

COPN Accelerator 4.0 Information Session

September 1, 2022

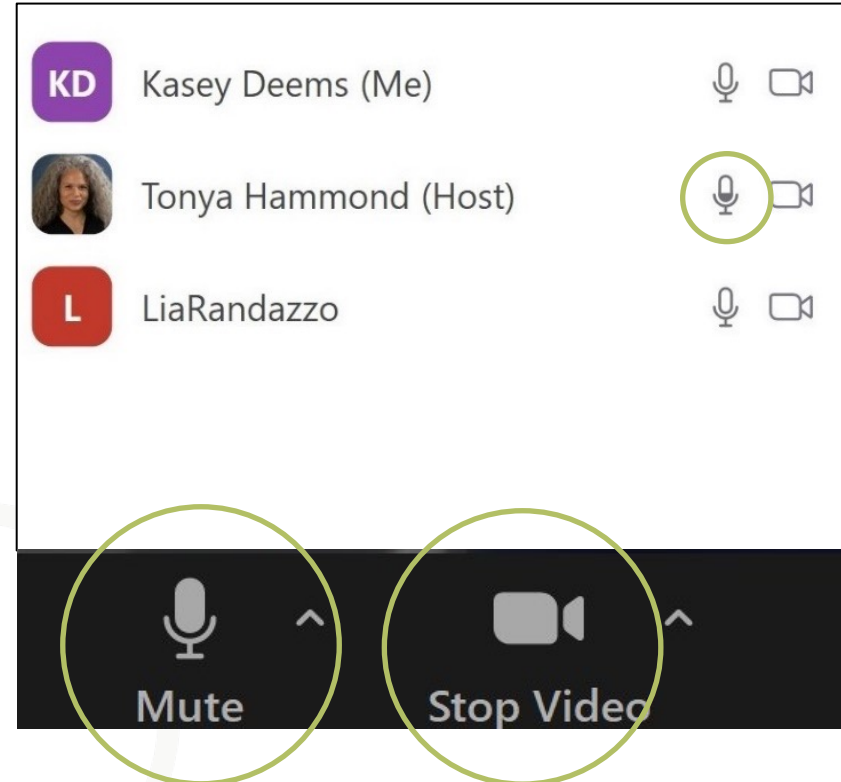




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Today's Agenda

- Meet the Team
- Program Overview
- AmeriCorps VISTA Program
- Application Process
- Q & A





Meet our team



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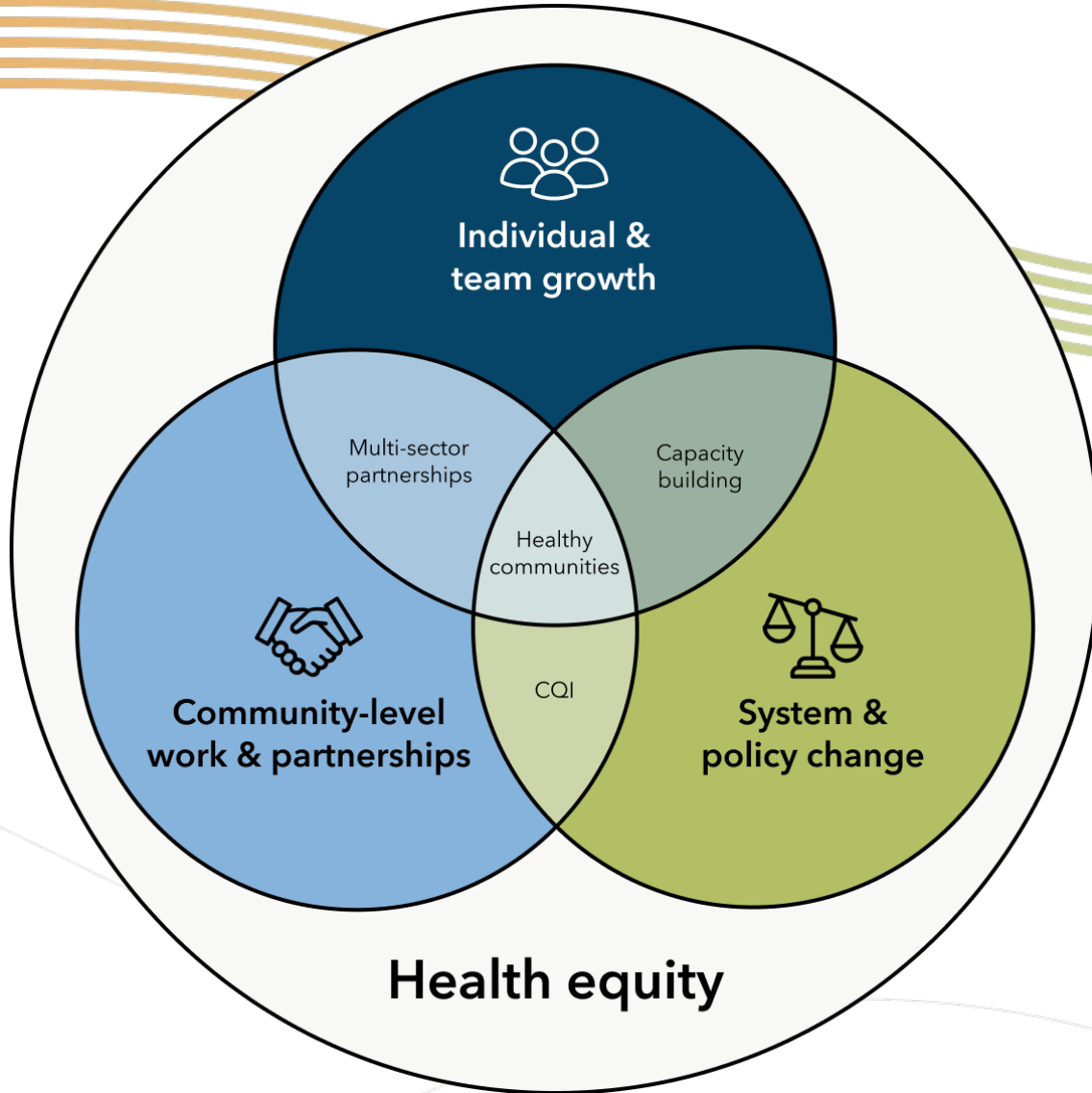
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OUR APPROACH

**Creating healthier,
more equitable
communities &
sustainable impact
at scale.**



The California Overdose Prevention Network (COPN) is a statewide learning community for all coalitions, organizations and individuals working to combat the overdose crisis in California.





Prior COPN Accelerator Cohort Programs

Accelerator 1.0

Fundamentals of coalition building

Accelerator 2.0

Strengthening strategic partnerships

Accelerator 3.0

Data-driven strategies (harm reduction and youth engagement focus)

2018-2020

2020-2021

2021-2022

Goal of COPN Accelerator 4.0:

Strengthen the capacity of California communities to embed health equity principles and practices in their response to fentanyl and other drugs.





Examples of Health Equity Strategies:

- **Cultivating new partnerships** with local CBOs and amplifying the voice of people with lived experience
- **Integrating trauma-informed practices** within local organizations and systems
- **Identifying and addressing stigma** surrounding substance use disorder, substance use, and treatment
- **Recognizing and building ties** with economic and racial justice organizations and/or movements

Saving lives with multi-sector partnerships, strategies, & resources for overdose prevention



PREVENT
new addictions



MANAGE
pain safely

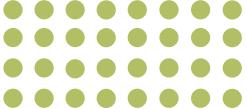


TREAT
addiction

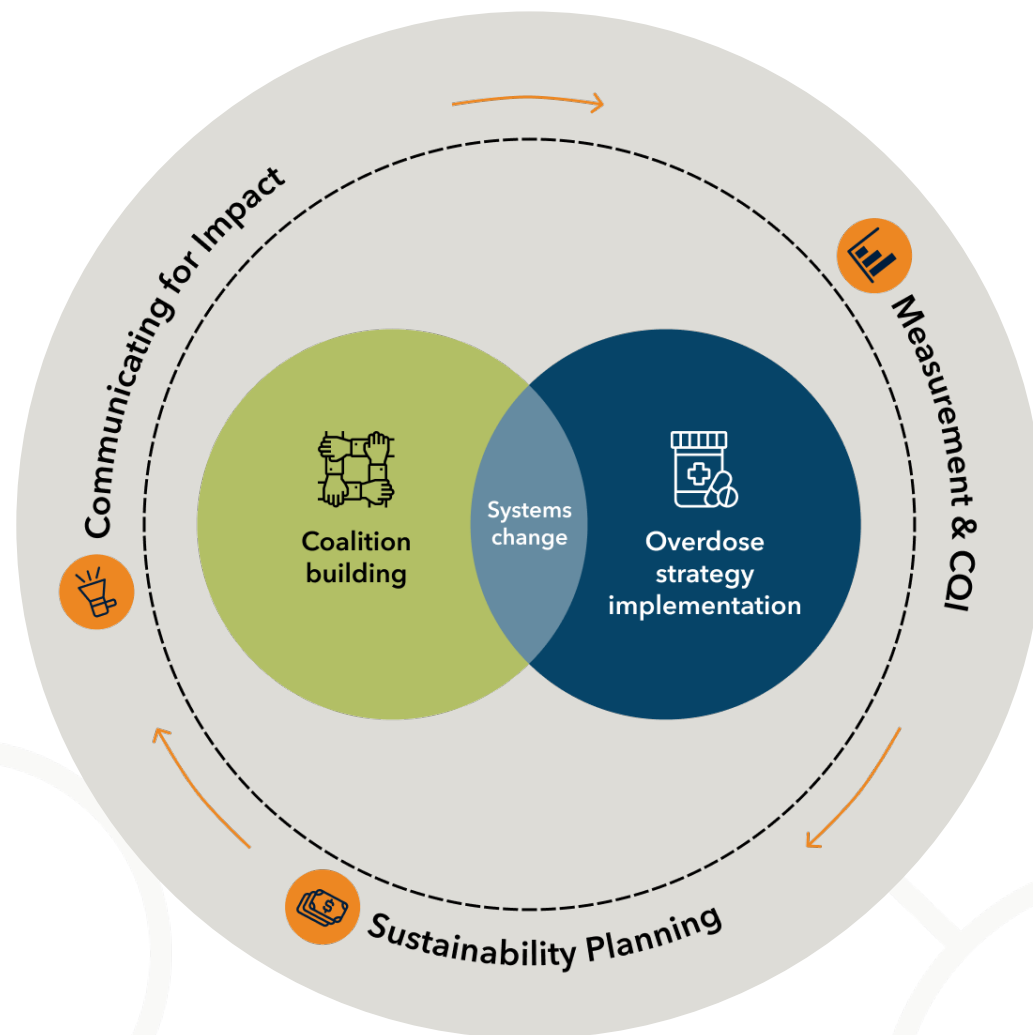


STOP
overdose deaths





Our Accelerator program model for preventing overdose deaths and creating long-term, sustainable systems change





Program Overview

PHASE 1: "Call to Action"

- Define health equity for your community
- Identify historical challenges
- Hear from leaders in CA and communities from other states
- Understand disparity data
- Set a big picture goal
- Learn new strategies
- Create a "call to action"

PHASE 2: "Equity in Action"

- Conduct an applied equity project
- Apply strategies for meaningful community engagement
- Get feedback and insights from subject matter experts
- Integrate continuous quality improvement (CQI) strategies
- Begin shifting local narratives and use resiliency framing



Program Components

- Monthly virtual workshops
- Monthly virtual learning groups facilitated by an Impact Coach
- Customized tools and resources
- Online program portal
- Two virtual convenings
- Applied equity project with support from subject matter experts and a \$10,000 stipend




What should my team look like?

- 4-6 representatives of a new or existing collaborative or coalition (formal or informal)
- Multi-sector
- Serves a city or county (possible regional teams with program office permission)
- Addressing substance use and/or overdose in some capacity
- Identified Team Coordinator
- Does NOT include an AmeriCorps VISTA member



Expectations

- Year long commitment: October 2022 - Sept 2023
 - 5-6 hours per month (for each/all team member)
 - Participation in all program activities including:
 - Monthly workshops
 - Team-based tools
 - Monthly learning group calls facilitated by impact coach
 - Biannual convenings
 - Applied health equity project
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COPN AmeriCorps VISTA Program

Largest overdose prevention VISTA
project in the country

2 VISTA Leads and 40 slots for
AmeriCorps members in the field

Only teams that have NOT received
an AmeriCorps member in the past
need to apply





Application


- Community Description
- Accelerator 4.0 Interest and Goals
- Team Description
- Individual Team Member Information (including identified Team Coordinator)
- AmeriCorps VISTA Member opportunity (decide yes/ no)



Application Timeline

- **Application release:** Thursday, September 1, 2022
- **Application due:** Friday, September 30, 2022
- **Teams notified of selection:** October 10, 2022
- **Program Launch:** Tuesday, October 25, 2-4 PM





Apply to COPN Accelerator 4.0 by September 30

Visit copn.org to learn more and apply



Questions and Comments

Put your questions in the chat box or come on video!



Thank you!
Let us know how we can
support your overdose
prevention efforts.

Contact us at
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