



Substance Use Disorder - Opioids EMS & Trauma Systems

SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER FACTS

- Drug poisonings are the fourth-leading cause of injury deaths in Montana, with more than 100 people dying every year from drug overdose in Montana
- Opioids were listed as a causative agent in 53% of overdose deaths from 2019-2020
- In 2019, there were over 3,000 opioid-related emergency department visits and hospitalizations in Montana
- The impacts of substance use span every generation and cut across socioeconomic lines, from children to seniors.

SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER – OPIOID OVERDOSE PREVENTION

Substance use is a growing concern in Montana, affecting individuals and families across the lifespan. With an over-arching goal to reduce drug overdose deaths and to increase awareness of Substance Use Disorder in Montana, Montana’s strategic plan goals include:

- Increase coordination and data sharing across sectors to more effectively utilize resources
- Increase prevention efforts to reduce the misuse and abuse of opioid and other substances
- Reduce the illegal distribution of drugs and strengthen partnership between justice system and treatment providers
- Increase the use of monitoring to target interventions and reduce prescription drug misuse
- Expanded access to evidence-based, recovery oriented, culturally appropriate treatment for all Montanans
- Expand access to supportive resources for individuals and families affected by SUD



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RESOURCES

- [Montana Substance Use Disorders Task Force Strategic Plan](#)
- [Recognizing and Preventing an Opioid Overdose](#)
- [CDC Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain](#) (For Providers, Patients, Opioids Basics, Resources and Prescription Opioids)