

Iowa's Overdose Data to Action Grant Overview






Overdose Data to Action is a four-year cooperative agreement that began in September 2019 funded through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control. The Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) was awarded \$2,686,911 each year from September 1, 2019-August 31, 2023.

This grant focuses on the complex and changing nature of the drug overdose epidemic and highlights the need for an interdisciplinary, comprehensive, and cohesive public health approach. Funds awarded support state, territorial, county, and city health departments in obtaining high quality, more comprehensive, timelier data on overdose morbidity and mortality. In return, health departments use those data to inform prevention and response efforts. These grant components and services being provided in Iowa are highlighted below.







Collect data

Monitor and gather data about the scope and nature of the overdose problem in Iowa

-  Collect and disseminate emergency department data on suspected overdoses categorized as “all drug,” “all opioid,” “heroin,” and “all stimulant”
-  Collect and disseminate descriptions of drug overdose death circumstances using death certificates, toxicology reports, and medical examiner/coroner reports
-  Use data to prioritize and enhance prevention services

Put data into action to support prevention efforts

Use data to drive provide prevention services in Iowa

-  Ensure the Prescription Monitoring Program is accessible, easy to use and intra and inter-state operability is improved
-  Strengthen state-local integration through funding nine highest need counties to implement drug overdose prevention strategies
-  Strengthen Linkages to Care through creation of a Health Information Platform
-  Improve provider and health system support through academic detailing
-  Improve partnerships with public safety and first responders through training
-  Empower individuals to make safer choices through support of harm reduction strategies and anti-stigma media campaign messages

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