

**MORE THAN OPIOIDS: THE SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF DRUG
OVERDOSE AND RELATED DESPAIR IN RURAL AND SMALL CITY
AMERICA**

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This webinar will summarize recent trends in opioid mortality rates and related deaths of despair (e.g., other drugs, suicide, alcohol) across the U.S., highlight large differences in rates across different types of rural communities, and describe relationships between structural conditions (e.g., economic, social, infrastructural) and mortality rates. Objectives of the webinar are (1) to caution against a unilateral focus on the opioid epidemic to the detriment of ignoring other important preventable causes of mortality, (2) dispel the myth that the opioid crisis has disproportionately affected rural areas, and (3) move our focus beyond the individual-level determinants of addiction and death to a focus on the place-based nature of the opioid epidemic and deaths of despair more broadly.

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