisis.

As of the third calendar quarter of 2023, awareness efforts regarding "211 press 1" were removed from the program inventory as the State of Maryland adopted the use of 988, the National Suicide & Crisis Lifeline, statewide.