

Florida is facing a significant opioid crisis that is impacting individuals from all economic and social backgrounds in both urban and rural communities. According to the Centers for Disease Control, the age-adjusted rate of drug overdose deaths in Florida still remains higher than the national average.

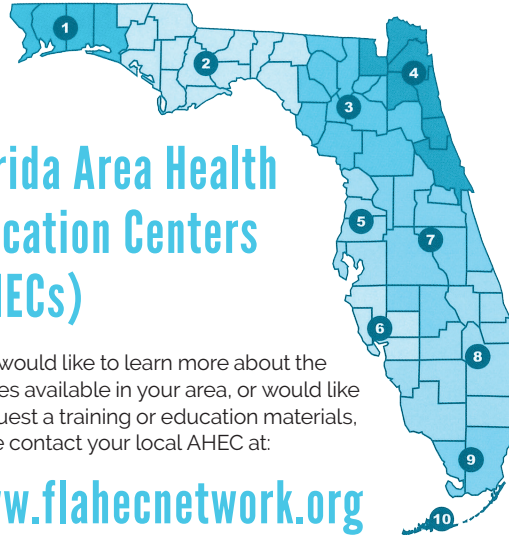
In 2018, Florida's death rate was 22.8 per 100,000 persons as compared to 20.7 opioid related deaths per 100,000 persons nationally.

The Florida AHEC Network is working to combat this epidemic by reducing the statewide morbidity and mortality associated with opioid use through interventions designed to prevent opioid misuse and strengthen the capacity of Florida's healthcare system to deliver early detection and appropriate treatment for those at risk.

## Florida Area Health Education Centers (AHECs)

If you would like to learn more about the services available in your area, or would like to request a training or education materials, please contact your local AHEC at:

[www.flahecnetwork.org](http://www.flahecnetwork.org)



### University of Florida AHEC Program • Gainesville

- 1 West Florida AHEC, Crestview
- 2 Big Bend AHEC, Tallahassee
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- 4 Northeast Florida AHEC, Jacksonville

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- 6 Gulfcoast South AHEC, Sarasota

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- 7 Central Florida AHEC, Apopka
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# STATEWIDE OPIOID PROJECT



## Health Professional Trainings

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The Florida AHEC Network provides in-person and online trainings, which offer CME and CE credits, on evidence-based best practices for preventing and treating Opioid Use Disorder.

The trainings are appropriate for a wide range of disciplines, including, but not limited to, behavioral health professionals, primary care physicians, dentists, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants. Below is a list of available trainings:

- Prescribing Opioids for Pain Management
- Neurophysiology of Pain Management: Developing an Appreciation for Selective Therapeutic Regimens
- Complementary and Integrative Medicine Approaches for Pain Management
- Pharmacology of Multi-Modal Approaches for Pain Management
- Opioid Use and Opioid Use Disorder in Pregnancy
- Recognition, Diagnosis, and Management of Substance Use Disorders in a Primary Care Setting
- Preventing Opioid Use Disorder in Oral Health Care

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## Health Professions Student Trainings

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The Florida AHEC Network provides in-person and online trainings on evidence-based best practices for preventing and treating Opioid Use Disorder for health professions students.

This includes, but is not limited to, students in medical, behavioral health, dental, and nursing programs at both the graduate and undergraduate levels.

Below is a list of available trainings:

- Health Professionals' Impact on the Opioid Epidemic
- Identifying, Assessing, and Treating Opioid Misuse



## The Florida AHEC Network provides education and technical support to behavioral health and primary care sites across the state of Florida through practice transformation activities designed to:

- Build capacity among health care providers to systematically address patients' opioid misuse.
- Disseminate opioid systems change strategies, tools, and resources.
- Encourage the integration of behavioral health services in primary care and other care settings to assist patients with behavioral and lifestyle changes.
- Sustain opioid risk reduction efforts.
- Provide educational materials for health professionals and community members to organizations across the state of Florida.

## Our practice transformation centers on three steps, or tiers:

1. Appropriate screening, evaluation, and prevention.
2. Safer opioid prescribing and chronic pain management.
3. Office-Based Opioid Treatment (OBOT).