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Public Health/Public Safety Strategies to Reduce Drug Overdose Data Collection

Comment On: CDC-2026-0529-0001

Public Health/Public Safety Strategies to Reduce Drug Overdose Data Collection

Document: CDC-2026-0529-0002

Comment from Anonymous

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I am writing to support the CDC's proposed project, "Public Health/Public Safety Strategies to Reduce Drug Overdose Data Collection."

The overdose crisis is still a very serious problem in the United States. Even though deaths have gone down a little since 2022, a large number of people are still dying every day. Drugs are also becoming more dangerous because of substances like fentanyl and other additives. Because of this, it is really important to collect better information about what is happening and what strategies are working.

I think this data collection is important for helping the CDC do its job. By gathering information on how public health and public safety groups work together, the CDC can better understand what is effective and what needs improvement. This can help communities respond faster and in better ways to prevent overdoses.

The information collected will also be useful because it can show which programs and strategies are actually making a difference. This is especially important since drug trends keep changing. Having up-to-date and clear data can help guide decisions and improve responses across different areas.

I also support efforts to make the data collection simple and not too time-consuming for the people filling it out. Using online tools and clear questions can help reduce the burden while still collecting good information.

Overall, I believe this is a valuable and necessary project. Better data can lead to better decisions and, hopefully, save lives. Thank you for the opportunity to comment

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Comment from Anonymous

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I support this work by the CDC to hopefully improve this data collection to help learn from it and identify trends and disparities. I think that prioritizing accessibility to those who might face barriers to block them from participation is important as well. To ensure that data is representative and accurate, they should make sure that data collection is accessible and available across languages. Digital tools should be used while also considering that some individuals might not have access to the internet. I think that this is a great way to strengthen data collection and improve public health, as long as it is implemented with everyone in mind.

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Comment from Vega, Alexa

Submitter Information

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General Comment

I strongly support efforts by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to improve data collection related to drug overdose prevention. The overdose crisis continues to significantly impact communities, and having accurate, timely data is essential for developing effective public health and safety strategies. Improved data collection can help identify trends, allocate resources more efficiently, and support interventions that save lives. I encourage continued focus on collaboration between public health and safety sectors, as well as ensuring that data collection efforts prioritize equity and reach the most vulnerable populations.

From: [NCIPC OMB \(CDC\)](#)
To: avega0334@sdsu.edu
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Dear Ms. Vega,

As required under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520) this letter is a response to your public comment. We appreciate your comment, which will be considered.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of further assistance.

Best regards,

-NCIPC OMB

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Comment from Anonymous

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I support the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's proposal to continue collecting data on public health and public safety strategies to reduce drug overdoses. The overdose crisis is an important public health issue in the United States, particularly among young adults, and data collection is essential for developing effective, evidence-based interventions.

The focus between public health and public safety sectors is especially important. These two sectors collaborating together can help identify individuals at risk, improve emergency response, and connect people to treatment. Continued data collection will allow the CDC to evaluate which strategies are most effective and ensure that these resources are used efficiently.

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Comment from Anonymous

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I support the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's effort to try to improve the data collection that is related to the drug overdose through the enhanced collaboration between the public health and the public health safety agencies.

Improving the timelessness and integration of overdose data is critical to addressing the ongoing overdose crisis in the US. In real time data collection can help identify immersion drug trends such as presence of synthetic opioids or new substances in the drug supply and that allows for faster and targeted interventions.

I want to support the focus on integrating data from multiple sources including emergency departments, the law-enforcement or the first responders. This approach can provide a more complete understanding of overdose patterns and help allocate resources more effectively.

I do encourage them to continue investing in improving data quality and standardization. These efforts are essential to reducing overdose death and improving public health outcomes.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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Comment from Anonymous

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

I am writing to support the CDC proposal for improved data collection on overdose prevention. I am a public health student and I am currently working on a campus project to increase Narcan access and overdose awareness. In my experience, having accurate and timely data is the only way to know where resources are needed most.

Tracking how different public safety sectors handle prevention strategies will help us see what is actually working on the ground. When we have better data, it is much easier for community organizations to get the support they need to save lives. I strongly encourage the CDC to continue and expand these data collection efforts because it is a critical step in addressing the overdose crisis in our communities.

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Comment from Anonymous

Submitter Information

Name: Anonymous Anonymous

General Comment

Overdose epidemic continues to be a critical public health issues within the United States. Approximately 105,000 people died from drug overdose in 2023, with nearly 80,000 of those deaths involves opioids (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2025). Within this proposal regulation, Docket No. CDC-2026-0529, additional information such as 79,384 overdose deaths occurring in 2024, with leading cause of death among age group population 18-44 years old. Docket No. CDC-2026-0529 highlights the urgent need in improving health strategies while aiming to better understand measurable measures such as safety within the United States, to assist with reducing overdose death rates. The proposal requests for the collection of data to improve overdose prevention efforts that involves addressing this concern among the populations with increased risks over overdose in the public safety setting. The ultimate goal here is to improve interventions and save individuals from overdose deaths. The proposal emphasizes on multisector collaboration being very critical in order to save lives and overdose epidemic reduction. Multisector collaborations use multiple organizations such as hospitals and schools, local government, and community-based organizations to heavily develop partnerships towards a common goal and accountability to the communities they want to serve and advocate for (What Are Multisector Collaboratives? - Population Health Innovation Lab, 2023). By collaborating between programs that coordinate efforts between both law enforcement and health agencies, these partnerships can develop and strengthen preventive care and strategies as a response to overdose occurrences. With the help and efforts of a multisectoral team, I believe that it will help build trust, increase audience research and unlock more sustained funding opportunities for public health (How to Build Cross-Sector Partnerships That Improve Public Health - Public Health Communications Collaborative, 2025). Through the collection of data, the CDC will be able to make efforts in identifying its best practices and adjusting any interventions that can be used to benefit the issue and address it.

I strongly support this regulation proposal because it focuses on directly assisting in improving preventive interventions. As individuals among the ages 18-44 have high rates in overdose deaths, they tend to pose serious risks to their health the most in the United States. With the help of the CDC and collection of data toward this health issue, it allows community's advocates to understand more about what might cause it,

how these prevention strategies are most effective and sections that may still require more support. Overall, this regulation proposal offers a critical step in the development of preventive care efforts, improving health outcomes and saving individuals while reducing the overdose death rates.

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Comment from Hayes, Bridget

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General Comment

Dear Centers for Disease Control,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on CDC–2026–0529. I am a researcher specializing in addiction science at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine. I contribute to studies using community-based participatory research processes to examine recovery services for emerging adults receiving medication treatment for opioid use disorder (OUD).

I encourage CDC to ensure that information collection activities related to public health/public safety overdose-prevention strategies incorporate perspectives from people with lived and living experience of OUD and substance use recovery. Such perspectives can provide valuable information from current or prior service users regarding how overdose-prevention strategies are experienced by the populations they are intended to serve, including barriers to engagement, service preferences, and unintended consequences of public health and public safety strategies. They may also identify lessons learned that are difficult to capture through routine administrative data collection and may not be fully apparent to organizational stakeholders. Incorporating the perspectives of people with lived and living experience of OUD and substance use recovery can improve the utility, validity, and practical relevance of the information collected.

My research experience has demonstrated that it is feasible to engage individuals with OUD to help inform service improvement efforts, such as by constructing standing community boards. My experience has been that people who have lived through OUD are often eager to share their perspectives when given a meaningful opportunity to do so.

Sincerely,
Bridget B. Hayes
Farmington, CT

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