Arizona State Unintentional Drug Overdose Reporting System

The following jurisdictions have signed agreements to participate in the project:

Arizona Department of Health Services

Medical Examiners:

Coconino, Pima, Maricopa, and Yuma Counties



The Center for Violence Prevention and Community Safety (the Center) at Arizona State University is the bona fide agent on behalf of the Arizona Department of Health Services for Arizona's participation in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and its State Unintentional Drug Overdose Reporting System (SUDORS).

Data collection for the project is funded by a grant from the CDC. SUDORS is a brand new project at the Center and is continuing to recruit key stakeholders and data providers throughout Arizona for the expanded success of this project with hope of gaining the participation of every Medical Examiner in the state of Arizona.

SUDORS sites compile statewide, comprehensive data on drug overdoses (accidental and undetermined manners) by collecting information from death certificates and medical examiner reports. Objectives of these statewide surveillance systems include providing comprehensive snapshots of drug overdoses to further understand such events and informing communities. policy makers, planners, and decision makers on drug overdose deaths to focus resources where they are needed most as well as to evaluate the success of prevention and response efforts. These findings are shared with both state and national stakeholders.

SUDORS has already been noted to be successful in helping to identify the dangers of illicitly manufactured fentanyl according to the CDC.

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In 2016, more than 63,000 Americans died from drug overdoses. Of those overdose deaths, around 2 in 3 involved a prescription or illicit opioid.

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More information on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's SUDORS can be found at

https://www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose/foa/state-opioidmm.html