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Featured Resources



New York Public Health Now: *Navigating the Opioid Crisis and Discussing New York State's Downward Overdose Trends*

New York Public Health Now is a podcast where Commissioner James McDonald and Executive Deputy Commissioner Johanne Morne explore critical issues, innovations, and initiatives that shape the health and well-being of New Yorkers. Two of their latest episodes include:

- **Celebrating Progress and Charting the Path Forward: NYSDOH's Dr. David Holtgrave and Allan Clear Discuss New York State's Downward Overdose Trends** (September 24, 2024)
- **Navigating the Opioid Crisis: A Conversation with Dr. David Holtgrave** (August 30, 2024)

[Click here to listen to the podcast episodes!](#) Episodes are approximately 30 minutes.

CDC Provisional Data Shows a Drop in Overdose Deaths this Year

For the first time since the pandemic, the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported](#) a 10% decline in drug overdose deaths in the U.S., according to preliminary data, with some states seeing reductions as high as 30%. New York is reported to experience a 13% decline statewide.

- *Related: [Opioid Deaths Fell in Mid-2023, But Progress Is Uneven and Future Trends are Uncertain](#)*
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SUDORS Dashboard Updated with Preliminary Data on Drug Overdose Deaths During 2023

CDC announced that the public-facing [SUDORS Dashboard](#) preliminary data page has been updated to include data on drug overdose deaths that occurred during July–December 2023. The preliminary data

page now displays data from the full year (i.e., 2023).

Preliminary data are presented as an aggregate of all included jurisdictions for the specified timeframe. The following criteria must have been met at the July 31, 2024 abstraction deadline for a jurisdiction's data on deaths that occurred during 2023 to be included: 1) reported all overdose deaths in their jurisdiction and 2) had overdose contextual data abstracted for at least 75% of deaths for both Period 14 and Period 15. Data from jurisdictions that did not meet these criteria can be added during future updates to the dashboard if the requirements are met at a later date.

New Fentanyl Education Resources Available in 12 Languages

In a large-scale effort to make fentanyl and counterfeit pill education resources available to non-English speaking communities, The Addiction Policy Forum released [fentanyl educational resources translated into 12 different languages](#). The video explainer, Facts about Fentanyl: Understanding the Risks, provides important information on counterfeit pills, the risks of fentanyl exposure, and steps communities and families can take to prevent overdose and substance use disorders.

With support from the Cencora Impact Foundation, the open-source educational campaign provides communities and families with limited English proficiency a toolbox of resources. Evidence-based, multilingual resources are essential in ensuring that all communities have access to accurate information to prevent the development of substance use disorders and reduce the risk of overdose.

Upcoming Events

NYS Overdose Fatality Review (OFR) Partners Meeting | October 8, 2024 at 1:00 PM

Join the NYSDOH Office of Drug User Health on the next OFR Partners meeting, which is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, October 8, from 1:00 - 2:30 PM. [Click here to register!](#)

Building Effective Leave it Behind Naloxone Programming with First Responders | October 16, 2024 at 11:00 AM

Join this NYSACHO webinar for a presentation and discussion with the Toledo-Lucas County Health Department (OH) to learn how they have developed, sustained, and expanded a Leave it Behind Program with first responders through stigma reduction and education. [Click here to register!](#)

Emerging Challenges in the Treatment of Substance Use Disorders: Q&A with Dr. Mark Gold | October 16, 2024 at 1:00 PM

Join the Addiction Policy Forum for a webinar with Dr. Mark Gold, M.D., a renowned expert in addiction and psychiatry. Dr. Gold will explore emerging challenges in treating substance use disorders, sharing insights from his recent publications. Topics will include the role of exercise in recovery, the impact of genetic inheritance on substance use disorders, medications for opioid use disorder, and new findings on treating tobacco addiction. [Click here to register!](#)

Funding and Training Opportunities

SAMHSA's GAINS Center Is Now Accepting Applications for Sequential Intercept Model Mapping Workshops: Two Options Available | **Apply by October 18**

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) GAINS Center is currently soliciting applications from communities interested in Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) Mapping Workshops. SIM Mapping Workshops are designed to bring together a local, cross-system, multidisciplinary group from a particular jurisdiction (typically a county) to facilitate collaboration and to identify and discuss ways in which barriers between the criminal justice and behavioral health systems can be reduced through the development of integrated local strategic action plans. SIM Mapping

Workshop participants are expected to be drawn, in large part, from local criminal justice and behavioral health agencies and organizations. There are two workshop options:

- **Option 1:** Traditional SIM Mapping Workshops
- **Option 2:** SIM Mapping Workshops to Develop Comprehensive, Community-Wide Strategic Plans for Addressing Opioid and Other Substance Use

[Click here to review the application and apply!](#)

Articles and Reports

****Specific to NY**

- (09/30/2024) [Father turns grief over son's fentanyl overdose into video game to help others](#)
- (09/26/2024) [U.S. Health Authorities Need to Play Larger Role in Cannabis Policy, Report Says](#)
- (09/26/2024) [GLP-1 Agent May Hold Opioid Use Disorder Benefit](#)
- (09/25/2024) [What Is Galaxy Gas, and Why Are Young People Inhaling It?](#)
- (09/20/2024) [U.S. Will Let More People Take Methadone at Home](#)
- (09/19/2024) [Incidence, Timing and Social Correlates of the Development of Opioid Use Disorder Among Clients Seeking Treatment for an Alcohol Use Problem: Changes Over the Three Waves of the Opioid Epidemic](#)
- (09/18/2024) [Characteristics and Trends of Prehospital Encounters for Opioid Overdoses Among US Youth, 2018-2022](#)
- (09/18/2024) [EMS Encounters for Youth Opioid Overdoses Remain Higher Than Before the Pandemic](#)
- (09/16/2024) [Opioid advisory board clashes ahead of third report to Hochul**](#)
- (09/16/2024) [Uptick in Drug Overdose Rates Is Widely Reported Especially Among Young Women](#)
- (09/16/2024) [State Health Department Releases Report Illustrating Persistent Disparities In Menthol Cigarette Use**](#)
- (09/07/2024) [From Response to Prevention: Enhancing EMS Impact With Harm Reduction and HIV Education](#)
- (09/05/2024) [Kratom Products Are Widely Available Throughout the United States](#)
- (09/05/2024) [Beyond Stigma: The Case Against the Criminalization of Sex Work for HIV Prevention and Health Equity](#)
- (08/11/2024) [The Call for a School-Based Approach to Opioid Overdose Prevention](#)
- (08/11/2024) [More Than 1.4 Million US Children Have Lost a Family Member to Drug Overdose](#)

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