

# ROPS

## REGIONAL OVERDOSE PREVENTION SPECIALISTS

Tennessee's front-line harm reductionists serving communities and saving lives across the state



Tennessee's Regional Overdose Prevention Specialists (ROPS) serve all 95 counties as points of contact for free training and education on opioid overdose and for overdose prevention through the distribution of naloxone. The ROPS have varied backgrounds, including peer nurses in recovery, paramedics, and Certified Peer Recovery Specialists. TDMHSAS has more than 20 ROPS operating in 13 regional divisions across the state. The ROPS are employees of their local Substance Abuse Prevention Coalitions and are equipped to connect people with treatment and recovery resources.

**103,000+**

Documented lives saved. Actual number believed to be much higher due to under-reporting.

**854,000+**

Units of naloxone distributed. Each unit of naloxone contains 2 doses.

**400,000+**

Individuals trained on naloxone usage, brain science of addiction, stigma and compassion fatigue.

Numbers reported from program start in October 2017 through September 2024.

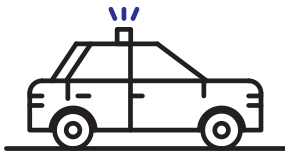
### PRIORITY POPULATIONS FOR TRAINING & DISTRIBUTION



People at High Risk, Families, and Friends



Community-Based Agencies



First Responders



Community Groups

### FREE ROPS TRAINING COVERS:

- Causes and Impacts of the Overdose Epidemic
- Impact of Substance Misuse on the Brain
- Harm Reduction Principles
- Recognizing and Responding to an Overdose
- How to Administer Naloxone

Contact your local ROPS to schedule a training or get more info. Scan the code or visit the website below.



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