

Arizona Health Improvement Plan

Progress & Accomplishments

January 2022

This document is intended to share updates from each of the five Arizona Health Improvement Plan (AzHIP) priority teams and includes activities from October through December 2021.

Each of the priority teams have been focused on work to begin implementing the strategies in their respective plans.

Pandemic Recovery & Resiliency

The Pandemic Recovery & Resiliency Core Team completed and [published the plan](#) which articulates important strategies with the vision of working together to create a stronger, healthier, and more resilient Arizona. The Plan will also serve as the State Emergency Response and Recovery Plan for the Recovery Support Function of Health and Social Services.

Health Equity

The Health Equity team has been focused on the Strengthening Data Infrastructure strategy and establishing a statewide Data & Usability Advisory Committee.

Health in All Policies/ Social Determinants of Health

The HiAP/SDOH team shared the following highlights:

- > [Home Matters to Arizona](#) is serving as facilitator/convener in developing a coordinated marketing and communication effort supporting a common message for housing and home. Small group meetings to brainstorm and strategize were held. All partners will be reconvened in January to gather additional feedback.
- > The [Arizona Department of Housing](#) embedded health considerations into the [2022 and 2023 Qualified Allocation Plan](#).

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The Reduce Opioid Use & Overdose Fatalities team's accomplishments include:

- › The [ADHS Office of Injury & Violence Prevention](#) Naloxone Distribution Program distributed over 56,000+ Narcan Nasal Kits to local county health departments; county jails; hospital emergency departments; EMS Leave Behind programs; local community health centers; harm reduction organizations; prevention coalitions; homeless shelters and organizations; law enforcement; and, faith-based organizations across the state.
- › AHCCCS launched the [Opioid Use Disorder \(OUD\) Service Locator](#), a "real-time" treatment locator for substance abuse and opioid use disorder.
- › ADHS hosted a two-day Opioid Tribal Conference on November 17-18, emphasizing best practices for medication-assisted treatment and harm reduction strategies. In attendance were approximately 400 attendees including eleven (11) tribes. The conference included several presentations by Tribal partners which included topics such as historical trauma and the impact on mental health and substance use disorder; culturally appropriate opioid use disorder and substance use disorder treatment for Native Americans, and harm reduction strategies for Native Americans.

The Improve Awareness of, and Address the Impact of Social Isolation and Loneliness on Health team:

- › Authored a 50-state review of resources and initiative addressing social isolation and loneliness.
- › Public info campaign - [Start a Conversation](#) - was launched as the initial effort at de-stigmatizing loneliness, with sequential campaigns being planned.
- › Planning is underway to address population-specific efforts to provide information and resources.

Among the activities of the Reduce Suicide-Related Events team are:

- › The [Suicide Prevention Program](#) has transitioned from AHCCCS to ADHS.
- › Local teams across Arizona are being trained to conduct Suicide Mortality Reviews.

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**Rural &
Urban
Underserved
Health**

The Rural & Urban Underserved Health priority has focused their initial efforts on the strategies which will Maximize utilization of Community Health Workers (CHWs) and Community Health Representatives (CHRs) in clinical settings and Improving Maternal Health Outcomes.

Please contact us at AzHIP@azdhs.gov if you have any questions or would like to learn more about participating in the AzHIP.