

## “Educational Settings”

### Episode Overview

In this episode, I talk about schools’ and colleges’ roles, responsibilities, and reactions to overdose. I describe how school nurses are positioned to notice red flags and intervene early, the implementation and use of naloxone in educational settings, how colleges are training staff to respond to overdoses, and how schools are preparing themselves – and their young learners – to tackle the overdose crisis.



- Adolescent overdose deaths have more than doubled between 2010 and 2021, largely due to laced drugs becoming increasingly common.
- Less than 4% of school nurses have access to naloxone, despite nearly 40% of nurses having encountered students with opioid prescriptions.

### TAKEAWAYS

- Schools are on the frontline of the overdose crisis; therefore, it’s important that school staff are trained to respond to overdoses and can access life-saving medications such as naloxone.
- Early and frequent education of students spreads awareness and has the potential to save lives in the event of an overdose.

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