National Academy of Medicine Action Collaborative on Countering the U.S. Opioid Epidemic

About SHADAC

Affiliated with the University of Minnesota School of Public Health, the State Health Access Data Assistance Center (SHADAC) is a multidisciplinary health policy research and technical center with a focus on state policy. Our faculty and staff members represent a broad range of expertise, ranging from economics, statistics and evaluation to sociology and journalism.

We are passionate about the importance of using sound data to inform policy decisions, and work collaboratively with our clients – including federal and state agencies, foundations, research organizations and think tanks, and private sector businesses – to achieve results. SHADAC strives to produce rigorous, policy-driven analyses. We translate complex findings into actionable information that is accessible to a broad audience. Thanks to our long history of working with state agencies and foundations, we’ve developed a deep understanding of the unique challenges and opportunities states face.

Commitment Statement from SHADAC

The State Health Access Data Assistance Center (SHADAC) at the University of Minnesota is committed to furthering the role of research, data and metrics for better measuring and understanding the opioid crisis in alignment with the National Academy of Medicine’s Action Collaborative on Countering the U.S. Opioid Epidemic.

In concordance with our mission to support states in using data to inform policy decisions, SHADAC has conducted research into evolving trends and state-level variation related to the continually evolving opioid crisis (https://www.shadac.org/resource-opioids). To support states, we also make policy-relevant data on the opioid crisis, such as state-level rates of opioid overdose deaths, available to states on our State Health Compare data website (http://statehealthcompare.shadac.org/) and offer technical assistance in using and interpreting the data.

SHADAC is committed to continuing to monitor evolving trends in the opioid crisis, to conduct research into the opioid crisis at the state level, and to make policy-relevant state-level data on the opioid crisis readily accessible to policymakers and other stakeholders.