LOCAL RESPONSE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES:
Focus on the Opioid Epidemic

Did You Know....

- Every 2 hours, an Ohioan dies from an unintentional drug overdose.
- In 2016, more than 631 million opioid doses were dispersed to Ohio patients.
- Four out of five people who started using heroin in the past year had previously used prescription pain relievers non-medically.
- 63% of Ohioans who died from unintentional overdose had a prescription for a controlled substance within the past year.

Accidental Opioid Overdose Deaths

91 Americans die every day due to an opioid overdose from prescription painkillers and heroin

400% increase in the number of overdose deaths involving opioids since 1999

15,000: the estimated number of overdose deaths involving commonly prescribed opioids in 2015—nearly half the number of overdose deaths involving any opioid

Estimated peak death counts by type compared to current drug overdose (OD) death counts

- Gun (1993): 40,000
- HIV (1995): 48,000
- Car crash (1972): 55,000
- Drug OD (2016): 62,000

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