

Iowa Department of Public Health
Division of Behavioral Health
Opioid Update for Wednesday, November 29, 2017

The Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) offers the Opioid Update to share information about opioid use and Iowa's efforts to address the national opioid epidemic. Please feel free to submit topics to Julie Jones at julie.jones@idph.iowa.gov.

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Department Efforts

IDPH Hosts Overdose and Naloxone Education – Training of Trainers

On November 28, as part of Iowa's Opioid State Targeted Response (STR) grant, IDPH hosted a "training of trainers" for individuals interested in learning how to teach others the appropriate response to an opioid overdose, including how to use naloxone. The primary objective of the training was to teach attendees to conduct a comprehensive 10-15 minute training using a standardized curriculum that they can take back to their agency or community. ***Over 100 treatment professionals, stakeholders and community members were trained.***

First POMW Grant Training Conducted

Earlier this month, IDPH hosted its first Prevention of Opioid Misuse among Women (POMW) training. Through a collaboration with the Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence, advocates learned how and why to incorporate the Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) process into their services. IDPH is pleased to expand the use of SBIRT into the efforts to address the opioid crisis and among service providers beyond traditional healthcare.

For more information or to schedule a training in your area, contact Jennifer Robertson-Hill at: jennifer.robertson@idph.iowa.gov.

Opioid News

Upcoming Opioid Conferences:

- **American Association for the Treatment of Opioid Dependence (AATOD)**
March 10-14, 2018
<https://www.regonline.com/builder/site/default.aspx?EventID=1953957>
- **National Rx Drug Abuse and Heroin Summit**
April 2-5, 2018
<https://vendome.swoogo.com/2018-rx-summit>

Iowa News

ASAM and Opioid Training for Healthcare Professionals

In general healthcare settings, where a doctor or other healthcare professional may not “specialize” in treating substance use disorders, patients often present for care with substance-related problems disguised as family stress, depression, chronic pain or another physical health concern. Providing good healthcare services to such patients means understanding addiction and how to effectively intervene. And the current opioid crisis makes this issue even more critical and timely.

On January 18 and 19, **Dr. David Mee-Lee** will lead one-day workshops (the same presentation will be made each day) entitled, ***What They Never Taught You in School: Substance Use, Addiction, Opioid Use Disorders and Medication in Addiction Treatment***. Dr. Mee-Lee, chief editor of The ASAM Criteria (American Society of Addiction Medicine), will be joined by **Dr. Nicole Gastala of Primary Health Care, Inc.**, and **Dr. Thomas Mabee of the Center for Alcohol & Drug Services, Inc.**

This training is sponsored by Prelude Behavioral Services, SATUCI (Substance Abuse Treatment Unit of Central Iowa), and the Center for Alcohol & Drug Services, Inc., as part of IDPH’s Opioid State Targeted Response (STR) grant. For more information, go to the Training Resources website at: www.trainingresources.org.