



Iowa Opioid State Targeted Response (STR)  
& State Opioid Response (SOR) Project Summaries  
June 2019 Update

The Iowa Opioid State Targeted Response (STR) and the State Opioid Response (SOR) projects are related initiatives with federal funding to increase access to the prevention, treatment, and recovery services for opioid use disorder. Through these funds IDPH has seen expanded capacity of the existing regional prevention and treatment provider network with a focus on accessible opioid treatment services, particularly medication assisted treatment (MAT).

The Opioid Response in Iowa projects are able to leverage the service improvements gained through smaller, focused prevention and treatment grants (MAT-PDOA, SPF-Rx), to make these evidence-based practices more accessible across the state to all Iowans affected by opioids. Providers in all service areas completed opioid-specific community assessments and strategic plans involving community stakeholders. The assessment and planning processes aim to build opioid-informed communities and provide the foundation for implementation of evidence-based practices.

The projects are making significant progress through the following goals:

- Build an enhanced, statewide infrastructure to address opioid misuse in Iowa
  - Community Needs Assessments and Strategic Plans completed across the state
  - Trainings on topics related to Opioids served over 8,200 people
- Increase awareness of opioid risks through statewide prevention efforts
  - Statewide multi-media campaign (scroll down: <https://yourlifeiowa.org/drugs/opioids>)
  - Naloxone distribution and trainings have benefited over 8,500 Iowans
  - Support of the PMP enhancements through Board of Pharmacy
- Increase the use of medication assisted treatment (MAT) and other evidence-based practices
  - Number of prescribers for buprenorphine increased from 31 in 2015 to 153 in 2019
  - Access to methadone has expanded in more small and medium sized communities, increasing the number of sites from 8 in 2015 to 20 in operation by June 2019
  - Recovery support services and peer recovery coaches are available in more communities
  - Over 500 people have received treatment and/or recovery services through STR funds

**STR:** \$5.4 million total over 2 years (May 2017- April 2019)

**SOR:** \$11.1 million total for 2 years (October 2018-September 2020)

For more information on Opioids in Iowa, please see [this update](#).

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