St Charles County Opioids Fact Sheet Spring 2019

78 FATAL opioid overdoses in 2017

35% INCREASE (from 2015)

The Enhanced State Opioid Overdose Surveillance (ESOOS) grant was awarded to the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (MODHSS) to accomplish key goals:

--enhance the comprehensiveness and timeliness of both fatal and nonfatal opioid overdoses and;

--disseminate surveillance findings to stakeholders.

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Please contact the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, Bureau of Health Care Analysis and Data Dissemination at 573-751-6285 for more information or to request a fact sheet for your community.

If you or a loved one has a problem with alcohol or drugs, please call:
(800) 575-7480

Nonfatal Opioid Overdose Health Care Utilization
January 2017- June 2018

Fatal Opioid Overdose Characteristics and Risk Factors
January 2017- December 2017

Emergency Room Hospitalization

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