

# DATA

IN 2022, 31.7% OR

# 464K

AMERICAN INDIANS &  
ALASKA NATIVES  
REPORTED ILLICIT  
DRUG USE.



SOURCE: 2022 NATIONAL SURVEY ON DRUG USE AND HEALTH, SAMHSA.

Meth (methamphetamine) is one of the most commonly misused stimulant drugs in the world. (Chomchai C, Chomchai S. Global Patterns of Meth Use. Curr Opin Psychiatry 2015)

Opioids are a factor in 43% of all Oklahoma overdose deaths. (National Center for Drug Abuse Statistics)

In 2022, the reported and predicted number of drug overdose deaths involving synthetic opioids (including fentanyl) and psychostimulants with abuse potential (like methamphetamine) continued to increase compared to the previous year. (2023. CDC, National Center for Health Statistics)

48.7 million people aged 12 or older (17.3%) had a substance use disorder. (2022 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, SAMHSA)

# OUR MISSION'S VALUES

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe's Tribal Opioid Response (TOR) grant project is honored to serve the American Indian community. The TOR's mission is to offer prevention, treatment and recovery services to **American Indian people with compassion, hope and respect.**



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# PURPOSE

The purpose of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe's Tribal Opioid Response (TOR) project is to help address the opioid and methamphetamine crisis in our part of Indian Country through prevention, treatment and recovery services.

# TOR SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

TOR services like prevention, naran distribution, fentanyl test strips and referrals are available to the general public and do not require the following :

- Have a substance use disorder (SUD)
- Enrollment in a federally recognized Tribe/Nation
- Proof of tribal/nation enrollment/citizenship like a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB)
- Reside in the state of Oklahoma in one of the following five counties: Cleveland, Lincoln, Logan, Oklahoma or Pottawatomie

# TERMS TO KNOW

## OPIOIDS

Opioids are a class of drugs that includes the illegal drug heroin as well as potent pain relievers available by prescription, such as oxycodone (Oxycontin), hydrocodone (Vicodin), codeine, morphine, fentanyl, methadone, and many others. (US Department of Justice)

## FENTANYL

Fentanyl is a powerful synthetic opioid that can be legally prescribed but is mostly obtained illegally. It's 50 to 100 times stronger than morphine. Due to its strength, very small amounts of fentanyl can cause brain damage and lead to overdose or death.

## METHAMPHETAMINE

A highly addictive stimulant that affects the central nervous system. It can be snorted, injected, smoked or orally ingested.

## SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER (SUD)

A SUD is a treatable condition that involves an alarming pattern of substance use. Condition symptoms can range from moderate to severe. The most severe symptoms are the inability to control one's use of legal or illegal drugs, or alcohol.

## MEDICATION ASSISTED TREATMENT (MAT)

MAT consists of Food and Drug Administration approved medications which are combined with counseling and behavioral therapies to provide a whole patient approach to the treatment of substance use disorders.

# TOR RESOURCES

## PREVENTION

Effecting change requires educating ourselves with reliable information and sharing it. Here's how TOR can assist.

- o Cultural outreach
- o Education
- o Training, including training on Naloxone
- o Positive Messaging
- o Community Events

## TREATMENT

When you or someone you know with a SUD is ready, TOR can help.

- o Screening and brief interventions
- o Familiarize you with treatment options
- o Assist with applying for insurance
- o Treatment center placement
- o Connect you with therapies effective in treating persons with SUDS like: Dialectical Behavioral Therapy, Motivational Enhancement, Motivational Interviewing, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing

## RECOVERY

A successful recovery journey can be accomplished with support. TOR recovery services include but are not limited to:

- o Recovery housing assistance
- o Employment assistance
- o Childcare assistance
- o Relapse prevention options
- o Transportation to/from recovery related medical appointments