

Overdose Fatality Review Team (OFRT)

- An initiative established by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), NY/NJ High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) and the NJ Department of Health, Office of Local Public Health (OLPH).
- Multi-agency/multi-disciplinary team assembled at jurisdiction level to conduct **confidential** reviews of multiple individual overdose death cases.
 - **Allows public health authorities to receive information and expert consultation from a wide array of stakeholders while preserving the confidentiality of protected information, including personal health information (PHI)**
- **2 Operational Teams in NJ**
 - Monmouth County
 - Ocean County

Goals

- ❖ **TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS BY**
 - Identifying missed opportunities for prevention and gaps in system
 - Building working relationships between local stakeholders on Overdose prevention
 - Recommending policies, programs, laws, etc. to prevent Overdose deaths
 - Informing local overdose & opioid misuse prevention strategy

→ **Modeled on existing mortality review teams for children, fetal/infant, domestic violence & fatality review team in Maryland**