

## NADCP 2019 Presentation

### **Law Enforcement, Treatment, Research: A Collaborative Approach to Combat the Opioid Epidemic**

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Abstract: There is significant need for innovative approaches to addressing the opioid epidemic that coordinate efforts of multiple stakeholders, including government, law enforcement, health care providers, and researchers. Coordinated strategic response can connect opioid drug users to appropriate, evidence-based treatment and services and, ultimately, save lives and communities. This workshop presents the Deflection/Angel program implemented in Pima County, Arizona. Workshop presenters discuss the impetus for the Deflection/Angel program and the partnerships necessary for its implementation and evaluation. Presenters also describe program effectiveness in terms of identification of people with opioid and other substance use problems, linkages to appropriate evidence-based treatment, retention in treatment, and improvements in substance use-related outcomes. Presenters describe the step-by-step process involved in the development and implementation of the Deflection/Angel program, including: 1) identifying and connecting key decision-makers; 2) developing partnerships; 3) developing program components; 4) creating implementation procedures; 5) obtaining buy-in from key stakeholders; 6) developing a monitoring and evaluation plan; and 7) obtaining funding. Workshop presenters present strategies for generating potential solutions to common challenges and barriers to collaboration across different sectors, such as law enforcement and clinical treatment. Presenters give particular attention to generating solutions informed by best practices, research, and/or regional data.

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