Integrating Substance Abuse and Suicide Prevention in West Virginia

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In this four-minute story, Barri Faucett of Prevent Suicide WV describes a statewide initiative to integrate West Virginia's substance abuse and suicide prevention efforts. In partnership with the state bureau for behavioral health, Faucett and her team are dually addressing these issues by training intervention specialists to assess and ensure rapid follow-up for people who survive an overdose or suicide attempt.

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Additional Resources

- Watch a two-part webinar series on the connection between opioid abuse, overdose, and suicide [1] and the role of chronic pain [2] and download the accompanying handouts.
- Use SPRC's Substance Abuse and Suicide Prevention Collaboration Continuum [3] to build and strengthen partnerships. Follow the links in the top left navigation to learn more about the four stages in the continuum.
- Learn how partnerships and collaboration [6] are a key to success in effective suicide prevention [7].
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