

RESPONDING TO addiction



Responding to Addiction was developed by the Addiction Policy Forum to increase knowledge about addiction, improve helping behaviors toward individuals with substance use disorders, correct misconceptions about addiction, and reduce stigma in communities. The program is a multidisciplinary, 3-hour training program that teaches participants about the science of addiction and equips them with the knowledge and tools to understand and address substance use disorders.

WHAT WILL YOU LEARN?

- » Signs and Symptoms of Addiction
- » Evidence-Based Treatment Options
- » Medications available to Treat Addiction
- » Recovery Support and Relapse Prevention
- » How to Start the Conversation with Someone in Need of Support
- » Engagement Strategies

WHO SHOULD GET TRAINED?

- » Health Care Providers
- » Clergy
- » Law Enforcement
- » First Responders
- » Corrections
- » Employers
- » Educators
- » Child Welfare
- » Community-Based Service Provider
- » Other Community Members

PROGRAM IMPACT

The evaluation of the Responding to Addiction curriculum was conducted by the University of Delaware and measured addiction knowledge, confidence in how to respond to a substance use disorder (SUD), and levels of stigma, including stereotypes, prejudice and discrimination. Results show that for enCompass participants:



Knowledge about addiction increased across the board for all participants, with the greatest improvement among people that entered the training knowing the least about addiction.



Stigma decreased for all participants, with the greatest decrease among people that entered the training knowing the least about addiction.



Confidence in how to respond to a substance use disorder (SUD) increased for all participants, including how to help a loved one engage in treatment and recovery support.