



NORTHERN MICHIGAN OPIOID RESPONSE CONSORTIUM NEWSLETTER

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Growing Recovery Capital in Northern Michigan

New Year, New NMORC Newsletter Format

Northern Michigan Opioid Response Consortium (NMORC) strives to provide our partners with information that impacts our collective Substance and Opioid Use prevention, treatment, recovery and workforce efforts. We are changing our format to recognize a new brand initiative of Michigan Center for Rural Health and will provide bi-monthly newsletters supplemented by "NMORC Newsflash" supplements when the news is time sensitive. We look forward do continuing to provide you with information on opportunities and initiatives our rural partners can use to make our communities safer and more welcoming for all.

We hope you enjoy the new format and look forward to a productive 2025!



An NMORC Team photo from the 2024 Rural Michigan Opioid & Substance Use Summit held at Treetops Resort in Gaylord, Michigan. Save the date for this year's Summit at the same location on Thursday, July 17, 2025!

2025 Medicaid Provisions for Justice-Involved Youth

The Addiction Policy Institute reports starting



January 1, 2025, states are required to provide screening and diagnostic services for justice-involved youth. This provision provides case management to Medicaid- and CHIP-eligible youth and young adults prior to and after their release from correctional facilities. This requirement applies to state prisons, local jails, tribal jails and prisons, and juvenile detention and youth correctional facilities. The expansion of Medicaid and CHIP coverage in correctional facilities is being introduced to help facilitate smoother transitions for justice-involved youth back into the community by ensuring continuity of care and access to necessary health services, especially for those with substance use disorders.

*To read the full **Addiction Policy Institute** article, use this [LINK](#).*

NMORC Jail Release Simulations Continuing Into 2025

Continuing the momentum from the three Jail Release Simulations (JRS) that NMORC brought to the communities of Traverse City, Bellaire, and Kalkaska in 2024, more JRS opportunities are being offered into this new year. On January 17, more than 85 people were involved in two simulation events that took place at Genesis Church in Petoskey.

In partnership with Community Recovery Alliance, OS Reentry Services, Harbor Hall, Emmet County Community Corrections and the Michigan State Police, this event offered two sessions, one before and one after a shared lunch offering. Both sessions offered a panel discussion around the concept of the "Sequential Intercept Model" (SIM) that is an evidence-based program that communities can adopt to provide alternatives to incarceration for persons with behavioral health (substance use and mental



The Sequential Intercept Model) covers six intercepts. Each one highlights a key part of the criminal legal process:

- *Community services*
- *Law enforcement*
- *Initial detention and initial court hearings*
- *Jails and courts*
- *Reentry*

health) disorders. The Emmet County JRS committee provided local professionals who represented the various "Intercepts" (see inset on right) along the criminal legal process.

- *Community corrections*

Alpena Jail Release Simulation on February 18

JAIL RELEASE SIMULATION

Experience the Challenges of Life After Incarceration

February 18, 2025

11 am - 3 pm | EST

Alpena Community College
667 Johnson St, Alpena
(Snow Date is February 25, 2025)



SIMULATION HIGHLIGHTS

Gain a deeper understanding of the significant obstacles individuals face when navigating life after incarceration and returning to their communities.

- **Interactive Simulation:** Experience the barriers to successful reentry.
- **Group Discussion:** Reflect and share insights after the simulation.
- **Earn 2.5 MCBAP CE:** Sponsored by Catholic Human Services (Pending Approval).



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*You can use the QR code on this **FLYER** or follow this **LINK** to register. Please feel free to print and share the flyer with those who should attend!*

Overcoming the Barriers of Life After Incarceration

If you are interested in attending or helping to bring this simulation to the area, please register soon! The event requires both Participants and Volunteers and both provide valuable insight into the process of reentry into communities we serve. The registration will ask in what role you hope to participate and you can choose from "Participant", "Volunteer" or "Either".

Volunteers will be requested to review materials ahead of the simulation and play the role of som2one in the community who works for an agency that the participant may need to visit during the simulation.

Naloxone Partnership Helps Northern Michigan Residents be Prepared to Reverse an Overdose



A grant from the Health Resource and Service Administration (HRSA) provided funding for Munson Healthcare Behavioral Health. It provided funding to provide 25 Naloxone Distribution Boxes (NBD) in northern Lower Michigan through Harm Reduction Michigan.

Harm Reduction Michigan's NBD program has grown considerably and their website provides an updated list of NBD locations. You can access that listing at this [LINK](#).

See a recent 9&10 News Article about this collaboration [HERE](#).

If you are interested in this program, NMORC has funding to supply NDBs in our region. Please reach out to [Joyce Fetrow](#) with questions or suggestions!



Two entities in the region have combined efforts to help northern Michigan communities easily and at no cost to the recipient, provide lifesaving overdose reversal medication, Naloxone (OTC name is Narcan). Through a partnership between Munson Healthcare and Harm Reduction Michigan, 25 Naloxone Distribution Boxes will be placed in communities throughout Northern Michigan. The boxes are easily accessible and there is no charge to pickup the medication. These boxes, which are repurposed newspaper vending machines that have been modified to open easily without a cashbox or payment option - simply open the door to access the medication!

Overdose Prevention Engagement Network (OPEN) provides incredible resources and programs for anyone engaged in improving the lives and reducing harms of substance use. From Prevention to Recovery, the OPEN team works to provide free access to evidence-based educational materials, program and services. Upcoming events include "Introduction to Treating Patients with Buprenorphine for Primary

OPEN
Prevention. Treatment. Recovery.

OPEN provides a very informative newsletter that you also may want to read - you can reach the contact for

Care Providers" which will be held on March 5 from 9 AM - 1 PM. 4.0 CME credits are offered for the training. To register, follow this [LINK](#).

sign up at the following: open-support@med.umich.edu.



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