



Addressing the Opioid Crisis

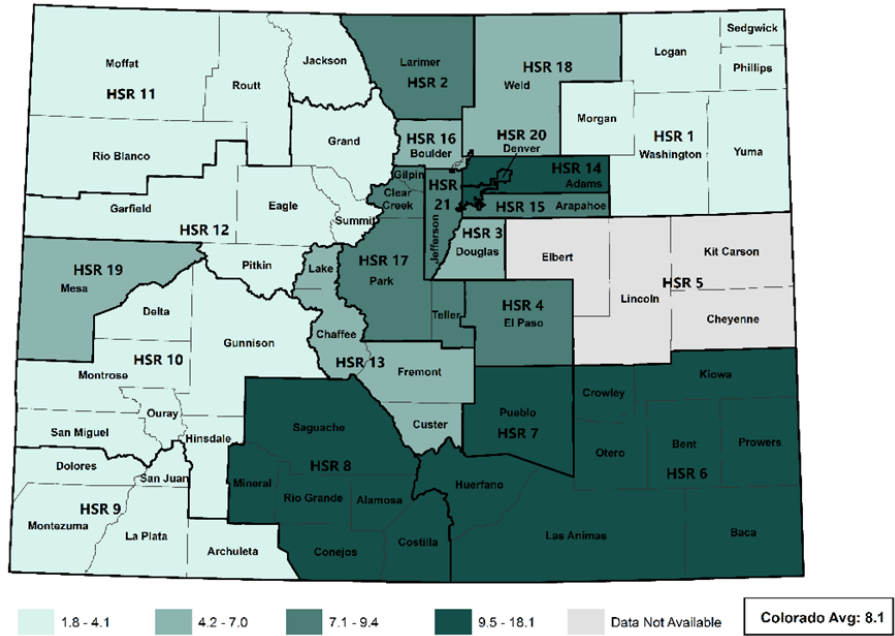
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Background

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. From 2013 to 2015, 1,342 Coloradans died because of opioid overdose.

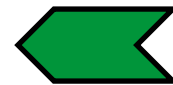
Age-Adjusted Opioid Overdose Death Rate Per 100,000, 2013-2015



Source: Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment



Action Steps



- Distributed 7,000 naloxone kits to community providers. Community providers have trained 413 people on administering naloxone.
- Expanded funding for uninsured and indigent clients at 12 opioid treatment programs
- Provided medication-assisted treatment to 466 individuals
- Worked with managed service organizations on providing transitional supportive re-housing for people who are homeless
- Trained more than 45 providers on helping families experiencing substance use disorder create strategies for treatment and recovery
- Contracted with Colorado Hospital Association to educate hospitals statewide on safe opiate prescribing and increasing access to treatment through referrals; an RFP to create a pilot program for emergency departments to begin buprenorphine inductions closed on 2/2.
- Contracted with Amelie Company to create a statewide anti-stigma campaign to launch in May 2018
- Trained 262 prescribers statewide to administer buprenorphine

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