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## ABOUT STATE PUBLIC HEALTH

State health agencies are working across the country to actively protect the public's health, prevent avoidable diseases and conditions, and promote healthy communities.






## STATE PUBLIC HEALTH SPOTLIGHT



In 2017 Arkansas became the first state to host its suicide lifeline (call center) within the state health department.

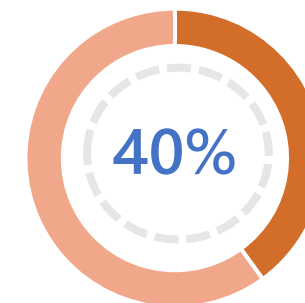
- Calls to the national hotline are now answered in-state, providing callers in crisis the ability to speak with someone who has a strong understanding of Arkansas-specific resources.

## IMPACT OF POTENTIAL CUTS TO FEDERAL FUNDING

-  Reduced ability to respond to environmental health threats putting communities at risk for health hazards.
-  Reduced reach of maternal and infant home visiting programs to the state's most vulnerable families putting the health of our children at risk.
-  Decreased immunizations and health inspections increase risk for disease outbreaks that result in loss of business revenue, increased worker absenteeism, and decreased economic activity.
-  Reduced capacity to monitor and recognize emerging health threats, such as Ebola and Zika. The loss of this capacity limits the ability to make informed decisions about disease prevention and health planning.
-  Reduced capacity to respond to public health emergencies putting more people at risk of harm due to natural disasters and health threats due to terrorism.

Source: Arkansas Department of Health

## FEDERAL FUNDS (FY15)



Arkansas Department of Health  
Total Federal Funding: \$147,867,920

Source: ASTHO 2017 Profile

## TOP HEALTH AGENCY STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

- 1 Immunizations
- 2 Childhood Obesity
- 3 Hypertension
- 4 Tobacco Use
- 5 Teen Pregnancy
- 6 Mental and Community Wellness

Source: ASTHO 2017 Profile

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## CDC 2018 OPIOID OVERDOSE CRISIS FUNDING

**Year 1 (FY18) \$2,870,980.00**

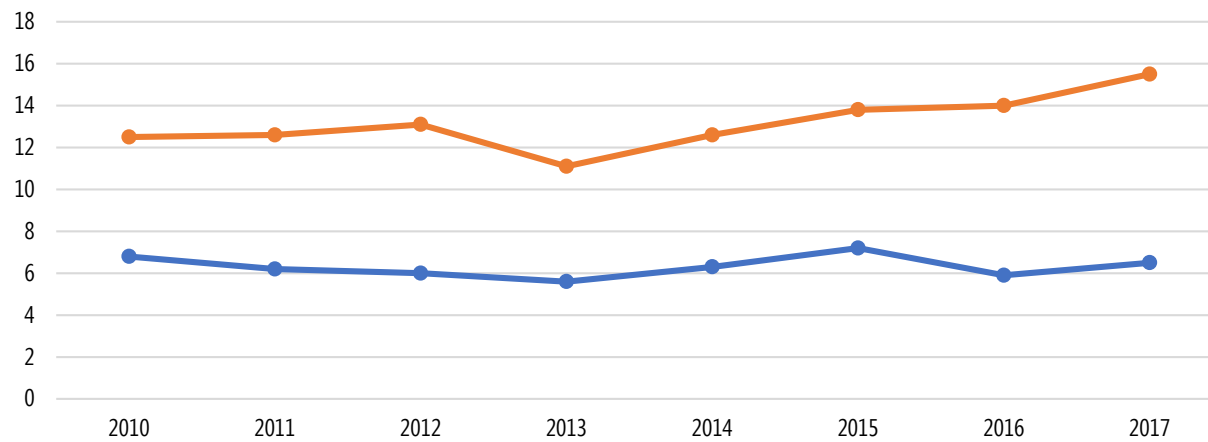
Will support activities to prevent opioid-related overdose deaths, better understand the epidemic, improve timeliness of data, and scale-up prevention response.

Specifically:

- Prescription Drug Monitoring Program
- Dose of Reality Educational Campaign
- Increasing State Crime Lab Capacity
- Increasing Analysis of Data

## OPIOID STATISTICS

AR: Overdose Death Rates per 100,000 Population (Age-Adjusted)



— Opioid Overdose Death Rate — All Drug Overdose Death Rate  
 Source: Kaiser Family Foundation's State Health Facts

## UNITED HEALTH FOUNDATION RANK



Strengths:

- Low prevalence of excessive drinking
- Low drug death rate
- High meningococcal and Tdap immunization coverage among adolescents

Areas for Improvement:

- High prevalence of smoking
- High cardiovascular death rate
- Low access to dental care

Source: America's Health Rankings, 2018 Annual Report



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