



Addressing the Opioid Crisis

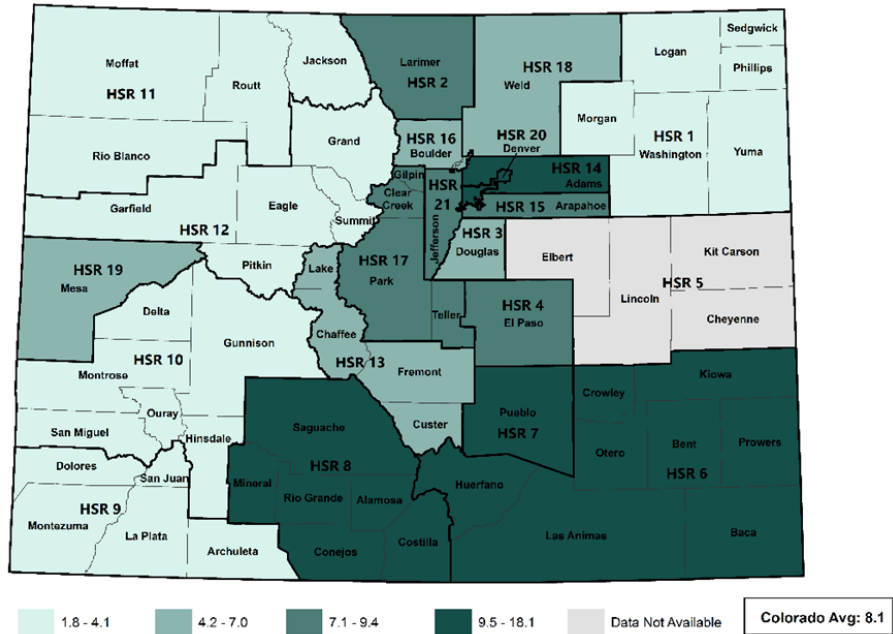
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Background

One of the Office of Behavioral Health's top priorities is administering the State Targeted Response to the Opioid Crisis Grant. OBH received \$15.7 million over two years in April 2017, funded through the 21st Century Cures Act.

Colorado's opioid overdose rate climbed 179 percent between 2001 and 2015. In 2017, 558 Coloradans died from prescription opioid or heroin overdose.

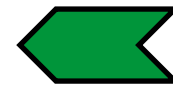
Age-Adjusted Opioid Overdose Death Rate Per 100,000, 2013-2015



Source: Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment



Action Steps



- Distributed more than 8,500 naloxone kits to community providers. Community providers have trained more than 1,200 people on administering naloxone, and 417 reversals have been reported.
- Expanded funding for uninsured and indigent clients at 22 opioid treatment programs
- Provided medication-assisted treatment to 897 individuals
- Worked with managed service organizations on providing transitional supportive re-housing for people who are homeless
- Trained more than 70 providers on helping families experiencing substance use disorder create strategies for treatment and recovery
- Awarded St. Anthony North Health Campus in Westminster and University of Colorado Hospital in Aurora more than \$400,000 each to pilot a program to expand access to treatment for opioid addiction through hospital emergency departments.
- Created a statewide anti-stigma campaign, Lift the Label, that launched in May 2018
- Trained more than 400 prescribers statewide to administer buprenorphine

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