Useful Data Collection Indicators

Criminal Justice: Police reports (adult and juvenile arrests, pharmacy robberies, naloxone utilization)

Public Health: HIV/Hepatitis; Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS); Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD's); Needle Exchange Program(s) – how many syringes are distributed/week/month

Healthcare: Opioid (prescription, heroin and synthetic) abuse related hospital/Emergency Department visits; # physicians waivered to provide Office Based Opioid Treatment (OBOT) Hospital treatment for prescription drug abuse includes:

Treatment of drug poisoning and overdose

Treatment for skin and blood infections caused by injecting medications

Treatment for withdrawal

Medical Examiner: Overdose deaths and the drugs present in their system (try to determine if prescription was dispensed from a licensed practitioner)

Treatment: Admissions for addiction to prescription medications and heroin and the route of administration; length of treatment

Schools: Zero tolerance expulsions; Self-reported non-medical prescription drug and heroin use among youth; perception of peer and parental disapproval; perceived availability; perception of harm

Government: Cost to your State to treat NAS; Number of Pain Clinics in your county

Additional Sources of Data Indicators:

CDC: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System: https://www.cdc.gov/brfss/index.html

CDC Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE's): https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/acestudy/

Annie E. Casey Foundation Kids Count Data Center: http://datacenter.kidscount.org/topics