

SUPPLEMENT 2

Thematic codes and subcodes grouped by categories, illustrating attitude toward Opioid Use Disorder and Harm Reduction, from interviews with Black Rhode Island clergy, October 2021-January 2022

CODES	Subcodes
AWARENESS OF OPIOID USE DISORDER (OUD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Chasing next high ▪ Awareness of fentanyl (10 church leaders) ▪ Why the increase in opioid deaths among Blacks ▪ OUD is also a disease ▪ History of opioid addiction ▪ OUD is not a willful occurrence ▪ Addiction transcends the physical realm
OUD STORIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Congregants OUD stories ▪ Difficult to recover from addiction ▪ Miraculous healing from OUD ▪ Personal addiction stories ▪ Methadone clinic recounts
HARM REDUCTION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Understanding of harm reduction ▪ Inner Value Conflicts ▪ In favor ▪ Harm reduction center views ▪ Not in favor
WHY SOME BLACK AMERICANS DO NOT TAKE OUD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Inconvenience of frequent clinic visits ▪ Misinformation ▪ Mistrust of the system ▪ Limited access to primary care ▪ Culturally insensitive environment ▪ Physiological and pharmacological challenges
RISK FACTORS FOR OUD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hopelessness and disappointment ▪ Low socioeconomic status ▪ Poor home environment ▪ Poor home environment ▪ Poor choices ▪ Behavioral health challenges ▪ Disparities in Black communities ▪ Genetics and environmental ▪ Anybody is fair game ▪ Male gender ▪ Spiritual or evil attack
PROTECTIVE FACTORS FOR OUD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Christian teachings and values ▪ Learning from negative examples ▪ Having resilience ▪ Higher socioeconomic status ▪ Strong support system
CHURCH INTERVENTION COMPONENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Church-affiliated OUD recovery ministries ▪ Education and resources ▪ Church and agency collaborations

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SOURCE Authors' analysis of study data