

# Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

## *By the Numbers:*

:: Funding for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) makes up less than 0.2% of the federal budget.\*

:: Two-thirds of CDC's budget supports state and local health departments.\*

:: The CDC employs more than 14,000 people, with staff based in all 50 states and deployed to more than 50 countries.\*

:: CDC has dispatched scientists and doctors to address more than 750 health threats worldwide in the last two years.\*

:: The CDC has trained more than 2,300 disease trackers since 1980.\*

:: In 2016, the Global Health Division spent more than 64,000 hours responding to global emergencies such as Ebola and Zika.\*



## *CDC in Action*

### **Opioid Epidemic**

Opioid-related drug overdoses claim the lives of 116 Americans every day. The CDC's Prevention for States program aims to provide state health departments with resources to support interventions that prevent prescription drug overdoses. The CDC is taking a comprehensive approach that also focuses on ways to improve clinical practice guidelines for the prescription of opioids and approaches to optimize data quality and tracking that can aid states and clinicians in their efforts to end this crisis.\*

### **Vaccines for Children**

The Vaccines for Children Program provides free vaccinations for 16 diseases. It is estimated that the program, which serves children who otherwise would not have access to these vaccines, has prevented 322 million illnesses, 732,000 deaths, and saved a total of \$1.4 trillion in societal costs.\*

### **National Asthma Control Program**

Asthma is a lifelong disease that affects 26 million Americans and carries a medical cost of over \$50 billion nationwide. The National Asthma Control Program (NACP) established a national public health response to control asthma, working to improve surveillance systems and asthma management in schools, among other goals. Since its inception in 1999, the NACP has decreased asthma-related costs by \$23.1 billion, leading to a return on investment of an estimated \$71 for every dollar spent.\*

