

Budget Unit Brief

FY 2017



Office of Drug Control Policy Operations

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 made GASA 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.

Operations

The Agency's mission is to serve as a leader and a catalyst for improving the health and safety of all Iowans by promoting strategic approaches and collaboration to reduce drug use and related crime. The Agency has two core functions with associated services, products, and activities in place to support it. 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 Agency also works to execute strategies that reduce medicine misuse/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, promising innovations, and policy changes to reduce the supply 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/distribution. The Agency 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 Agency to support compliance with Iowa laws regarding the regulation of pseudoephedrine, a key meth precursor.
- **Core Function: Community Coordination and Development** – With the fair 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 the support provided by performance-based grant resources and their management, the ODCP coordinates drug enforcement efforts across geographic and governmental jurisdictional boundaries to enhance public safety by interdicting illegal drug trafficking efforts in Iowa. Along with the collaborative efforts to investigate drug trafficking organization, the Agency 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. In FY 2017, the ODCP received a General Fund appropriation of approximately \$240,000 and 4.0 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions.

Related Statutes

Iowa Code chapter [80E](#)

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More Information

Governor's Office of Drug Control Policy: <https://odcp.iowa.gov/>

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