

State Response to Opioids and Infectious Disease

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NGA Activities to Support States in Addressing the Opioid Crisis

NGA publication: Six Strategies for Reducing Prescription Drug Abuse NGA publication: Prescription Drug Abuse: Lessons Learned from and NGA Policy Academy NGA issues recommendations to federal partners

> NGA expert roundtables on heroin and opioids in rural areas

> > 2016

NGA opioid compact signed by 46 governors

> NGA publication: Finding Solutions to the Opioid Crisis: A Road Map for States

Governors report on actions taken since signing to compact

2018

NGA issues new recommendations to federal partners

Governors focus on opioids at five NGA meetings since 2014; session planned for Feb. 2018

2012 2013 2014 2015

First Rx abuse policy academy chaired by Governors Bentley (AL) and Hickenlooper (CO) Second Rx abuse policy academy chaired by Governors Shumlin (VT) and Sandoval (NV) Opioid State Action Network launches with monthly calls for state leaders

Learning labs on

2017

- New Jersey's Drug Monitoring Initiative
- Rhode Island's Strategic Plan on Addiction and Overdose
- New Mexico's Integrated Addictions and Psychiatry teleECHO program
- Massachusetts' opioid use disorder treatment for justice-involved populations

Learning labs on

 Kentucky's approach to address infectious disease related to substance use

2019

 Ohio's Maternal Opiate Medical Support (MOMS) program



^{*}Governors issue recommendations to federal partners in 2016 and 2018

NGA Opioid Road Map

Finding Solutions to the **Prescription Opioid** and **Heroin Crisis:** A Road Map for States

Overarching Prescription Opioid Misuse and Heroin Policy Framework **Health Care and Public Safety Preventing Opioid Misuse** Responding to Opioid Misuse and Overdose and Overdose **Public Safety** Health Care **Public Safety** Health Care Strategies for Strategies for Strategies for Strategies Prevention and for Response Reducing Illicit Treatment and Early Identification Supply Recovery

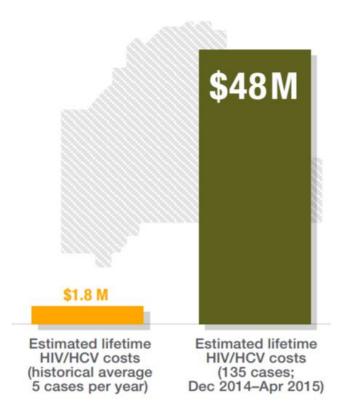


States Are Concerned About Opioids and Infectious Disease

- Evidence strongly suggests national increases in acute HCV infections are being fueled by the nation's opioid epidemic
- An analysis of 40 states from 2004–2014 showed:¹
 - 15 states had an increase of 500% or higher in cases of acute HCV infection
 - 6 states had an increase of 1000% or higher
- CDC identified 220 counties in 26 states with potential for rapid spread of HIV and HCV related to injection drug use
- Much of the cost of treatment falls on state Medicaid programs
 a large and growing part of state budgets

1. Zibbell, et al. (2018). Increases in Acute Hepatitis C Virus Infection Related to a Growing Opioid Epidemic and Associated Injection Drug Use, United States, 2004 to 2014. American Journal of Public Health

Treatment Costs in Scott County

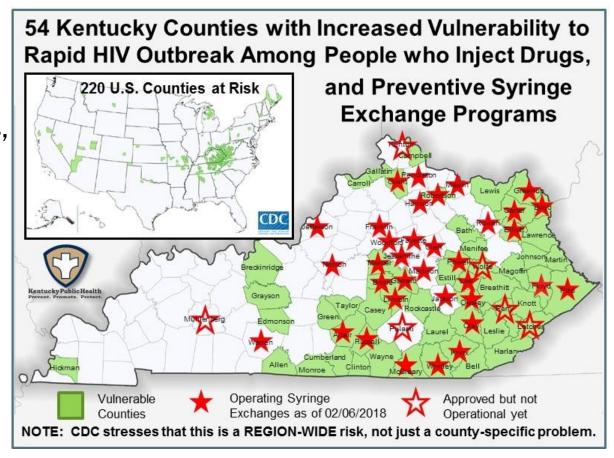


Source: amfAR



NGA Learning Lab on Addressing Infectious Diseases Related to Substance Use

- Model state: Kentucky
 - Highlighting public health surveillance and comprehensive community-level prevention, including syringe service programs, screening and connections to treatment
- Seven participating states:
 - Alabama
 - o Arkansas
 - Delaware
 - Michigan
 - o Utah
 - Virginia
 - Washington



Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services



Infectious Disease Learning Lab—State Goal Themes

Stakeholder engagement

- Educating law enforcement and local/state government on harm reduction approaches
- Partnering with local health departments and the harm reduction community on connecting individuals to treatment and preventing future infections
- Example: Kentucky Harm Reduction Syringe Exchange Programs

Syringe Services Programs (SSPs) and Other Community Harm Reduction Services

- Authorizing SSPs where they currently are not legal, or addressing paraphernalia laws
- Expanding SSPs and harm reduction programs in rural and underserved areas
- Improving treatment capacity through new pilot programs for hepatitis C treatment and connections with state Medicaid programs
- Example: New York Medicaid State Plan Amendment for Harm Reduction Services

Data and Surveillance

- Improving data and surveillance for HIV, hepatitis C, endocarditis, and other infectious conditions
- Example: Tennessee HIV/Hepatitis C Vulnerability Assessment



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