

Mark O'Brien, Addiction Policy Forum Policy Director, has experience in Substance Use Disorder and legislative, executive and state based initiatives. His bio is below:

Mark is a nationally recognized expert on criminal justice and addiction with 12 years of professional experience including public policy analysis and advocacy, project and staff management, technical assistance delivery, coalition building, fundraising, communications and marketing.

Addiction Treatment: Mark previously served as the Director of Overdose Prevention and Treatment at the Baltimore City Health Department.. In this capacity he envisioned and implemented a first-of-its-kind overdose spike detection and rapid response program involving over 20 partners

Facilitate the coalescing of a large group for a singular purpose: As Senior Policy Associate for the Legal Action Center, he collaborated with a bipartisan coalition of U.S. Senators and dozens of other stakeholders to help draft and pass the federal Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act. He is a subject matter expert in treatment and recovery.

Project Management: Mark managed a high profile overdose response project that has been cited as a national model by President Obama, the U.S. Surgeon General, and the U.S. Director of National Drug Control Policy. He has extensive background in the planning and execution of projects at the local, state and federal level.