Disability & Health

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Promoting & Protecting the Health of Iowans

IDPH Iowa Department of Public Health

The Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) Disability and Health Program (DHP) is in the second year of a three year grant cycle. One of the priorities of this first year was to increase disability awareness and disability participation in IDPH programs. Establishing and maintaining the Disability Community Planning Group (DCPG) has made significant progress in achieving this priority. DHP was able to provide technical assistance and guidance on creating 508 compliance webpages, program materials and Power Points. In turn, DCPG partners have begun promoting accessibility and 508 compliance with their local public health partners. This project achieved sustainability with public health partners by providing them the skills to include accessibility in their programs.

Did you know?

People with disabilities make up the largest minority group in the US, and it is the only group in which any one of us can become a member at anytime. About half of Iowans with a disability have a job, and according to the US Census, 5.5 of all Iowans in the workforce have some type of a disability. Approximately one third of Iowans 65 and older report having some type of disability, that includes mobility, hearing or vision disability along with the inability to care for themselves independently.

Why is the Disability & Health Program important to promoting and protecting the health of Iowans?

- Over 380,000 Iowans over the age of five report having some sort of disability according to the State Data Center. The DHP is working to ensure that policies are in place that promote the inclusion of Iowans with disabilities in public health planning, health promotion programs, healthcare services and in emergency planning and response.

Which Iowa Public Health Goals are we working to achieve?

Prevent injuries

Promote healthy behaviors

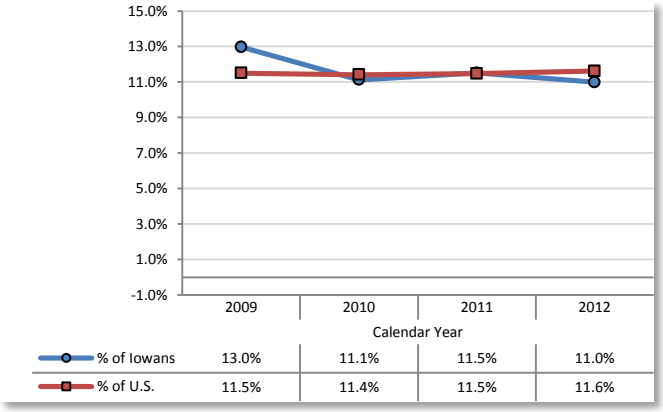
Strengthen the public health infrastructure

What do we do?

- Increase health promotion opportunities through informational resources, providing training regarding 508 compliance for websites, accessible program materials including Power Points.
- Provide site surveys on request to increase accessibility by using the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG). Written guidance on how to meet minimum compliance is provided.
- Train professionals regarding communication and accommodation for patients with disabilities.
- Provide Continuity of Operations Planning to community providers to maintain essential services during an emergency or disaster.
- Advocate and promote inclusion of people with disabilities on councils, boards, committees, and to lawmakers.
- Complete a public needs assessment of Iowans with disabilities and maintain current data to promote policy change to increase health and wellbeing.
- Provide technical assistance to emergency managers and responders to include people with disabilities in all phases of disaster planning.

How do we measure our progress?

❶ **Percent of Iowans older than five years of age who reported a disability**



How are we doing? The ACS disability prevalence represents Iowans 5 years and older who screened positive to any of the six disability questions. From 2009 to 2012, ACS data showed a decrease in the proportion of Iowans older than five years who reported a disability from 13% in 2009 to 11% in 2012. The disability prevalence remained stable in the general US population.

What can Iowans do to help?

1. Iowans with disabilities, family members, response personnel, and planners should know the importance of emergency preparedness. Accessible general population shelters need to meet minimum American's with Disabilities Act compliance and have access to durable medical equipment and consumable medical goods to meet access and functional needs. To learn more, go to www.idph.state.ia.us/bh/disability_emergency_prep.asp or call 515-242-6336.
2. Technical assistance, site visits, and accessibility audits are available to meet minimum ADA compliance. An access survey is available at www.idph.state.ia.us/bh/disability_livable_communities.asp or by calling 515-242-6336.

Expenditures

Federal funds: 0153-0988/1706

	State Fiscal Year 2012 Actual	State Fiscal Year 2013 Actual	State Fiscal Year 2014 Estimate
State funds	$0	$0	$0
Federal funds	$404,157	$201,174	$263,615
Total funds	**$404,157**	**$201,174**	**$263,615**
FTEs	1.45	1.28	1.40

Note: Funding information is intended to provide an overview of funding related to the program area. It does not include all federal and state requirements and/or restrictions for the use of funds. Contact the program area for more detailed budget information.

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