



TOPPLE

Training in Overdose Prevention

Irish Street Medicine Symposium

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TOPPLE Steering Group

Background and Rationale

- ‘Heads Up’ research in McGarry House 2014
- 73% (n=15) lifetime prevalence of OD
- 93% lifetime prevalence of witnessing OD
- 80% were enthusiastic about Peer OD training
- Reducing fatality:
 - 60% ODs where another person can intervene
 - 85% ODs do not occur instantaneously
 - OD occurs along a ‘spectrum of intention’

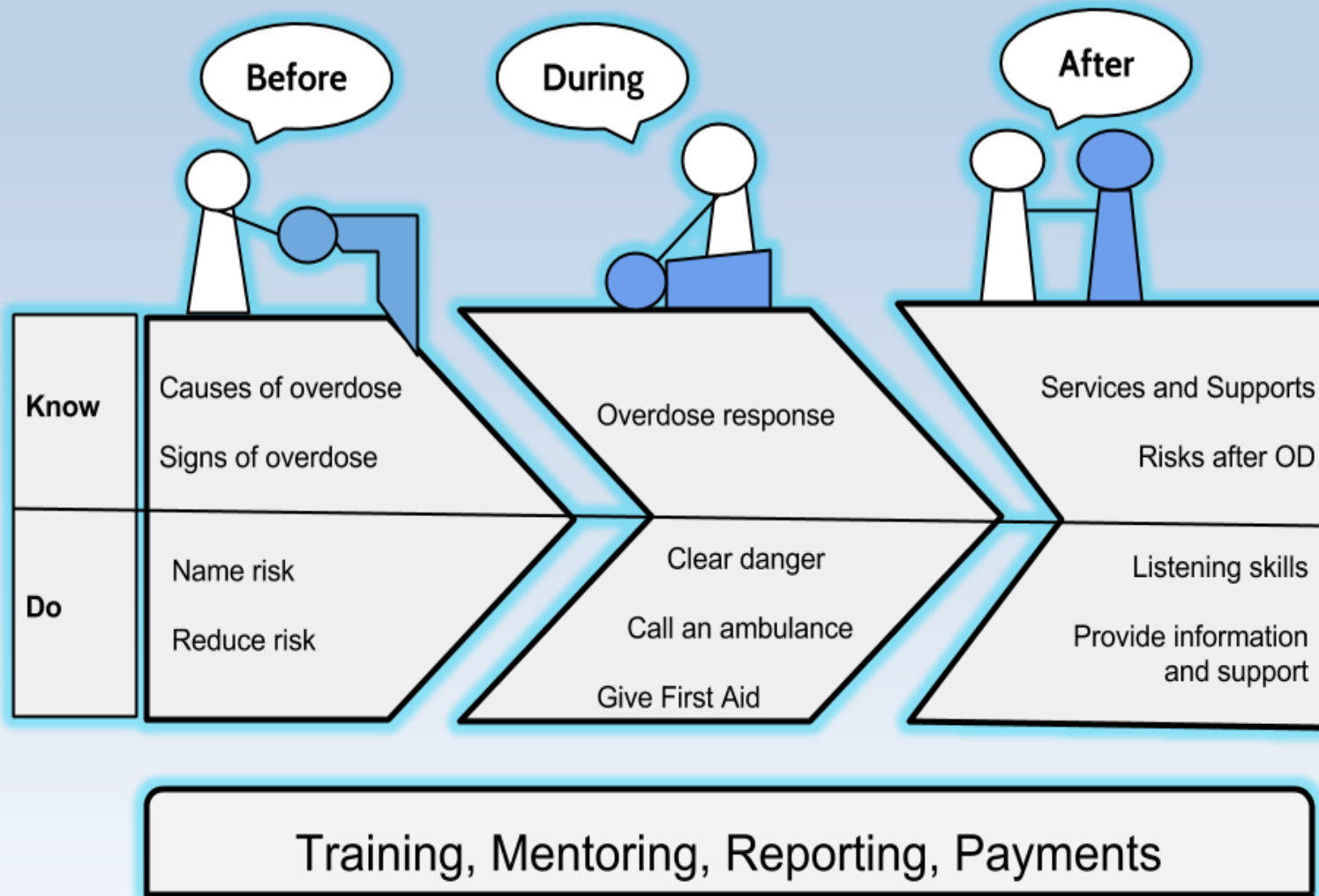
McGarry House, Limerick



The Topple Program

- Evidence base for effectiveness of Peer Model
 - Naloxone
 - Mental Health peer models
- Train two McGarry staff as trainer/mentors
- Recruit eight residents as peer workers
- Train in Prevention-Response-Postvention
- Ongoing support/supervision provided

The Topple Model



Progress

- Steering Group Formed
 - HSE: Drug Services, Emergency Medicine
 - MWRDAF
 - Quality Matters
 - Novas Initiatives
- Two Peer Trainer/Mentors Recruited
- Initial Meetings with Staff and Residents
- Trainers trained by end August 2015

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