

Training & Technical Assistance

Bureau of Justice Assistance Harold Rogers
Prescription Drug Monitoring Program

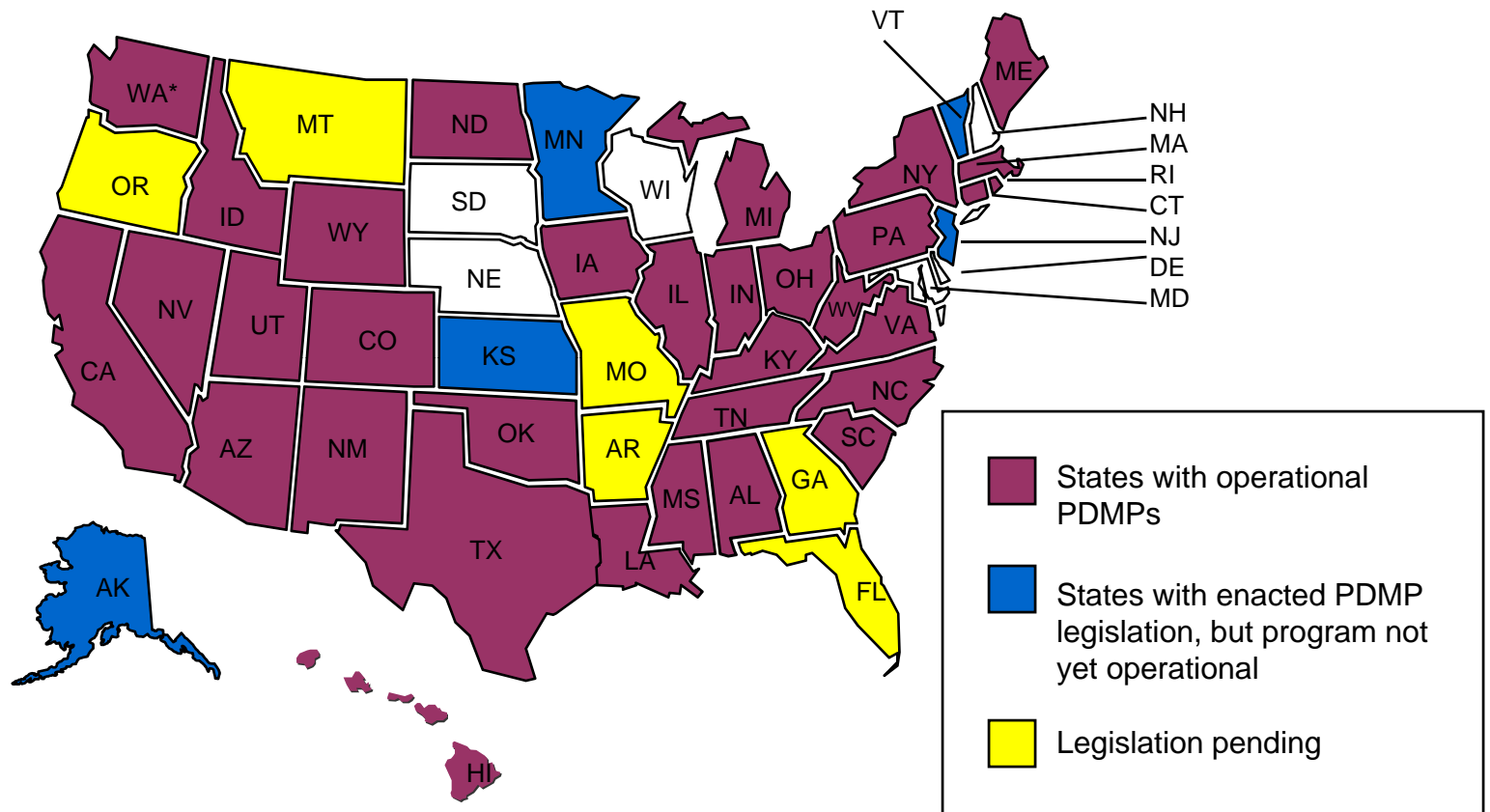
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Overview of the PDMP Training & Technical Assistance Center

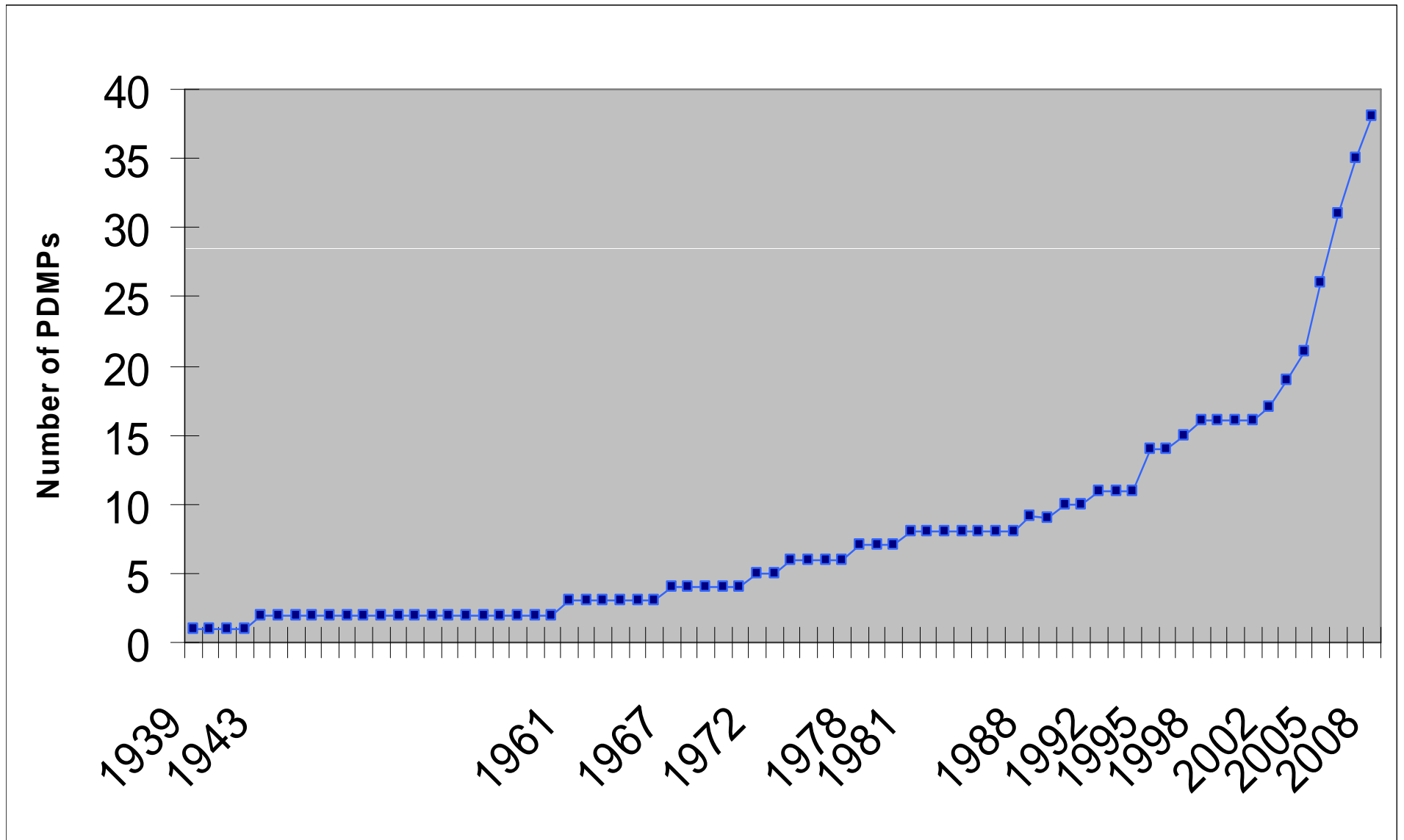
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 - Your ideas?

Status of State Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs (PDMPs)



*Washington has temporarily suspended its PMP operations due to budgetary constraints.

PDMPs Statutorily Authorized 1939 - 2008



Premises of the PDMP Training & Technical Assistance Center

- Tremendous growth in the number of states with PDMPs since the 2002 Harold Rogers legislation
- Coupled with technological change, expansion and increased visibility of PDMPs
 - Many newer state PDMPs
 - Great variation in the context, operations, and resources of state PDMPs
 - Corresponding need to document and understand PDMP similarities and differences
 - What difference do the differences make?
 - Best practices?

Premises of the PDMP Training & Technical Assistance Center

- There is a wealth of experience and expertise among the “older” state PDMPs
 - Existing mentoring of newer PDMPs
 - Can the mentoring be carried out in a more systematic way?
 - Can what has been learned by older and newer PDMPs be captured, organized, and disseminated to all PDMPs?
 - What are the best ways for PDMPs to share knowledge and expertise and support one another in continued learning?

Premises of the PDMP Training & Technical Assistance Center

- Conversely, the many “newer” state PDMPs have become operational in a different context
 - Technological advances
 - High visibility of prescription drug abuse
- What are the emerging issues for newer PDMPs?
 - Develop a more systematic way for all PDMPs to frame and address these issues
 - Benefit to “older” PDMPs seeking to enhance their systems

Premises of the PDMP Training & Technical Assistance Center

- Increasing amount of written materials about PDMPs – research, policy documents, position papers, legislative background studies
 - Corresponding need to gather, organize, and assess this material and make it available in a user-friendly format
 - An opportunity for PDMPs to identify and help shape research that would be useful to them

Premises of the PDMP Training & Technical Assistance Center

- Given all of the above, there is an immediate need for the PDMP TTA Center to ramp up quickly to serve PDMPs
- At the same time, in order to be responsive to changing needs, the Center needs PDMP input and feedback early and often – implying an implementation in stages
 - Web site
 - Regional PDMP meetings
 - National BJA/PDMP meeting
 - Conference calls, e-mail

Purpose of the PDMP Training & Technical Assistance Center

To be a flexible, responsive resource to BJA, state PDMPs, and other stakeholders in

- Compiling, organizing, assessing and making available in a user-friendly way PDMP materials, research findings, legislation, etc.
- Facilitating exchange of knowledge, expertise, and tools among PDMPs
- Developing trainings to address emerging needs among PDMPs
- Tailoring technical assistance to individual PDMPs
- Helping to organize the “voice” of PDMPs

Brandeis/Alliance Partnership

- What the Alliance brings to the TTA Center
 - Members are the experts
 - Experience in providing TA
 - Members are the TTA recipients
 - Experience in identifying TA needs, working with TA provider
 - History of facilitating interstate mentoring
 - Patterns of local assistance, sharing, collective learning
 - Alliance increasingly giving voice to state PDMP concerns, views, experiences
 - Is there a need for a collective PDMP voice?

Brandeis/Alliance Partnership

- What Brandeis brings
 - Research expertise in substance abuse/prescription drug abuse issues, assessment, prevention and tx
 - How does the work of PDMPs fit into this larger context?
 - What in this context do PDMPs need to pay attention to?
 - Expertise in evaluating state PDMP, collaboration networks, and TTA
 - How can the TTA Center's work intelligently build upon and extend existing interstate relationships and networks?
 - Expertise in compiling, assessing, and organizing literature
 - Allow state PDMPs to explore in depth as needed

TTA Center: Governance

- Overall structure:
 - Alliance Board of Directors and Alliance officers
 - Guide administration of grant funds
 - Brandeis University: fiscal agent
 - Program Director: Jim Giglio
 - Oversee operations and administration, coordinate TA
 - Program Coordinator: Chris Baumgartner
 - Maintain Web site content, produce Newsletter, provide TA
 - Brandeis Principal Investigator: Peter Kreiner
 - Design and oversee TTA Center evaluation; provide evaluation TA
 - Brandeis Project Coordinator: Carol Prost
 - Implement TTA Center evaluation

TTA Center: Governance

- Other resources
 - Subcontract to SAI for work on performance measures
 - Subcontract to Resonate, Inc. for Web site development
 - Consultant: John Eadie
 - Prescription drug research expertise (Brandeis):
Cindy Thomas, Meelee Kim
 - Attorney
 - Executive Assistant

How the TTA Center Can Benefit You

- Our plans to date
 - Serve as the primary provider of TA and information to states that are enhancing or implementing a PDMP
 - Help with updating PDMP Model Act
 - Develop and disseminate “best practices”
 - Help improve BJA performance measure reporting
 - Provide testimony and presentations at public hearings and meetings with legislators, law enforcement, public health and other stakeholders
 - Assist in developing policy papers
 - Help in responding to questions

How the TTA Center Can Benefit You

- Our plans to date
 - Web site
 - Provide easy and immediate access to TA
 - News updates, including Alliance Newsletters and regional updates
 - Repository of documents, such as PDMP and federal agency contact list, PDMP Model Act, ASAP 2007, *Goals of Prescription Monitoring*, cost models for interstate data sharing
 - Clearinghouse of prescription drug abuse and PDMP policy and research literature, state legislation
 - Links to related Web sites of interest to state PDMPs
 - Password protected “members only” section for information and reports for states and federal partners

How the TTA Center Can Benefit You

- Our plans to date
 - Host/facilitate national and regional PDMP conferences
 - Forum for identification and discussion of key issues
 - Status updates
 - Networking
 - Input/feedback to TTA Center
 - Bi-monthly Alliance Newsletter
 - Highlight news of current interest to PDMPs
 - Advise and assist BJA grantees in collecting and reporting performance measures
 - Coordinate with SAI

How the TTA Center Can Benefit You

- Our plans to date
 - Provide analysis/summaries of state laws and regulations governing PDMPs and other key programmatic issues
 - Coordinate with NAMSDL
 - Serve as national resource for PDMP grantees and others
 - Function as a collective “voice” for PDMPs
 - Support PDMP national and federal partners
 - Coordinate with IJIS Institute for operation of interstate data sharing “Hub”
 - Coordinate with DEA
 - Coordinate with public health and medical stakeholders

How the TTA Center Can Benefit You

- Our plans to date
 - Conduct and report on selected data analyses
 - Characteristics associated with doctor shopping behavior based on data from five states
 - Provide TA regarding evaluation of state PDMPs
 - What other state PDMPs have done
 - Our suggestions based on review/analysis of your system and objectives
 - Evaluate the TTA Center
 - Document all TA requests and responses
 - Follow up with TA recipients regarding usefulness of assistance received
 - Solicit input and feedback at regional and national meetings, and on Web site (Members Only section)
 - Report back to PDMPs and stakeholders at regional and national meetings, on Members Only section of Web site

Requests for Training/Technical Assistance

- Programmatic questions, technical assistance, information needed:
 - cbaumgartner@pmpalliance.org
 - jimgiglio11@gmail.com
- PMP evaluation questions, TA, information:
 - prost@brandeis.edu
 - pkreiner@brandeis.edu

Projected Web Site Development Schedule

- Initial Alliance/PMP TTA Center Web presence:
 - Approx. May 31
- Alliance and PMP TTA Center “home” sites
 - Alliance mission, by-laws, composition, etc.
 - PMP TTA Center – who we are, what we do, request for TA contact
 - Newsletters, events, announcements, conferences (including online registration capability)
 - Info migrated from NASCSA site
 - Links to useful sites
 - Approx. July

Projected Web Site Development Schedule

- Facilitate work of Simeone & Associates
 - Assist states on BJA performance measures
 - Approx. Aug.
- News articles, research, policy statements relevant to PDMPs, beginning of Clearinghouse
 - Approx. Sept.
- “Members only” section, state PDMP survey database
 - Approx. Sept./Oct.