



[Shatterproof](#), a national non-profit dedicated to ending the devastation of addiction, pledges its support for the National Academy of Medicine's Action Collaborative on Countering the U.S. Opioid Epidemic.

Shatterproof is founded on the principle that together - we have the capacity to reduce the devastating impact of addiction on families across America; we can help parents prevent their children from developing an addiction to alcohol and other drugs; we can ensure that those afflicted with this disease gain access to proven and effective treatments and long-term recovery programs; we can reduce the stigma and secrecy associated with addiction; and, we can change the conversation about addiction.

Founded in 2013 by businessman Gary Mendell, who lost his son Brian to the disease of addiction, Shatterproof is results-driven and dedicated to action. In 2016, Shatterproof focused its organizational priorities on transforming the quality of addiction treatment in the United States. While the organization's priority areas span the treatment of addiction to drugs and alcohol, a focus on opioid use disorder (OUD) treatment is warranted based on the scope and magnitude of the opioid epidemic and substantial body of unimplemented evidence around effective OUD treatment.

Building off the landmark Surgeon General's report in 2016, Shatterproof assembled a group of experts to transform the substance use disorder (SUD) treatment system in the United States. From this arose the [Substance Use Disorder Treatment Task Force](#) (the Task Force). The Task Force includes health policy experts, insurance providers, provider organizations, advocates, and leading researchers.

The Task Force developed [the National Principles of Care for SUD Treatment](#) © (the Principles). The Principles are derived from research embedded in the Surgeon General's report, and represent the core components of effective treatment for SUD. In November 2017 Shatterproof announced an agreement with 16 (now 20) health insurers, representing nearly 250 million lives, to identify and reward care that is consistent with the Principles.

Shatterproof is now working to advance the Principles through work within five domains:

1. **[Rating System for Addiction Treatment Programs](#)**: Improve transparency, credibility, and quality of the addiction treatment system by using reliable and valid measures to assess quality, and make this information available to the public, including consumers, referral sources, and payers.
2. **Payer-Based Strategies**: Change the payment system to ensure adequate and timely payment for addiction treatment that promotes high quality care and removes perverse incentives.
3. **Provider Engagement**: Support providers through training and technical assistance to ensure they are accessible and willing to treat addiction using best practices that comport with the Principles of Care.
4. **Public Education and Stigma Reduction**: Educate the public around evidence-based SUD treatment and the nature of this chronic illness so that it is handled with compassion and respect.
5. **Public Policy**: Reform both state and federal policy to facilitate care consonant with the Principles.