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Numbers Served – Substance Abuse Treatment: In FY 2013/2014, 5,073 Alaska residents were admitted into substance abuse treatment through SAPT Block Grant-funded programs. This data includes detoxification treatment (24 hour care), rehabilitation/residential treatment, ambulatory (outpatient), and opioid replacement therapy.

Alaska treatment admissions by primary substance of abuse (TEDS, 2014):

- Alcohol: 34.4%
- Alcohol with secondary drug: 33.4%
- Marijuana: 9.3%
- Heroin: 8.6%
- Amphetamines: 5.7%
- Prescription opioid pain relievers: 4.3%
- Cocaine (smoked): 0.5%
- Cocaine (other route): 0.5%

Numbers Served – Substance Abuse Prevention: In FY 2013/2014, 15,841 prevention services were provided in Alaska. Of those, 10,798 were provided using individual-based programs and strategies, and 5,043 were provided using population-based programs and strategies.

Federal Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant: The SAPT Block Grant serves as the cornerstone of each State's substance abuse prevention, treatment, and recovery system. By statute, 20 percent of the SAPT Block Grant must be dedicated to critical substance abuse prevention services. The grant is allotted to States by a formula based on the overall funding level set by Congress each year. Alaska received the following SAPT Block Grant allotments for the past four years:

- FY 2016: \$5,889,074
- FY 2015: \$5,539,999
- FY 2014: \$5,499,891
- FY 2013: \$4,643,542

Opioid Overdose Deaths

Opioid overdose deaths have been on the rise nationally and in Alaska.

- 2011 Heroin Deaths: 12 (Rate unreliable)
- 2014 Heroin Deaths: 25 (3.4 per 100,000)
- 2011 Prescription Opioid Deaths: 40 (5.5 per 100,000)
- 2014 Prescription Opioid Deaths: 43 (5.8 per 100,000)