

## Fiscal Year 2023

July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023

#### Our Mission

To reduce morbidity, mortality and costs associated with poisonings, through providing statewide 24-hour telephone management, consultation, poison prevention information, public and professional education and research for the people of Iowa.

The Iowa Poison Control Center (IPCC) provides immediate treatment recommendations to the public and health care providers in all of Iowa's 99 counties.

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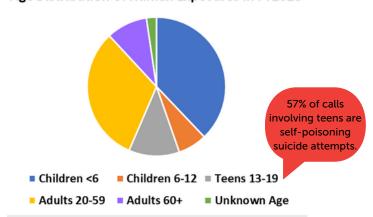
Calls are answered 24/7/365 by specially trained nurses, pharmacists and physicians.

55% of cases involved children under 19

#### Facts At A Glance:

- Managed 22,794 human exposure cases with nearly 52,000 follow-up calls
- Managed 58% of human exposures at home
- 62% of poisonings and overdose cases involved a medication or street drug
- Distributed 61,790 poison prevention materials
- Our 14 Specialists in Poison Information (SPIs) have more than 200 years combined poison center experience in serving Iowans

#### Age Distribution of Human Exposures in FY2023





I hope to not have to call the IPCC again but with a little one, probably will and feel great that there is a resource like them available!

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Healthcare providers frequently rely on the IPCC for expert advice on poisoning cases. These high-acuity cases are complex and require more expertise and time, including consults with our physician toxicologists who are available 24/7/365.

9 of 10 cases involving children <5 years are managed at home



There are very few areas of emergency medicine where we as EDPs, can phone someone and get "the definitive answer." It is tremendously comforting on chaotic circumstances of overdoses that we can call an 800# any time and hear the calm voice of reason and professionalism. Thank you for this service.

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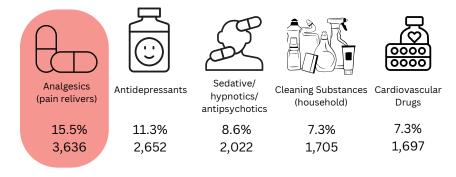


# We're Here for You 24/7.

One of the nation's 55 poison control centers, the IPCC provides real time data to local, state and federal public health agencies to identify emerging trends, outbreaks and overdoses.



### **Top 5 Categories of Exposures**

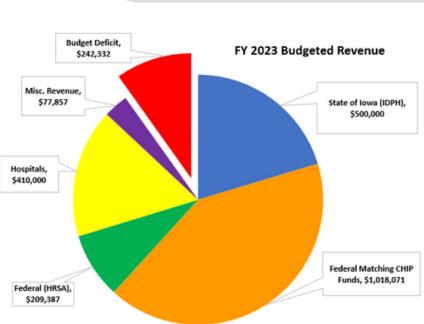


The IPCC improves health outcomes and decreases the length of stay for those who do have to go to the hospital by providing expert medical advice to doctors and nurses treating patients with drug overdoses and poisonings. In addition to saving lives, the IPCC saves Iowa millions of dollars each year. This is because over 90% of IPCC cases involving a child under 5 are safely treated at home with poison center advice and follow-up without needing more costly services like the ER or 911. Last year this resulted in a savings of over \$16M dollars in avoided health care costs in Iowa and a \$6M dollar savings to the Medicaid program.

On behalf of the Iowa Poison Control Center and the people we serve, our sincere thanks to Governor Reynolds and the Legislature for increasing the IPCC's state funding during the 2023 session by \$250,000 for a total state appropriation of \$750,000. Because of their efforts and leadership, the IPCC will continue to be a 24/7 essential statewide resource for all Iowans. This investment will go a long way in saving lives and saving millions of taxpayer dollars in Iowa every year. Thank you for recognizing the importance of our service, the value to Iowans and our good stewardship of public funds.



Saving Money



Saving Lives,

Thank you to our lowa hospitals for partnering with the IPCC by providing financial contributions to help support our operations.

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