

SOR-PEC At-a-Glance



What is SOR-PEC?

The State Opioid Response-Preventing Early Childhood (SOR-PEC) is a prevention initiative funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), through the Massachusetts Department of Public Health's Bureau of Substance Addiction Services.

What does SOR-PEC hope to accomplish?

The purpose of SOR-PEC is to reduce the elevated substance misuse risks faced by children (prenatal – age 11) exposed to substance use (including alcohol, tobacco, cannabis) in the home and the lived environment. To do this, funded communities work with partners to:

- Strengthen local prevention capacity and infrastructure
- Increase adoption of a comprehensive approach to prevention using SAMHSA's Strategic Prevention Framework
- Select and implement an evidence-informed prevention program, policy, or practice
- Incorporate a restorative prevention framework

Does this mean implementing individual-level interventions with children who are at increased risk?

No. Grantees should implement universal strategies that focus broadly on the biological, psychological, social, and environmental factors that can contribute to future substance misuse and other related health and behavioral health issues. However, selected interventions should center one or more of the following, *with the end goal of supporting the children*:

- A grantee-identified age range of children (prenatal – age 11) with a parent/caregiver with a history of substance misuse and addiction
- Parents/caregivers of these children
- Pre-school and/or school settings
- Social service and early childhood service providers

What is the timeline for getting this work done?

- Initial planning/project review: October-January 2022
- Implementation: February-July 2022
- Process evaluation: August-September 2022

What is realistic to achieve in this timeframe?

Something very focused, implemented in a well-defined setting (e.g., one classroom, two childcare centers).