New Mexico Dept of Health

Our Vision: A Healthier New Mexico





Taking a Comprehensive Approach to Substance Abuse

- Dramatically expanded access to Naloxone especially for pharmacists & law enforcement
- Advance ongoing efforts to prevent, treat, and respond to opioid misuse
- Require providers to check the Prescription Monitoring Program

Drug overdose death rate in NM improved from 2nd highest in the nation to 12th in 2016

NM is one of only 2 states that has implemented all 6 key actions recommended by the National Safety Council to reduce prescription painkiller deaths



Lowering Obesity Rates

- Monitor childhood obesity and identify at-risk populations,
 Increase public awareness, guide state & local prevention efforts
- Healthy Kids Healthy Communities works directly with local communities to increase healthy eating and active living

Rates of obesity among 3rd graders have dropped by 12% since 2010



Lowering Teen Pregnancy Rates

- Clinical services include contraception, counseling & lab tests
- Educational services focus on service-learning, parent training, and community education and outreach

Since 2009, birth to teens in NM ages 15-17 have declined by 50% and are now at their lowest point in many decades



Fighting Tobacco Use

 Comprehensive, evidence-based approaches to promote healthy lifestyles free from tobacco use and addiction

Cigarette smoking among NM adults has declined 23% since 2011
In 2015, cigarette smoking among adlescents also declined to nearly 1 in 10
-- the lowest rate ever measured in the state