
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2024

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Office of Drug Control Policy — DPS

Background

The Governor's Alliance on Substance Abuse (GASA), the predecessor agency to the Governor's Office of Drug Control Policy (ODCP), was established in 1987 under the jurisdiction of the Department of Public Health (DPH). In 1990, legislative action established GASA as an independent agency called the Office of the Drug Enforcement and Abuse Prevention Coordinator, with an overall mission of facilitating coordination among State agencies and resources within the criminal justice/law enforcement system. The ODCP officially came into existence on July 1, 2000, when legislation changed the name and title of the Drug Enforcement and Abuse Prevention Coordinator to the Drug Policy Coordinator. During the 2023 Legislative Session, [SF 514](#) (State Government Alignment Act) transferred authority over the ODCP to the Department of Public Safety.

Operations

The ODCP's mission is to coordinate substance-use-related criminal justice resourcing and policy development. The Office has two core functions, with associated services, products, and activities in place to support them. The core functions and services are:

- **Core Function — Advocacy:** In order to enhance coordination and provide leadership and education to improve Iowa's response to drug use and related crime, the ODCP strategically coordinates efforts among local, State, and federal agencies to efficiently reduce substance abuse and related problems. The Office also works to execute strategies that reduce medicine misuse and abuse and enhance prevention, treatment, and enforcement efforts. This includes prescription drug and opiate drug abuse.
- **Service — Drug Control Policy Guidelines and Program Coordination:** In order to promote evidence-based programs, innovations, and policy changes to reduce the supply of and demand for illegal drugs, the ODCP facilitates program and policy development that is up to date with the changes in the nature and scope of substance abuse and drug manufacturing and distribution. The Office also works to promote a high level of collaboration among State agencies to identify and refine effective drug control policy and to promote compliance with and enforcement of new Iowa laws. Training and guidance are also provided by the Office to support compliance with Iowa laws regarding the regulation of pseudoephedrine, a key methamphetamine precursor.
- **Core Function — Community Coordination and Development:** With the administration of federal grant funds and other resources that help strengthen local and State drug enforcement and treatment efforts, the ODCP actively works to improve the ability of State and local governments and private partners to enforce drug laws and provide prevention and treatment services. Many of these efforts focus on criminal offenders and center on abuse prevention efforts at the community level.
- **Service — Drug Control Program Development and Evaluation:** Through performance-based grant resources, the ODCP coordinates drug enforcement efforts across geographic and

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governmental jurisdictional boundaries to enhance public safety by interdicting illegal drug trafficking efforts in Iowa. Along with the collaborative efforts to investigate drug trafficking, the Office provides infrastructure and resources to support the criminal justice system statewide.

Funding

The ODCP is funded by a combination of State General Fund and federal grant moneys.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapter [80E](#)

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