



Stronger Together:

Illinois Overdose Prevention & Recovery Resources

This guide highlights key programs, partnerships, and resources across Illinois that support community-level efforts to prevent overdose and strengthen care. It is designed to help individuals and organizations connect with existing networks, access practical tools, and coordinate more effective local responses.

Leadership Center

Prevention First's Leadership Center advances evidence-based substance use and overdose prevention by providing current research, best practices, and strategic guidance. It supports community organizations by fostering collaboration across systems and helping integrate prevention efforts throughout the continuum of care. [Learn more here.](#)

Opioid Learning & Response Collaborative (OLRC)

Prevention First's OLRC provides training, technical assistance, and workforce development opportunities to support organizations and professionals working to prevent overdose and strengthen care in their communities. They offer practical guidance, learning opportunities, and pathways to build expertise, while prioritizing communities most impacted by opioid overdoses and working to advance equity in access to care. [Learn more here.](#)

Recovery Oriented System of Care (ROSC) Councils

ROSC Councils are community-driven groups across Illinois that bring together local partners to strengthen prevention, treatment, and recovery supports. Open to all, they provide opportunities to collaborate, share resources, and coordinate efforts to better support individuals and families. Support and technical assistance are available for communities interested in joining or starting a ROSC Council. [Learn more here.](#)

Deflection Teams

Deflection teams work to connect individuals experiencing substance use or mental health challenges to care and support, rather than involvement in the criminal justice system. Through partnerships between first responders, clinicians, and community organizations, they provide immediate access to services, conduct outreach, and promote trauma-informed approaches to better support individuals and reduce strain on emergency systems. [Learn more here.](#)