

TIPS TO ENGAGE YOUTH AFTER AN OVERDOSE

NOT all youth or young adults who use substances and overdose have an opioid use disorder



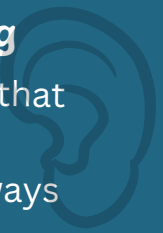
Build Rapport

- Discuss all possible care options to build trust and empower decision making
- Address all questions that they may have



Active Listening

- Listen to their needs in that moment
- “A resolution” is not always needed right away



Language

- Use relatable language that is easy to understand
- **AVOID** language that may be perceived as punitive, accusatory, or stigmatizing



Mandated reporting

- Youth can be wary of disclosing information to mandated reporters
- Clarify what is considered “confidential”
- Are you a mandated reporter? Not sure? Visit <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/who-are-mandated-reporters> for more information

Mandated Treatment (Section 35 in Massachusetts)

- Mandated treatment (section 35 in MA) is to only be considered as a last resort, but there are alternatives (For more information and alternatives to mandated treatment visit <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/section-35-the-process>)

Consider Personal History

- Cultural background
- Past trauma including poor experiences involving social services, medical or mental health care
- Socio-economic status

Make Things Accessible

- Facilitate transportation to resources
- Promote program and public health messaging on social media
- Social media & Texting
 - Utilize private direct messaging
 - No personal info on public posts