

OD2A LOCAL Data Collection Information

What is data?

The OD2A LOCAL grant focuses on using data to inform local preventive actions to reduce fatal and nonfatal overdoses as quickly as possible, with emphasis on opioids, stimulants, and polysubstance use. FCPH epidemiologists assist partners in collecting data related to overdose, drug testing, and linkage to care to drive equitable prevention of drug-related harm. FCPH will work with funded agencies to support their understanding of data sharing requirements and to develop a data sharing and management plan to minimize the burden of OD2A data collection.

Data could include program outcomes, demographics of clients, focus group comments, survey data, and more.

Why do we need data?

In the fight against drug overdose, epidemiologists play a critical role. They ask questions like:

- What types of drugs are most involved in overdoses?
- Who is most at risk of experiencing an overdose?
- Where are overdoses happening most frequently?

By analyzing data on overdoses, epidemiologists help identify areas where prevention efforts are most needed. They also play a key role in evaluating the effectiveness of existing programs designed to reduce overdose deaths. Overall, they provide the crucial information needed to understand and combat this public health challenge. These data will help to develop a deeper understanding of the determinants and outcomes of drug overdose in Franklin County, including information on drugs of use and how individuals navigate treatment, recovery, and support systems.

How is your data used to prevent OD death?

These surveillance data will be used to assist partners and other community organizations inform and direct targeted overdose prevention and response efforts at the community level. To achieve this, the preceding analyses may be shared internally, with a variety of OD2A LOCAL grant partners and/or community partners, or shared publicly as de-identified, aggregate data on the Franklin County [Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Evaluation System](#) (CARES) website.

How is information kept safe?

Any partners sharing data will be required to execute a data use agreement to ensure transparency and accountability on the secure management and use of any data FCPH receives. FCPH's main priority is to serve our partners and community and use our resources and expertise to ensure all data is secure and only accessed by those who have permissions.