

MILWAUKEE COMMUNITY OPIOID PREVENTION EFFORT

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About Milwaukee COPE

The Milwaukee Community Opioid Prevention Effort (COPE) started in 2016 with the goal of gaining an understanding of the burden of opioid injury in the Milwaukee Community. We are taking an evidence-based, data-driven approach to assist in the development of prevention strategies for the

Milwaukee Community. This project's overarching goal is to provide local policy makers, researchers, clinical care providers, and our community with an understanding of the complexities of the opioid/heroin problem in order to help foster cross-sector collaboration.

Milwaukee Facts

In 2015, for every opioid-related death that occurred in Milwaukee county there were more than **6** additional people experiencing an overdose that required naloxone.

**Comprehensive Literature Review**

Through a [comprehensive review of the literature](#) we have identified effective, evidence-based interventions to reduce opioid and heroin overdose deaths in Milwaukee. It is clear that there is no singular solution for addressing this public health crisis. In order to significantly reduce the number of overdose deaths we must combat this epidemic at every level.

Opioid-Related Overdose Data Report

We completed an in-depth analysis of the most current medical examiner, EMS, and AIDS resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW) needle exchange data relating to opioid overdose in Milwaukee County. We prepared a [data report](#) that shows that opioid-related deaths are increasing. This epidemic is touching every sector of our county and no geographic region, race, or age group is spared.

Community Resource Inventory

We are in the process of gathering [information](#) about organizations in the Milwaukee County Area that are working to decrease the number of opioid-related deaths. Our goal is to create a resource inventory that can be used as a tool for organizations and community members. We are still in the process of gathering and collating data and we encourage agencies working in this field to participate in the [survey](#).

Local & National Spotlights

Dr. Brooke Lerner & Colleagues Discuss the Opioid Epidemic in Our Community

[Public Health Crisis: The Epidemic of Heroin & Prescription Opioid Abuse.](#)

Facing Addiction in America

[The Surgeon General's Report on Alcohol, Drugs, and Health](#)

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