

Iowa Department of Public Health
Division of Behavioral Health/Bureau of Substance Abuse
Opioid Update for Wednesday, May 29, 2019

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 News

POMW Trainings:

The Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) has scheduled three "Identifying Opioid Misuse" regional trainings. Upcoming dates and locations include:

- June 3: Sioux City
- June 10: Council Bluffs
- July 18: Ames

As part of the Prevention of Opioid Misuse in Women (POMW) project, the purpose of this program is to expand the prevention strategies that support the decrease of opioid misuse in women. Specific objectives of the training include:

- List the individual and community impacts of opioid misuse
- Identify an evidence-based strategy to screen and address substance misuse
- Identify appropriate opioid overdose recognition and response strategies

For more information about the June trainings, please click on the following link: [June](#)

For more information about the July training, please click on the following link: [July](#)

Opioid News

An Opioid Prescribing Interactive Online Training Series for Providers

An interactive online training series that supports providers in practicing safer and more effective opioid prescribing for chronic pain in primary care settings is now available! This series currently includes 11 modules that feature recommendations from the *CDC Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain*. Providers can move through each module at their own pace while learning about important factors to consider when starting, continuing or stopping opioids. Each module offers free continuing education and includes clinical scenarios and tools, and a resource library to enhance learning.

To view the entire training series, please click on the following link: [CDC](#)

Upcoming Trainings

AATOD Conference: October 19-23, 2019 in Orlando, Florida

The 2019 American Association for the Treatment of Opioid Dependence, Inc. (AATOD) Conference will be held October 19-23, 2019, at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort in Orlando. The 2019 conference theme, "Out of the Shadows: Managing the Opioid Epidemic through the Continuum of Care" highlights the issues and challenges of medication assisted treatment in the context of the current opioid use/abuse epidemic.

The intent of the conference is to educate and promote acceptance and integration of MAT options by patients, families, clinicians, the medical system, judicial systems, government, policy makers, social service administrations and the general public. The conference works to disseminate innovative, evidence-based initiatives and treatment techniques to better serve patients and providers, improve program development and administration, promote integration across the continuum of care, and enhance patient outcomes to assist communities in developing an effective response to this crisis.

For more information on the conference, please click on the following link: [AATOD](#)