



OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY FACT SHEET

The Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) is a component of the Executive Office of the President created by the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988. The mission of ONDCP is to reduce substance use disorder and its consequences by coordinating the nation's drug control policy through the development and oversight of the National Drug Control Strategy and Budget. ONDCP accomplishes this through:

- Developing and overseeing implementation of the National Drug Control Strategy. The Strategy uses the latest evidence and research to promote public health and public safety approaches that address substance use disorder, reduce its associated consequences, and help Americans recover from substance use disorder.
- Developing and overseeing implementation of the National Drug Control Budget. Through the budget, ONDCP aligns the funding resources for sixteen Federal government agencies and departments with the goals of the National Drug Control Strategy.
- Administering the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) and Drug-Free Communities (DFC) grant programs. Through the HIDTA program, ONDCP supports collaborative federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement and public health efforts to address overdoses and disrupt drug production and trafficking. Through the DFC program, ONDCP supports community-led efforts to reduce youth substance use across the nation.

ONDCP operates as a cross-functional agency that mixes the expertise of public health policymakers, intelligence officials, law enforcement officials, research and data staff, and more in order to develop cross-cutting approaches to reducing substance use disorders and save lives. The agency is currently structured in the following way:

- **The Director's Office** – The Director's Office leads policymaking across the agency and the Federal government, including by working across interagency partners to develop public health policies that emphasize evidence-based prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery; and by engaging with law enforcement and foreign counterparts on reducing the availability of illicit substances in American communities.
- **National Opioids and Synthetics Coordination Group** - The National Opioids and Synthetics Coordination Group (NOSCG) supports Federal efforts to expand prevention, reduce barriers to treatment leading to recovery, and reduce the availability of all illegally trafficked opioids and synthetic drugs in the United States, as well as to measure the effectiveness of those actions at the Federal, State, Local, and Tribal levels.

- **National Cocaine Coordination Group** - The National Cocaine Coordination Group (NCCG) supports efforts to expand evidence-based prevention, harm reduction, screening, and early intervention, reduce barriers to treatment, expand support for recovery, and reduce the availability of cocaine in the United States and limit coca cultivation abroad, as well as to measure the effectiveness of those actions at the Federal, State, Local, and Tribal levels.
- **National High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA)** -- The HIDTA Program Office is a partnership of federal, state, local and tribal law enforcement agencies that provides federal grant funds to areas determined to be critical drug trafficking regions in the United States. HIDTA is not a typical grant program, it funds strategies developed and implemented at the local level by a coalition of federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial partners.
- **Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Support Program** - The DFC Program is the nation's leading effort to mobilize communities to prevent youth substance use. Created in 1997, the DFC Program provides grants to community coalitions to strengthen the infrastructure among various sectors of a community to create and sustain a reduction in local youth substance use. The DFC Program is guided by the theory that *Local Problems, Require Local Solutions*.
- **Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA) Local Drug Crises Program** – The CARA program was established by Congress in 2016. The purpose of this program is aimed at current or former Drug-Free Communities Support Program grant recipients to prevent and reduce the use of opioids or methamphetamine and the misuse of prescription medications among youth ages 12-18 in communities throughout the United States.
- **U.S. Interdiction Coordinator** - The United States Interdiction Coordinator (USIC) coordinates the interdiction activities of the National Drug Control Program agencies to ensure consistency with the National Drug Control Strategy. The USIC also establishes the federal government's interdiction strategy and national plan and assesses the sufficiency of assets committed to illicit drug interdiction.

ONDCP also has the following offices:

- **Budget and Performance** - The Office of Performance and Budget (OPB) oversees the development of the ONDCP Budget and Performance Summary and Performance Reporting System report. The ONDCP Budget and Performance Summary details the drug control funding needed to support the National Drug Control Strategy.
- **External and Legislative Affairs** - The Office of External and Legislative Affairs communicates the agency's and the White House's drug policies and priorities to the media, Congress, and the public. This includes working closely with a number of stakeholders including national, state, local, and tribal leaders; public health and law enforcement officials; and substance use disorder advocates and organizations to provide strategic outreach on administration initiatives and objectives for the Nation's drug control efforts.
- **General Counsel** - The Office of General Counsel is responsible for providing legal advice to ONDCP and for performing substantive legal and policy work on a wide array of issues. Most of

the work performed by OGC is related to the general laws and rules that apply to most federal government agencies.

- **Intelligence** - ONDCP's Office of Intelligence provides intelligence support to decision makers in developing and executing the President's National Drug Control Strategy, the Strategy to Combat Transnational Organized Crime, and Executive Order 13773. The Office of Intelligence serves as the primary liaison between ONDCP and the Intelligence Community, including the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.
- **Management and Administration** - The Office of Management and Administration provides human capital, information technology, facilities and physical security, and administrative support to ONDCP.

Immediate efforts to curb overdose deaths include a focus on racial equity in drug policy and expanding access to medications used to treat opioid use disorder. The Agency [Policy Priorities](#) include:

- **The Workforce:** Advancing recovery-ready workplaces and expanding the addiction workforce.
- **Racial Equity:** Confronting racial equity issues related to drug policy.
- **Prevention:** Supporting evidence-based prevention efforts to reduce youth substance use.
- **Harm Reduction:** Enhancing evidence-based harm reduction efforts.
- **Treatment:** Expanding access to evidence-based treatment
- **Interdiction:** Reducing the supply of illicit substances.
- **Recovery:** Expand Access to Recovery Support Services