

## District of Columbia

---

### State Director:

**Tanya A. Royster, MD**, Acting Director

Department of Behavioral Health

D.C. Department of Health

64 New York Avenue, N.E. 3<sup>rd</sup> FL.

Washington, D.C. 20002

T: (202) 673-2245

F: (202) 673-3433

Email: [tanya.royster@dc.gov](mailto:tanya.royster@dc.gov); cc: [deborah.spencer@dc.gov](mailto:deborah.spencer@dc.gov)

**Numbers Served – Substance Abuse Treatment:** In FY 2013/2014, 5,468 District of Columbia 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.

*District of Columbia treatment admissions by primary substance of abuse (TEDS, 2014):*

- Heroin: 23.1%
- Alcohol with secondary drug: 21.3%
- Alcohol: 16.8%
- Cocaine (smoked): 12.0%
- Marijuana: 11.1%
- Cocaine (other route): 5.3%
- Prescription opioid pain relievers: 1.2%
- Amphetamines: 0.3%

**Numbers Served – Substance Abuse Prevention:** In FY 2013/2014, 30,891 prevention services were provided in the District of Columbia. Of those, 567 were provided using individual-based programs and strategies, and 30,324 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. The District of Columbia received the following SAPT Block Grant allotments for the past four years:

- FY 2016: \$6,967,796
- FY 2015: \$6,824,460
- FY 2014: \$6,807,911
- FY 2013: \$6,316,579

### Opioid Overdose Deaths:

Opioid overdose deaths have been on the rise nationally and in the District of Columbia.

- 2011 Heroin Deaths: 24 (3.9 per 100,000)
- 2014 Heroin Deaths: 38 (5.8 per 100,000)
- 2011 Prescription Opioid Deaths: 12 (Rate unreliable)
- 2014 Prescription Opioid Deaths: 20 (3.0 per 100,000)