



OFFICE OF PUBLIC & INDIAN HOUSING

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Dear Executive Director –

Regardless of where we live, our economic status, or our background, we all bear the cost of the opioid epidemic, whether that's the distinct grief of lost mothers, fathers, daughters, and sons, or the ever-increasing consequences of stolen potential in our communities.

We need organizations, local officials, advocates, and other stakeholders in every community across the country to join the effort to ensure that avoidable deaths are prevented, including housing providers. That's why today I'm sharing important opportunities to prepare you and your teams to save lives.

This week, the HUD Strong Families team will kick off a two-part webinar and training series to share best practices and actionable steps you can take to join the nationwide effort to reduce and reverse opioid overdoses.

1. [Collaborative Solutions: Advancing Overdose Prevention in Housing](#)
March 27 at 2:00 pm ET

Highlights collaboration between housing providers and community organizations, showcasing innovative overdose prevention strategies. And hear Fair Housing and Civil Rights perspectives to help inform your on-the-ground efforts.

2. [Empower Your Housing Community: Overdose Prevention Training](#)
May 14 at 1:00 pm ET

Training on how to find free opioid overdose reversal medications, how to navigate user-friendly online tools to identify and connect with nearby community organizations specializing in harm reduction, and resources to view your state's latest Harm Reduction Laws.

Our work aligns with the [White House Challenge to Save Lives from Overdose](#), a nationwide call-to-action to commit to save lives by increasing training and access to life-saving opioid overdose reversal medications.

Join leaders nationwide in committing to train employees, provide access to opioid overdose reversal medications, and distribute them to save lives in homes, workplaces, and communities. Review the [White House Fact Sheet](#) for examples and consider your PHA's commitment.

As I travel the country, I'd love to hear about the commitments you're making and the actions you're taking to prepare your teams to prevent deaths due to opioid overdoses.

Together, we can save lives.

Many thanks,

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