

RESPONDING TO THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC IN MINNESOTA: RESEARCHING THE STATEWIDE RESPONSE

RESILIENT COMMUNITIES PROJECT

About the Partner

The League of Minnesota Cities (the League) is an association of 833 cities in the state which plays a critical role researching important matters that impact communities and developing resources to support members.



Project description

The opioid crisis is reaching epidemic levels and it is becoming an increasingly pervasive issue in cities in Minnesota.

Cities in the state are looking for ideas, best practices, and resources to shape their own programs and policies related to addressing opioid misuse and overdose. Therefore, the League is developing an online toolkit for city officials to learn about what is working in other jurisdictions, find model policies, and identify other resources that may be available.

The League's ultimate goals and objectives for this project are:

- To identify cities in the state that have a formal program to handle this addiction.
- To identify cities that have adopted special policies and ordinances to manage the social impacts of opioid abuse.
- To identify cities that are taking action to remove unused prescription drugs from the system.

Key issues, questions, and ideas to explore

1. What formal programs are cities operating to mitigate the impacts of opioid abuse?
2. What policies are cities adopting to address the social issues related to abuse of opioids?
3. How are cities removing unused prescription drugs within their communities?

How will students' work be used to build community resiliency?

- To build an online resource toolkit that will be available to cities throughout the state of Minnesota to combat the opioid epidemic.

Potential community partners or stakeholders

- UofM Opioid Advisory Task Force
- Member cities
- Police departments

Existing Plans & Reports

- Opioid Destruction Kit reports and data
- Opioid Epidemic Information & Resources (League of Minnesota Cities)
- Positive Language Guidelines
- UMN Extension: Community-based Solutions to the Opioid Crisis in Rural Minnesota
- Minnesota Department of Health: Opioid Overdose Prevention

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