



Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists

2015 Behavioral Health/Substance Abuse Surveillance Capacity Assessment

Welcome and Instructions

The Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) is conducting a Behavioral Health/Substance Abuse surveillance capacity assessment to better understand the existing surveillance capacity within state and select local health departments in the United States. We are asking for your agency's help in completing the assessment developed by the CSTE Substance abuse subcommittee. We ask that you or the most appropriate staff member in your health department complete the assessment by **Wednesday, December 23rd**.

We estimate that it should take approximately 15 minutes to complete and submit the assessment but please note that it may take longer to collect the information needed to respond to several data-specific questions. For your convenience, we have attached a copy of the questions for you to print out and collect data in advance. We encourage you to collaborate with your colleagues to fill out portions of the assessment that may pertain to others within your health department.

We expect to develop a final summary report of the assessment findings at the end of January and will share it with you in the following months. CSTE will not share any jurisdiction-specific information and the final report will only include de-identified, aggregate data.

CSTE appreciates your time spent on this assessment. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact Virginia Dick at the CSTE National Office at vdick@cste.org or 770-458-3811.

Sincerely,

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Demographic Information

* 1. Contact Information

Name

Title

Jurisdiction

City/Town

State/Province

Email Address

Phone Number



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Staffing Capacity

2. In 2015, how much epidemiology FTE (to the nearest tenth) staff in your health department work in each of the following areas:

Alcohol epidemiology

Drug and/or drug
overdose epidemiology

Mental health
epidemiology

Other behavioral health
epidemiology

3. Within your jurisdiction, which agency is most responsible for the surveillance, monitoring, or oversight of behavioral health?

- ☐ Health department (includes a behavioral health organization within the department)
- ☐ Behavioral health/mental health department
- ☐ Other (please specify)

4. Which entity or state agency receives the majority of the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Agency for your jurisdiction?

- ☐ The health department (includes a behavioral health organization within the department)
- ☐ The behavioral health/mental health department
- ☐ Other (please specify)

5. Does your jurisdiction current track any behavioral health or substance abuse indicators on a regular basis?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure



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6. Please describe the indicators you track and the frequency of of the reporting.

7. Which entity in your jurisdiction is responsible for tracking and monitoring these indicators?

- ☐ Health department (includes a behavioral health organization within the department)
- ☐ Behavioral health/mental health department
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Thank you!

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