

CASE SCENARIO

Imagine that you are working as a _____ (your current work role), in a make-believe town named *Bedrock*.

Bedrock is a small municipality located in the Appalachian Mountains of the U.S. that has been considerably affected by the opioid crisis. As a result, many are suffering from substance use disorders (SUD), specifically, opioid use disorder (OUD), and experiencing related effects such as co-morbid mental and physical health conditions.

In order to address these challenges, a group of collaborators from multiple community and government agencies have introduced a number of programs and interventions designed to support persons with SUD/OUD and their friends and family members. One of these identified programs is a syringe exchange program (SEP), however, many believe this is too controversial, and thus, the group is having a difficult time getting this program started.

In your role, what would you do if approached about supporting this service?

1. Retired ICU nurse and respiratory therapist:

Connect with people and ask what are your concerns? How are you connected to SUD? Getting churches involved.

2. Physician: Write an Op-Ed for the paper. Get the word out as so many have been impacted.

3. Nursing: Ask patients if they have the motivation. Discuss programs that are effective and would recommend drug withdrawal.

4. Nicole Davise Physician works for the health department in rural West TN: Education, education, education. Get influential people on board.