



Iowa Opioid Statewide Strategy

Mission:

Reduce the morbidity and mortality associated with opioid use disorder in Iowa

Vision:

Utilize statewide and local collaborative partnerships to collectively address, implement and promote effective prevention, treatment and recovery evidence-based best practices

Prevention:

Goal 1: Advance primary prevention efforts to reduce the occurrence of opioid use disorder, as well as opioid-related overdoses, among new and at-risk individuals in Iowa

- + Objective 1.1: Align multi-sector community champions and organize community-specific needs/actions, including a data sharing and communication strategy, to increase awareness and elevate collective impacts
- + Objective 1.2: Provide culturally appropriate targeted education highlighting local needs and person/family success stories to reduce stigma associated with the disease
- + Objective 1.3: Inform and engage schools/youth on the dangers of substance misuse through established community-based programming
- + Objective 1.4: Share tele-behavioral health early intervention best practices to increase awareness and improve access to preventative care
- + Objective 1.5: Educate providers on alternative actions to improve comfort/pain management, proper opioid prescribing guidelines and harm reduction strategies
- + Objective 1.6: Continue to promote and enhance Iowa Board of Pharmacy's Prescription Drug Monitoring Program to ensure greater and more efficient utilization by healthcare providers
- + Objective 1.7: Increase community access to the overdose reversal agent with strategic placement of naloxone and align with proper administration education
- + Objective 1.8: Amplify disposal educational messages, increase awareness of Iowa prescription drug take back sites and promote National Prescription Drug Take Back days
- + Objective 1.9: Expand screening for individuals at risk for serious mental health, substance and opioid use disorders, including individuals with chronic infectious disease

Treatment

Goal 2: Increase access and availability of evidence-based treatment options and community-based support services

- + Objective 2.1: Increase community awareness of available treatment options and social support services, to align appropriate referrals for treatment and recovery services
- + Objective 2.2: Expand interdisciplinary teams of clinical and social service providers to provide evidence-based integrated behavioral therapy and FDA-approved medication-assisted treatment increasing access to effective treatment services
- + Objective 2.3: Promote rural loan reimbursement and scholarship programs to expand available workforce
- + Objective 2.4: Leverage use of telehealth to reduce barriers to treatment
- + Objective 2.5: Educate on billing and reimbursement guidelines for screening and available treatment options to ensure sustainment of services
- + Objective 2.6: Calculate return on investment and collaborate with payers to ensure adequate coverage
- + Objective 2.7: Facilitate health insurance enrollment for eligible uninsured individuals
- + Objective 2.8: Strengthen collaboration with law enforcement and first responders to enhance emergent care and crisis intervention and explore diversion program opportunities

Recovery

Goal 3: Increase access and availability of recovery and social support services to enable long-term recovery

- + Objective 3.1: Improve care coordination following treatment with necessary community-based recovery and social support services
- + Objective 3.2: Engage local employers in recovery pathway best practice discussions
- + Objective 3.3: Spread peer workforce programming and partnerships in various community settings
- + Objective 3.4: Increase awareness of available recovery support services, including mobile crisis services
- + Objective 3.5: Expand and/or sustain the availability of online recovery support services