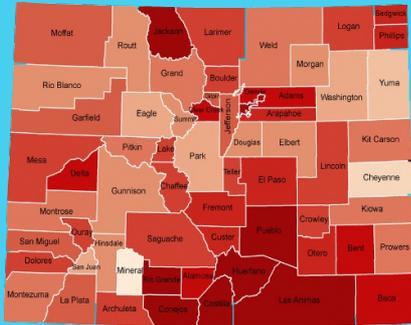


# Saving Lives in Colorado Naloxone for Life

**GOAL** Reduce the rate of overdose deaths in Colorado (16.3 per 100,000) to below the national average of 14.7 per 100,000

**1**

## Provide Naloxone Rescue Kits (NRK)



Colorado Opioid Use & Death Rates From Opioid Overdoses Exceed National Average in both Rural & Urban Counties.

Provide naloxone nasal spray to law enforcement and other first responders in 17 counties in Colorado with the highest rates of opioid drug overdose.

## Training In Use of Naloxone

Naloxone is safe medication that quickly reverses the effects of opioid drugs.



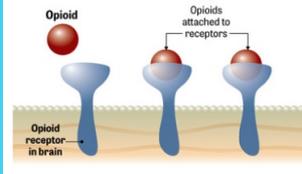
Train law enforcement and first responders in use of naloxone in partnership with local public health workers.



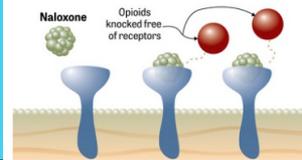
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### OPIOID OVERDOSE

The brain has many receptors for opioids. An overdose occurs when too much of an opioid (heroin, OxyContin, Percocet) fits in too many receptors, stopping the person's breathing.



Naloxone has a stronger affinity to the opioid receptors than opioid drugs, so it knocks the opioids off the receptors for a short time. This allows the person to breathe again and reverses the overdose.



Source: harmreduction.org

(MLive.com)

**3**



## Treatment Assistance

**TIMING IS ESSENTIAL.**  
Immediate access to treatment is needed.

Increase partnership between law enforcement, first responders and local addiction treatment providers to help overdose victims access definitive treatment.



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