

# Working Group to Address the Opioid Crisis in the Commonwealth

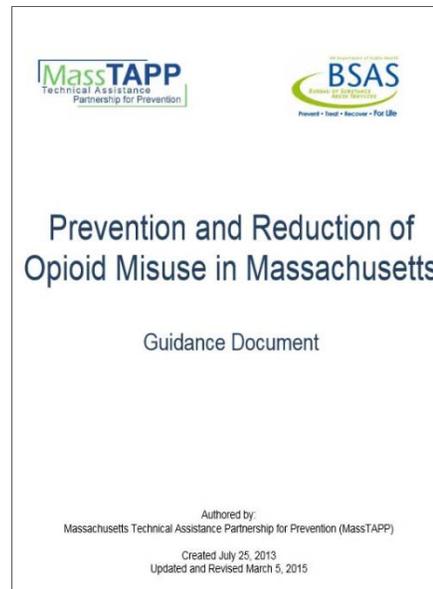
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Massachusetts Technical Assistance Partnership for Prevention (MassTAPP)  
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# MassTAPP's Role with Prevention and Reduction of Opioid Misuse

- *Individualized TA*
- *Expert consultants for in-depth, focused work*
- *Online learning events*
- *In-person networking events*
- *Peer-to-peer learning*
- *Guidance Documents*
- *Website and monthly e-blast*



## MOAPC Guidance Document

This guidance document is a resource for municipalities, individuals, organizations, community coalitions, and other groups who are implementing efforts to prevent and/or reduce opioid misuse in Massachusetts, and more specifically, grantees of the Massachusetts Opioid Abuse Prevention Collaborative.

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## About Us

The Massachusetts Technical Assistance Partnership for Prevention (MassTAPP) supports communities across the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in addressing substance abuse prevention. Our expert staff offers technical assistance, capacity building, and resources to Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS)-funded programs and other communities across the state.

## Upcoming Events

**25** **Ethics and Boundaries - (Boston)** [▶](#)  
Mar Boston Common Hotel & Conference Center 40 Trinity  
Place Boston, Massachusetts 02118

**17** **Ethics and Boundaries - (Central Mass)** [▶](#)  
Jun TBD, Marlborough, Massachusetts

## Revere Firefighters Fight Opioid Overdose





SAMHSA's Center for the Application of Prevention Technologies (CAPT) is a national substance abuse prevention training and technical assistance (T/TA) system dedicated to strengthening prevention systems and the nation's behavioral health workforce. For information on other prevention resources, please visit <http://www.samhsa.gov/prevention>.

### Resources

**Tips and Tools: Reaching and Mobilizing "Non-College" Young Adults in Prevention Efforts**  
 This toolkit is designed to help practitioners working to reduce substance misuse and abuse among non-college young adults find the data they need to inform their planning efforts, and to overcome some common challenges to reaching and engaging young adults in prevention efforts.

[More Resources...](#)

### News

**New Report from IOM Focuses on Young Adults.** What happens during the young adult years has profound implications for the rest of the life course, and the stability and progress of society at large depends on how any cohort of young adults fares as a whole. *Investing in the Health and Well-Being of Young Adults*, provides a roadmap to improving outcomes for this age group as they transition from adolescence to adulthood.

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### Stories

**Practitioners Collaborate Across Disciplines to Inform Heroin Policy**  
 Wisconsin is capitalizing on expertise from diverse sectors to address its growing heroin problem. By tapping the expertise of practitioners working across disciplines, the state has created a coordinated and comprehensive approach that is not only strengthening its prevention efforts but also paving the way for ongoing collaboration.

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### Announcements

**Call for Presentations Deadline for 2015 NPN Conference is May 4!** Each year, the National Prevention Network (NPN) Conference highlights the latest research in the substance abuse prevention field. This year's conference will take place November 17-19 in Seattle.

### Conferences and Trainings

**2015 Midwest Regional Summit on Adverse Childhood Experiences**  
 March 12 - 13, 2015  
 Chicago, IL

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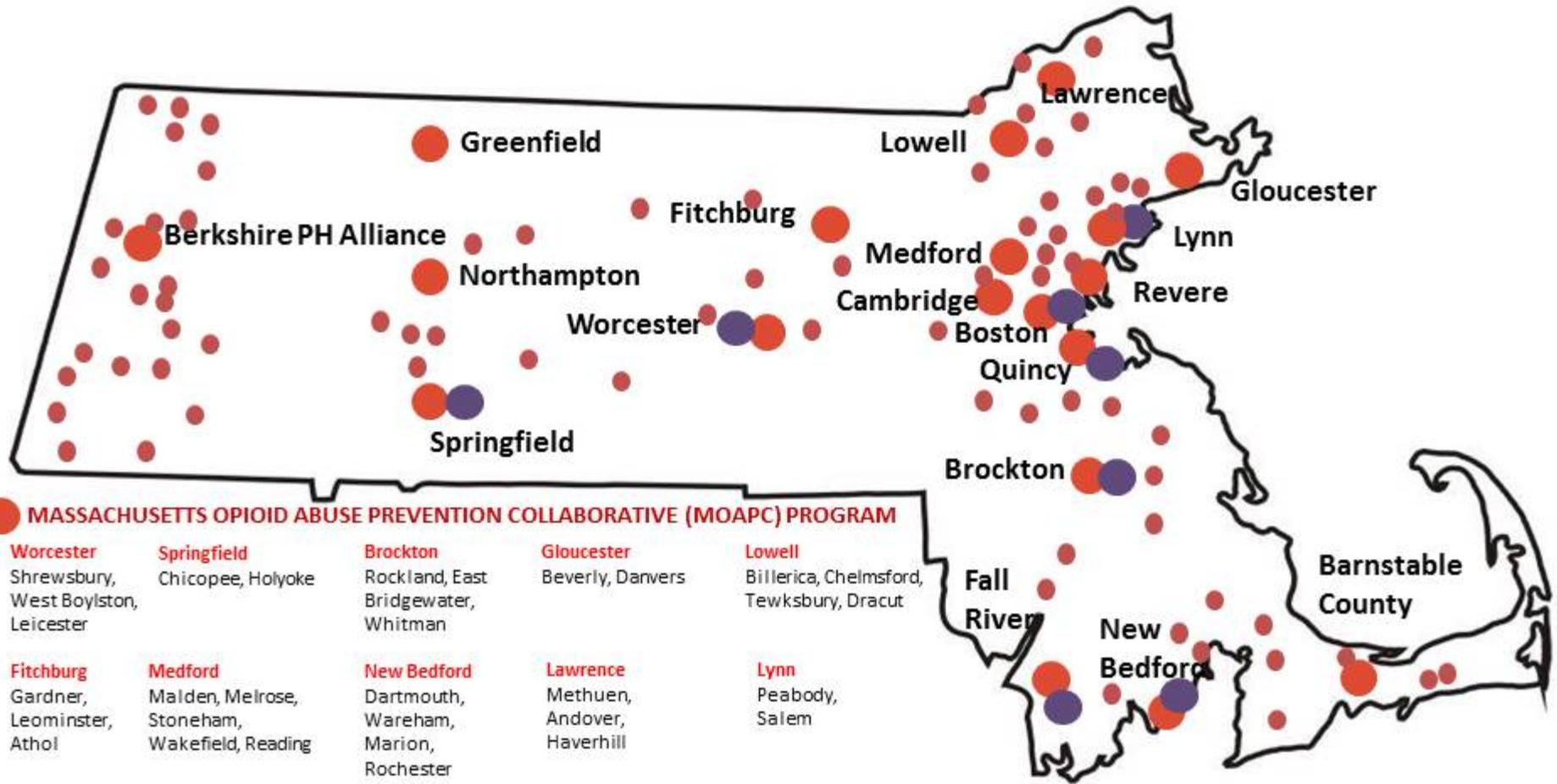
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*SAMHSA's mission is to reduce the impact of substance abuse and mental illness on America's communities.*



**MASSACHUSETTS OPIOID ABUSE PREVENTION COLLABORATIVE (MOAPC) PROGRAM**

**Worcester**

Shrewsbury,  
West Boylston,  
Leicester

**Springfield**

Chicopee, Holyoke

**Brockton**

Rockland, East  
Bridgewater,  
Whitman

**Gloucester**

Beverly, Danvers

**Lowell**

Billerica, Chelmsford,  
Tewksbury, Dracut

**Fitchburg**

Gardner,  
Leominster,  
Athol

**Medford**

Malden, Melrose,  
Stoneham,  
Wakefield, Reading

**New Bedford**

Dartmouth,  
Wareham,  
Marion,  
Rochester

**Lawrence**

Methuen,  
Andover,  
Haverhill

**Lynn**

Peabody,  
Salem

**Revere**

Chelsea,  
Saugus,  
Winthrop

**Barnstable County**

Barnstable, Bourne,  
Falmouth, Yarmouth,  
Harwich, Sandwich,  
Mashpee

**Fall River**

Taunton,  
Dighton

**Cambridge**

Everett, Somerville,  
Watertown

**Boston**

**Northampton**

Easthampton, South Hadley,  
Amherst, Quabbin Health  
District (Belchertown, Pelham,  
Ware)

**Berkshire PH Alliance**

Adams, Alford, Becket, Clarksburg, Dalton, Egremont, Florida, Great Barrington, Hancock,  
Lanesborough, Mt. Washington, New Marlborough, North Adams, Peru, Richmond, Sandisfield,  
Savoy, Sheffield, Washington, West Stockbridge, Williamstown, and Windsor

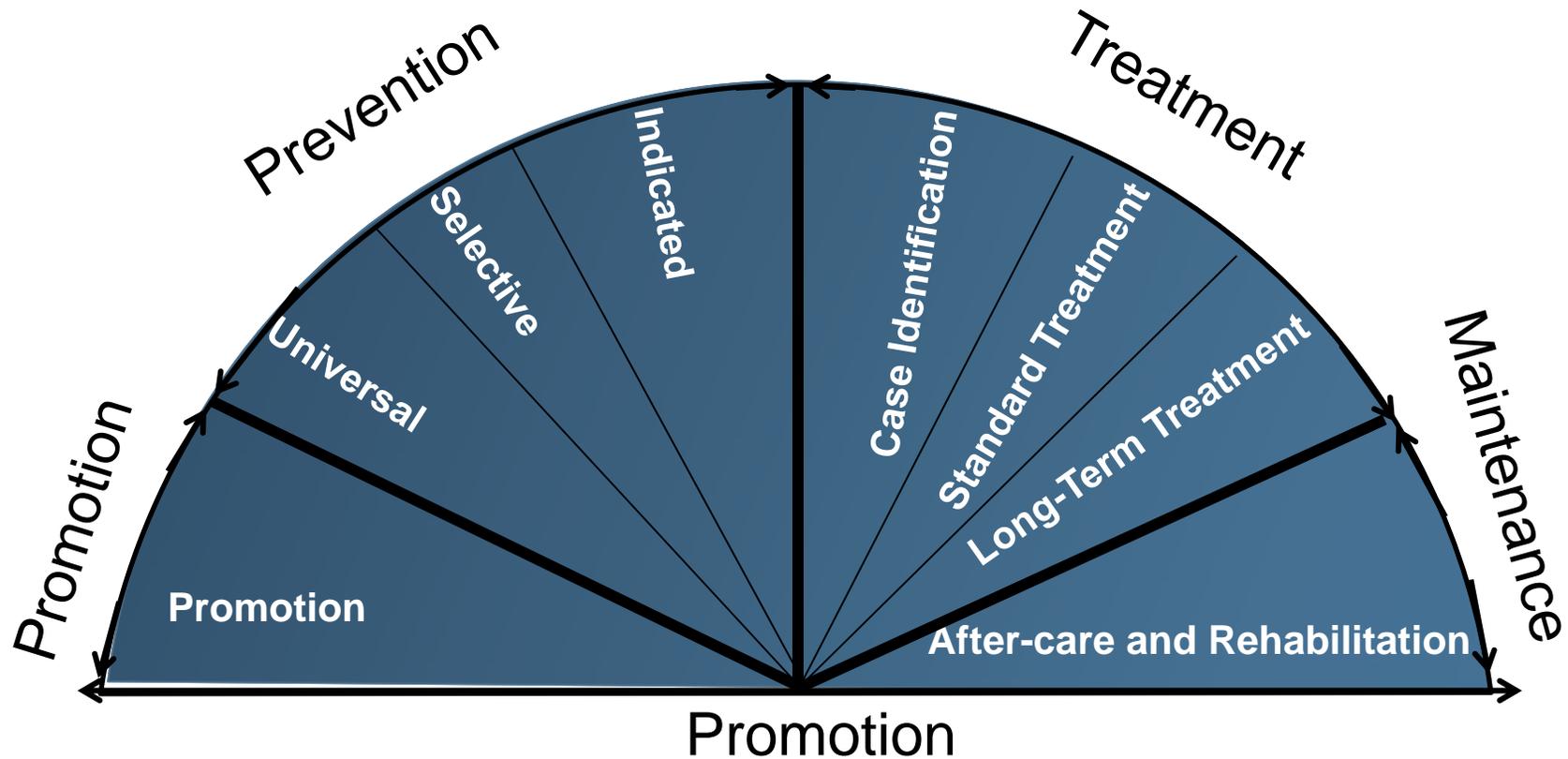
**Franklin County**

**Prescription Misuse Prevention Communities**

- Boston
- Brockton
- Fall River
- Lynn
- New Bedford
- Springfield
- Quincy
- Worcester

# Behavioral Health Continuum of Care

Institute of Medicine (IOM)



# Recommendation: Universal Prevention

- Expand prescriber education to address overprescribing of opioid pain medications
  - Safe Prescribing practices and policies
  - Scope of Pain training, tailored to specific groups (physicians, dentists, nurse practitioners etc.)
- Parent Education to raise awareness of risk for addiction when children begin taking prescription pain meds
  - Focus on parents of athletes at risk for sports injuries

## Recommendation: Increase Access To Narcan and Expand Overdose Education

- Supply all police and fire departments in Massachusetts with Narcan and provide training in administering the drug
- Expand access to Narcan and provide overdose prevention training to active users, their family members and friends (who may be witnesses to an overdose)
- Raise awareness of the Good Samaritan Law, and educate public safety officials about the barriers still experienced by drug users who are reluctant to call 911

## Recommendation: Intervene with Inmates Prior to Release

- Offer Overdose Prevention Training to inmates PRIOR to release, and provide access to Narcan to anyone who might be returning to an environment with peers at risk of overdose
  - New York State
  - South Bay Correctional Facility (Boston)
  - Quincy, MA

## Recommendation: Hospital Interventions to Reduce Overdose

- Expand SBIRT (Screening Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment) into all hospital Emergency Rooms across the Commonwealth
  - Medical staff identify patients who are active drug users, to provide resources for harm reduction/overdose prevention, and get them on path to treatment and recovery
  - Hospitals identify “frequent flyers” who overdose repeatedly and/or access all medical care through ER – cost savings as well as OD prevention
- Hire and train community health workers to reach out to young adults ages 18-24 at high risk for overdose, who may not be using other health services or currently seeking addiction treatment

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