



## MI-PDO FOCUS NEWSLETTER

Prevention of Prescription  
Drug/Overdose Related Death



### NEWS

#### **Justice Department Announces Emergency Scheduling of Three Potent Opioid Compounds**

The Department of Justice today announced the emergency scheduling of three highly potent opioid compounds that pose an imminent hazard to public safety: mitragynine pseudoindoxyl, commonly known as MGPI, and two synthetic compounds known as MGM-15 and MGM-16.

[Access the resource here.](#)

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**As we come to the close of the Prevent Prescription Drug/Opioid Overdose-Related Deaths (PDO) Grant, we want to take time to recognize the hard work, commitment, and impact of our subrecipients and community partners throughout the grant period.**

Together, our partners have worked to increase overdose prevention education, expand access to naloxone, provide community trainings, strengthen partnerships, and connect individuals and families with important resources. Each training, outreach activity, naloxone distribution effort, and community conversation contributed to the larger goal of preventing overdose deaths and creating healthier communities across Michigan.

Throughout the grant, our subrecipients also demonstrated their ability to adapt to challenges, respond to the changing needs of their communities, and develop new strategies to reach individuals who may be at increased risk of opioid-related overdose. The lessons learned from this work will remain valuable long after the grant period ends.

As we complete final reporting and closeout activities, we celebrate not only what was accomplished, but also the relationships and partnerships that were strengthened along the way. The end of the PDO Grant does not mean the end of overdose prevention efforts. The knowledge, resources, partnerships, and community connections developed through this initiative can continue to support prevention work moving forward.

Thank you to all of our subrecipients, partners, community organizations, and individuals who contributed to the success of the PDO Grant. Your dedication made this work possible and helped make a meaningful difference in the communities we serve.

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## **Overdose Awareness Month: Remember, Educate, and Take Action**

August is Overdose Awareness Month, a time to raise awareness about overdose, remember the lives that have been lost, support individuals and families impacted by substance use, and remind our communities that overdose deaths are preventable. Each year, communities across Michigan and throughout the country are affected by substance use and overdose. Behind every statistic is a person: a family member, friend, neighbor, coworker, or loved one. Overdose Awareness Month allows us to reduce stigma and encourage conversations centered on compassion, education, prevention, and recovery.

**Know the Signs of an Overdose**

Recognizing an overdose and responding quickly can save a life. Warning signs may include:

- Unresponsiveness or inability to wake up
- Slow, shallow, irregular, or stopped breathing
- Blue, gray, or pale lips, fingertips, or skin
- Choking, snoring, or gurgling sounds
- Very small, pinpoint pupils

If an opioid overdose is suspected, call 911 immediately and administer naloxone if it is available. Naloxone is a medication that can rapidly reverse an opioid overdose and provide critical time for emergency medical assistance to arrive.

## Prevention Starts With Our Communities

Overdose prevention is about more than responding during an emergency. It includes increasing access to naloxone, providing education, connecting people with treatment and recovery resources, addressing stigma, and making sure individuals and families know where to turn for support.

Through the PDO Grant, our subrecipients and community partners have worked to strengthen overdose prevention efforts by providing education, distributing naloxone, building community partnerships, and connecting individuals with resources. As we recognize Overdose Awareness Month, we encourage everyone to continue the conversation. Learn the signs. Carry naloxone. Share resources. Reduce stigma. Support recovery.

Every person deserves compassion, support, and the opportunity to live a healthy life. Together, we can continue working toward communities where fewer lives are lost to overdose.

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