

Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) Awareness & Education Program for Rural MT



Last year, the state crime lab saw fentanyl-linked fatal overdoses increase more than **1,100 percent** (from 4 in 2017 to 49 in 2021).

- From Jan 2022–May 2022 the lab confirmed **34 fentanyl-related deaths**.
- Unintentional drug overdoses increased by **39%** from 2019-2020.
- Montana's opioid overdose death rate almost tripled from 2017-2018 to 2019-2020

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ASSESS COMMUNITY NEEDS

72% of 2018 MSU Extension statewide survey respondents would be likely to share information about the dangers of opioid use with their age-appropriate children.

2021 MSU Extension focus group participants agreed,

- Children need to know more about the effects opioids and stimulants have on their body and mind.
- Prevention requires collaborating with, and providing accurate knowledge to, children.
- Information about proper disposal of medications needs to reach children.
- Teaching ourselves and others about substance misuse is a collective responsibility.

MEETING COMMUNITY NEEDS SINCE 2018

MSU Extension has provided Technical Assistance Training on opioid misuse to **269 people from 33 counties and 9 tribal communities**, has supported **five Tribal Opioid Misuse Strategic Planning sessions**, and has gathered opioid information from **ten community focus group sessions**.

Since September, 2020 MSU Extension has distributed **7,403 Deterra Medication Disposal Pouches** and over **20,000 opioid awareness and educational materials** to **51 counties and 9 tribal reservations** in Montana

For more information on this program please visit:
http://health.msuextension.org/opioid_misuse.html

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