

Iowa Department of Public Health
Division of Behavioral Health/Bureau of Substance Abuse
Opioid Update: March 2021

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 RaChel Greenwood at rachel.greenwood@idph.iowa.gov.

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Iowa News

Iowa to receive \$4.7 million to address opioid crisis

Iowa will receive \$4,677,279 over five years as part of a settlement with McKinsey & Co., over its role in fueling the opioid epidemic. Iowa Attorney General joined the coalition of attorneys general from 47 states, the District of Columbia and five U.S. territories in the \$573 million settlement, which resolves investigations into McKinsey & Co.'s role in helping opioid companies promote their drugs.

As Iowa Attorney General Tom Miller said, "McKinsey played a critical role in developing and amplifying dangerous messages about opioid use that Purdue Pharma and others perpetuated for years. This settlement agreement will allow us to help Iowans who suffer from the impact of the opioid crisis by supporting and expanding needed substance abuse treatment services."

To read about the settlement from the Iowa Attorney General, please click this link: [IAG](#)

Department News

Identifying Opioid Misuse: Virtual Series

The Iowa Department of Public Health is sponsoring a virtual training series to support professionals in understanding the impacts of opioid use on their communities and the nation as a whole.

The training objectives include:

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

There are two more opportunities (March 25, 2021 & April 22, 2021) to attend this one day event and limited space is available.

For more information and to register, please click this link: [IDPH](#)

Interested in joining the IDPH Team?

The Iowa Department of Public Health is looking to fill a Project Coordinator position. Under supervision of the Bureau Chief, this position provides daily functional oversight of the Integrated Provider Network (IPN) Project. The Project Coordinator must be skilled in Substance Abuse and Problem Gambling Prevention and Treatment work, and have an extensive understanding of addictive disorders.

To learn more about the position, please click on the following link: [IPN](#)