

# AUDITING THE OPIOID CRISIS RESPONSE IN PA

Auditor General DePasquale found that a lack of effective measurements at state agencies leading the opioid epidemic response hinders progress combating the crisis.



## Department of Drug & Alcohol Programs

**OVERSIGHT:** *Understaffed & Underfunded*

DDAP was created in order to engage, coordinate, and lead Pennsylvania's efforts to prevent and reduce drug, alcohol, & gambling addiction/abuse – and to promote recovery.

Chronic understaffing and underfunding restricts DDAP's capacity to perform its duties.

## Department of Corrections

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE:** *Limited Monitoring*

DOC helps inmates with substance abuse disorders – which accounts for 64% of those entering the correctional system.

However, DOC focuses on and monitors effectiveness of reducing recidivism rates, not reducing substance abuse.



## Department of Human Services

**TREATMENT:** *Unverified Data*

DHS will monitor Pennsylvania's 45 "Centers of Excellence," which help people struggling with opioid addiction get treatment & stay in recovery.

Yet DHS can't truly measure effectiveness of efforts until it develops a plan to verify accuracy of data collected.

