

**Iowa Department of Public Health**  
**Division of Behavioral Health/Bureau of Substance Abuse**  
**Opioid Update: February 2020**

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](mailto:julie.jones@idph.iowa.gov).

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**POMW Looking for Training Location Options**

Through the Prevention of Opioid Misuse in Women (POMW) grant, the Iowa Department of Public Health has provided 14 "Identifying Opioid Misuse" trainings to Iowans across the state in the first two years of the project. Presentations include an overview of the following topics:

- Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment
- Opioid overdose and recognition
- Naloxone administration
- CDC Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain
- Medication-assisted treatment

IDPH plans to offer six additional trainings in the third and final year of the grant. If your organization is interested in having a training in your city, please contact Jennifer Robertson-Hill at [jennifer.robertson-hill@idph.iowa.gov](mailto:jennifer.robertson-hill@idph.iowa.gov).

**IDPH Focuses on Iowans Impacted by both HIV and OUD**

The Bureau of Substance Abuse is collaborating with the Bureau of HIV, STD & Hepatitis on a project for Iowans impacted by both HIV and Opioid Use Disorder. The Strengthening Systems of Care for People with HIV and Opioid Use Disorder initiative is funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). The initiative provides coordinated technical assistance (TA) across HIV and behavioral health/substance use service providers. The project aims to enhance system-level coordination and networks of care among Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) recipients and other federal, state and local entities, motivated by data showing that from 2011-2015, the opioid overdose death rate in the U.S. among persons diagnosed with HIV increased by 42.7%.

The purpose of this initiative is to ensure that people with HIV and OUD have access to care, treatment and recovery services that are patient-centered and culturally responsive. An on-site visit in February from the national technical assistance providers will establish state-specific goals and objectives for the project which lasts until 2021.

For more information on this initiative, please contact Biz McChesney at [biz.mcchesney@idph.iowa.gov](mailto:biz.mcchesney@idph.iowa.gov).

## **Opioid News**

### **SAMHSA Funding Opportunity: Comprehensive Opioid Recovery Centers**

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is accepting applications for the fiscal year (FY) 2020 Comprehensive Opioid Recovery Centers (CORC) Program. The purpose of the program is the operation of comprehensive centers which provide a full spectrum of treatment and recovery support services to address the opioid epidemic.

Applications are due March 17, 2020. For more information, please click on the following link: [SAMHSA](#)

### **HRSA Funding Opportunity: Opioid Impacted Family Support Program**

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) is accepting applications for the fiscal year (FY) 2020 Opioid-Impacted Family Support Program (OIFSP). The purpose of this program is to support training programs to expand the number of peer support specialists and other behavioral health-related paraprofessionals who are trained to work in integrated, inter-professional teams providing services to children whose parents are impacted by opioid use disorders and other substance use disorders, and their family members who are in guardianship roles.

Applications are due April 13, 2020. For more information, please click on the following link: [HRSA](#)

## **Upcoming Trainings**

### **43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Iowa Governor's Conference on Substance Abuse: April 21-22**

Registration is now open for the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Iowa Governor's Conference on Substance Abuse. The main event will be held April 21-22, 2020, at Hy-Vee Hall in Des Moines. A preconference day of additional training will be offered on April 20. Finalized agendas will be available in February.

To register for the Governor's Conference, please click on the following link: [GCSA](#)

### **NatCon20: April 5-7 (Austin)**

The National Council for Behavioral Health is the largest behavioral health conference in health care. NatCon20 brings together more than 6,200 industry leaders who are strengthening communities, improving lives and building a better future. This is more than just a conference – it's a destination for forward-thinking pioneers and a platform for possibilities.

To learn more about NatCon20 or to register, please click on the following link: [NatCon20](#)

### **National Rx Drug Abuse and Heroin Summit: April 13-16 (Nashville)**

The Rx Drug Abuse & Heroin Summit is the largest national collaboration of professionals from local, state and federal agencies, business, academia, treatment providers and allied communities impacted by prescription drug abuse and heroin use. It is *the* event for decision makers and allied professionals working to address this public health emergency.

To learn more about the Rx Summit or to register, please click on the following link: [Rx Summit](#)