

National Academy of Medicine's Action Collaborative Network Organization Commitment Statement

[Center on Addiction](#), a national non-profit organization committed to transforming the way our nation addresses addiction, seeks to join the National Academy of Medicine's Action Collaborative as a Network Organization. For 26 years, Center on Addiction has conducted groundbreaking research to connect the science of addiction with policy and practice. This year, Center on Addiction merged with the [Partnership for Drug Free Kids](#), a pioneer in public service advertising and providing science-based family services to parents and caregivers who care for loved ones across the substance use spectrum. We empower families to support loved ones, advance effective addiction care, shape public policies that prevent and treat addiction like a public health issue and are igniting a movement to change the culture around the way addiction is perceived in this country by extinguishing deep-rooted misperceptions and stigma.

Center on Addiction has worked extensively in the Action Collaborative's four focus areas. Developing and disseminating evidence-based strategies to prevent and treat addiction will remain our core focus. Health professional education and training has been one of our top priorities since our seminal report, [Addiction Medicine: Closing the Gap Between Science and Practice](#), exposed the fact that most medical professionals are not sufficiently trained to diagnose or treat addiction. We are a leading force in health care research and implementation and have important partnerships with two major New York health care systems, [Mount Sinai](#) and [Northwell](#), to better integrate addiction screening and treatment in the health care system. We also partner with the State of New York on the [Managed Care Technical Assistance Center](#) to provide training and support to treatment providers on implementing evidence-based practices and improving quality of care. We build learning assistance tools to help providers deliver better care to adolescents. We are partnering with the FDA on [Search and Rescue](#), a prescriber education campaign to inform prescribers about opioid prescribing guidelines and evidence-based standards. The Center has and will continue to research and advance evidence-based strategies and recommendations for prevention, treatment and recovery services and, as a leader in evaluation services, remains deeply committed to the use of data, research and metrics in all of our work. We are equally committed to compassionately serving individuals affected by addiction and their families.

Given our rich history and reinvigorated commitment to ending the opioid epidemic and ensuring we prevent and treat addiction with evidence-based strategies, we believe we would be an ideal Network Organization to join the Action Collaborative. Our new merged organization demonstrates our commitment to sharing knowledge, aligning objectives and advancing collective multi-sector solutions. We know that a crisis of this magnitude can only be overcome by working collaboratively with other organizations that share a commitment to reversing the opioid epidemic. Our work is closely aligned with the four focus areas and we would actively support and contribute to the work of the Action Collaborative. Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to participating as a Network Organization.