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Did you know?
Nearly 1 out of 3 older adults fall each year, but half of those never reported or discussed their falls. Between 2010 and 2014, the average charge per hospitalization due to falls was $29,848.

A focus on health equity
Sexual and intimate partner violence impact the physical, psychological, and social health of victims, families, and communities. Therefore, prevention efforts in Iowa incorporate a health equity lens by prioritizing efforts that address risk factors (e.g. cultural norms) that support aggression towards others and lack of nonviolent social problem-solving skills, and protective factors (e.g. connection to a caring adult) to prevent future harms and ameliorate the negative health outcomes of those already affected.

What does the department do?
• IDPH funds CPCs to provide high quality forensic and medical exams and interviews of potential child victims in a trauma-sensitive environment. CPCs offer services at five Iowa regional centers and one satellite office. In state fiscal year 2018, over 3,800 children were served by the CPCs.
• IDPH funds the Iowa Coalition Against Sexual Violence (IowaCASA) to provide training and technical assistance on the prevention of sexual violence, and to subcontract with local programs to conduct local-level prevention efforts across the state.
• IDPH leads the Iowa Violent Death Reporting System, with work contracted through the University of Iowa’s Injury Prevention Research Center.
• Provide training and technical assistance for healthcare providers and other community professionals to recognize domestic and sexual violence and to support survivors. Between January-October 2018 398 professionals were trained to support survivors and recognize signs of violence.
• Engage in multisector collaboration to develop recommendations for state agencies, communities and individuals on how to prevent injury and violence. IDPH violence prevention staff participate in 14 collaborative groups.
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• IDPH maintains the Iowa Brain Injury Registry to conduct surveillance and connect individuals who have sustained a brain injury with neuro-resource facilitation services. In 2017, 581 traumatic brain injury survivors were notified of neuro-resource facilitation through brain injury outreach efforts.

• IDPH provides Your Life Iowa, a resource for suicide prevention and other issues, which offers call, text and online chat support for Iowans who may be suicidal or concerned about someone else. Approximately 185 people used this resource in the first quarter of 2018.

How do we measure our progress?

What can Iowans do to help?
• Learn more about the Iowa Coalition Against Sexual Assault, and how you can help.
• Learn more about brain injury services and supports available in Iowa. To speak to a resource facilitator, call the Brain Injury Alliance of Iowa at 855-444-6443 or visit info@bia.org.
• Iowans can serve on, or attend meetings of, the governor-appointed Advisory Council on Brain Injuries. For more information, visit https://idph.iowa.gov/brain-injuries/advisory-council-on-brain-injuries.
• Your Life Iowa is a suicide prevention helpline and resource for those concerned for themselves or others.

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