

# Creating an Action Plan for Opioid Surveillance

## Module 1: Introduction

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This online course is an adaptation of two-day Regional Workshops hosted by CSTE in the winter and spring of 2019. In these workshops, participants were guided through the process to develop an Action Plan for Opioid Surveillance.

This online course is divided into five modules:

1. Introduction to the Action Plan for Opioid Surveillance
2. Assess the Stakeholder Landscape
3. Assess the Data Landscape
4. Access and Analyze Data and Indicators
5. Pulling It All Together

As a framework for creating or improving an Opioid Surveillance Action Plan, consider the following four step process:

- 1. Assessing Stakeholder and Data Landscape**
  - Learn about the interests and needs of others who are interested in opioid surveillance.
  - Consider how you can leverage influence over your opioid surveillance efforts.
- 2. Accessing and Analyzing Data**
  - Understand how to access data from multiple sources, how to combine data from multiple sources.
  - Troubleshoot how to address issues related to data governance and data sharing.
- 3. Transforming and Visualizing Data**
  - Understand how data can be transformed to fit various stakeholder audiences.
  - Consider principles of data visualization and data visualization strategies and tools.
- 4. Using and Disseminating Data**
  - Understand principles of data use and dissemination.

A few notes about opioid surveillance:

- Opioid surveillance is relatively new
- Public health jurisdictions vary widely in their practices
- No “gold standard” exists