# Quick Response Teams

Quick Response Teams (QRTs) follow up with people who have survived an overdose, offering naloxone and linkage to life-saving community support.



For more information Contact the Kentucky Department for Public Health Harm Reduction Program at:

HarmReduction@ky.gov

# What are Quick Response Teams?

# What do QRTs do?

Quick Response Teams, or QRTs offer proactive outreach and engagement to people who have survived an overdose, usually within 24 to 72 hours. They offer naloxone along with information, resources and linkage to harm reduction programs as well as other supportive community services. When it's appropriate, they also make referrals to substance use disorder treatment programs. QRT services are centered around survivors' needs, meeting people where they are and sending a clear message:

"We are here for you, and we care. Here's what we can offer to help."

### Who is on a QRT?

QRTs are made up of people who are wellpositioned in their communities to link people to evidence-based, supportive services.

#### **QRTs may include:**

- Harm Reduction **Specialists**
- Health educators
- Peer Support Specialists
  Social workers
- Paramedics/EMTs
- Law Enforcement Officers

It's always recommended that at least one team member be a person with lived experience of substance use.

# Is there a QRT in my county?

- Ballard
- Boyd
- Breathitt
- Breckenridge Hardin
- Calloway
- Carlisle
- Carter
- Clark
- Clay
- Estill
- Fayette
- Floyd
- Franklin

- Fulton
- Graves
- Greenup
- Hickman
- Jefferson
- Jessamine
- Iohnson
- Kenton
- Knott
- Laurel
- Lee
- Letcher

- Owslev
- Perry
- Pike
- Powell
- Scott

Kentucky Overdose Response Effort (KORE) and QRT National affiliated QRTs





Livingston

Magoffin

Marshall

McCracken

McCreary

Marion

Martin

Meade

# There is not a QRT in my county. How do we start one?

To get a QRT started in your county, contact harmreduction@ky.gov. You will be connected to other QRTs currently operating in Kentucky and the ORT National network.

## **How do QRTs get naloxone?**

QRTs can use the "Ordering for an Agency?" button in the upper right corner of the <u>FindNaloxoneNowKY.org</u> homepage to request naloxone. All QRTs in Kentucky are eligible to receive no-cost naloxone to distribute to people likely to witness overdose.





