



**Erie County Opiate Epidemic Task Force  
Erie County Fire Training Academy  
Quarterly Meeting  
5/3/2021  
Agenda**

1. Sign on – (9:50 - 10am)
2. Welcome, housekeeping, introduction of agenda – (10 am – 10:05am)
3. Workgroup report out – 5 – 10 minutes each
  - a. Community Education and Prevention – Barb Burns (10:05 – 10:15)
  - b. Treatment Providers – John Grieco, Julie Gutowski (10:15 – 10:25)
  - c. REAP – Dan Rinaldo, Gene Nanna, Crystal Walsh (10:25 – 10:35)
  - d. Naloxone – Cheryll Moore (10:35 – 10:45)
  - e. Providers – Dr. Burstein (10:45 – 10:55)
  - f. Hospitals and Emergency Departments – Dr. Lynch (10:55 – 11:05)
  - g. Family and Consumers – Deb Smith (11:05 – 11:15)
4. Updated funding in the community – (11:15 – 11:25)
  - a. DHHS SAMHSA award with NYSDOH over 4 years to expand naloxone training and access in the 8 WNY counties, and expand the response after overdose project utilizing a local peer response and the ODMAP notification system – Elizabeth Terranova, Project Coordinator – SUD
  - b. COAP Funding – Category 1 – Opioid Mortality Review Board – Kelly Sipolo
  - c. COAP funding – Category 3 – Probation Opioid unit
  - d. Healing Communities Study – grant from Columbia University to expand work in the city of Buffalo to decrease opioid deaths by 40% over life of the study using evidence-based interventions determined through a team approach using data. Taylor Winter, Project Coordinator – SUD
  - e. COSSAP award – increase Peers and New York MATTERS (Medication Assisted Treatment and Emergency Referrals) with local police departments and department of probation in a fully virtual way.
5. Erie County Executive updates – (11:25 – 11:35)
6. Response to questions in the Chat, Member retirement recognition – Dan Rinaldo, NYNJHIDTA (11:35 am – 12 noon)

**Thank you! – next meeting: Monday, August 2, 2021**

# Erie County Opiate Task Force

## Community Education and Prevention Committee

# Goals

- Educate the community about the current status of the opioid epidemic in Western New York and addiction in general
- Provide awareness, guidance, and direction to those directly and indirectly impacted by the crisis
- AND promote, encourage and educate the community about prevention

# What's Going On?

- Who's doing what?
- Promote
- Media presence

# What's Going On?

- Opioids in the Workplace
- Virtual Panel
- BBB/USAO/ECOPTF

# Coming Up

- ◉ Pain pamphlet
- ◉ What should patients know/ask before receiving prescription medications from their physician
- ◉ Gathering information
- ◉ Draft
- ◉ Share/review

# Coming Up

- Young People
- Teens
- Middle schoolers
- messaging



# **Erie County**

## **Opiate Epidemic**

### ***Task Force***

**Quarterly Meeting**  
**May 3, 2021**

### **Treatment Workgroup**



**Acting Co-Chair:**  
**John Grieco, MS CRC**  
Assistant Commissioner  
Erie County Dept of Mental Health

**Co-Chair:**  
**Julie Gutowski, LMHC**  
Senior VP of Admin Ops & Business Development  
Spectrum Health & Human services





## Treatment Provider Workgroup

- ☐ The work group continues to meet monthly with representation of treatment and prevention providers, family members, peers, hospitals, treatment court representation, managed care representation, Erie County staff as well as representation from NYS OASAS.
- ☐ Meetings are generally monthly; face to face and/or conference calls.
- ☐ After a community survey and workgroup discussion, the workgroup establish four priority areas of focus for the next 12-18 months.



# Treatment Workgroup: 4 Priority Committees

## Adults

- Increase access to SUD Housing
- Increase access to MAT in Community with focus on primary care

## Youth & Adolescents

- Improve access o Psychiatric Medication/Co-occurring treatment
- Improve/enhance family supports/education



# Committee Updates:

- **Family Education/Support:**

- **Facilitator: Julie Gutowski, [gutowskij@shswny.org](mailto:gutowskij@shswny.org)**

- Committee is working on making [information](#) about recovery, behavioral health issues including Mental health, Substance use Disorders and Co Occurring disorders [more readily available to family and natural supports](#).
    - [Creating an info graph](#), ideally limited to one page, to provide to families when their loved ones are in treatment or in potentially need of treatment.
    - Committee will be [exploring different ways to distribute](#) the information for families and natural supports such as Facebook Group, Instagram, YouTube, the Community of Caring (Spectrum Human Services), etc.



# Committee Updates:

- **Improve access to Psychiatric Medication/Co-occurring treatment for youth**
  - **Facilitator: Jodie Altman, [jaltman@rasitx.org](mailto:jaltman@rasitx.org)**
    - It was identified that there was an uncertainty amongst providers as to who are active prescribers for the adolescent population
    - This workgroup was developed to [identify adolescent prescribers in the County and provide a reference document](#) to the community
    - [Practitioners and the clinics](#) in which they prescribe were identified along with contact information, insurances, etc.
    - [Spreadsheet has been disseminated](#) to [211](#), [Addiction Hotline](#), and to the [EC Dept of Mental Health Website](#). It will also be distributed to the provider community and TF Website
    - **Fluid document. Please email Tara Karoleski [Tara.Karoleski@erie.gov](mailto:Tara.Karoleski@erie.gov) for any needed updates. It will also be reviewed twice/year.**

# SAMPLE

Practice (if multi. practitioners in practice, pls repeat practice name)	Phone Confirmation	Practitioner (use new line for each practitioner)	License(s)	Street Address	City	Zip	Phone	Website	Accepting new pt?	Ins. accepted?	If yes, which insurance(s) accepted	Special Notes
Best Self		Diana Page	NP	20 Rich St	Buffalo	14211	(716) 895-7715		yes	yes	Medicare & Medicaid	
Best Self		Pam Almeter	PNP	430 Main Street	Buffalo	14201	(716) 884-5797		no			
Best Self		Erica Malinowski	NP	951 Niagara St	Buffalo	14213	(716) 884-0700		yes	yes	Medicare & Medicaid	
Best Self		Rebecca Young	NP	319 Central Ave Ste 200C	Dunkirk	14048	(716) 753-4104		yes	yes	Medicare & Medicaid	
Best Self		Dr. Balkeron	MD	1000 Main St, 430 Niagara St	Buffalo	14202, 14201			yes	yes		
Best Self		Dr. Guisvert	MD	3350 Main Street	buffalo	14214			yes	yes	almost major insurances and offer sliding scale	for many dr and NP's services in addition to mentions locations-aslos 1500 Broadway BFLO and 140 Pine St Hamburg
Best Self		Carol Walker	NP									
Children's Psychiatry		Beth Smith	MD	1028 Main St.	Buffalo	14202	716-859-5454		yes	yes	Better Health, BCBS, Community Blue (HMO), Community Blue Advantage, Fidelis, Independent Health Assoc, Independent Health Medisource, Medicaid, Medicare, Nova, NVS Medicaid, United, Univera	Patients by referral only
Children's Psychiatry		Sourav Sengupta	MD, MPH	3950 E. Robinson Road Suite 205	West Amhers	14228	716-691-3400		yes	yes	BCBS, CIGNA, Fidelis, Independent Health Assoc, Independent Health Medisource, Magnacare, Medicaid, Medicare, Nova, United, Univera	Patients by referral only
Children's Psychiatry		Josh Russell	MD Psychiatry	4955 North Bailey Suite 130	Amherst	14226			yes	yes	Aetna, BCBS, Fidelis, Independent Health, Medicaid, Medicare, Nova, Univera, YourCare	Patients by referral only
ECMC o/p		Zhanna Elberg	MD	1285 Main Street	Buffalo		<a href="https://www.ecmc.edu/our-doctors/zhanna-elberg/">https://www.ecmc.edu/our-doctors/zhanna-elberg/</a>		yes	yes	BC/BS, Independent Health, Medicare, Nova, and Univera	Accepts patients by referral only





# Committee Updates:

- **Improve access to Medication Assisted Treatment in the Community**
  - **Facilitator: Jennifer Seib, [JSeib@bestselfwny.org](mailto:JSeib@bestselfwny.org)**
- Discussion centered on [perceived barriers](#) to getting more PC providers to prescribe MAT
  - [Reimbursement](#) for PC is much less than for SU Tx Programs to provide these services
    - Providers from Champions grant have discussed recommendations/changes needed; recommendation for per person per month rate vs current structure.
  - [Misperceptions or discomfort](#) among PC providers working with patients with SUD dx.
  - PC and SU programs [don't speak the same language](#)—while some are developing, strong working relationships are not yet prevalent.



## Committee Updates:

### Improve access to Medication Assisted Treatment in the Community (con't.)

- Discussion of possible [projects/directions](#) for this subcommittee:
  - [Provider education](#) for PC providers
  - [Advocate for changes to payment structure](#) for PC providers to provide MAT, to reduce this as a barrier to providing MAT services.
  - Value Network as a possible mechanism for coordinating patient referrals between SU Tx and PC (both ways).
- Emphasis on getting a [broader group of people](#) to the meeting (med students, PC providers, SU providers, MCOs) to proceed with conversations. We have discussed the need to have folks from the “Medical Providers” committee in the room, since our conversation overlaps with the propose of that group.
- BestSelf currently applying for [funding to coordinate virtual hub for MAT initiation](#), in collaboration with UB School of Addiction Med & NY MATTERs.



## Committee Updates:

- **Increase access to SUD Housing**
  - **Facilitator: John Grieco, [john.grieco@erie.gov](mailto:john.grieco@erie.gov)**
  - Continue to meet every 6-8 weeks via conference call. Next WebEx [May 24<sup>h</sup>](#) at 1:00.
  - Developed a [google form](#) current housing. [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1WDI6H-aP59k\\_XkIP9U8WqjhJbFP494\\_JLHJsKDi1dco/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1WDI6H-aP59k_XkIP9U8WqjhJbFP494_JLHJsKDi1dco/edit?usp=sharing)
  - SUD Housing Workshop via WebEx was held November 19<sup>th</sup> 2-3p. Christine Slocum [Christine.Slocum@erie.gov](mailto:Christine.Slocum@erie.gov) , 716-858-8539
  - **Updates:**
    - Received verbal commitment from [Living Opportunities of DePaul](#) to include 5 beds dedicated for SUD in their planned Pan American development on Delaware Avenue. This will also include SUD related services/supports.
    - EC Department of Mental Health is developing a [RFP](#) dedicated to supported housing for individuals/families with SUD.
    - Finalized and have began distribution of [SUD Housing Resources](#) including [211](#), [Addiction Hotline](#), [EC Dept of Mental Health website](#). It will also be distributed to the provider community and TF Website



## Erie County Housing Resources for People Recovering from Substance Use

Last Update: April 2021

Provider	Program Name	Where?	Number of Beds	Eligibility Criteria?	Men?	Women?	Other genders?	Target Population	Intended length of stay	Exclusionary Criteria	Children OK?	URL	Contact Number
Best Self Behavioral Health	Medicaid Redesign Team Permanent Supportive Housing	Scattered Site	20	Substance Use Disorder, High Medicaid user, Homeless or at risk of homelessness	X	X	X	High Medicaid users	Permanent Housing		No	<a href="https://www.bestselfnyny.org/programs-and-services/housing-services/">https://www.bestselfnyny.org/programs-and-services/housing-services/</a>	716-884-0888
Best Self Behavioral Health with the Lt. Col. Matt Urban Human Services Center	Hope House	243 Sears Street, Buffalo, NY 14212	27	Income is under 50% area median income for household size	X	X	X		Permanent Housing		Yes	<a href="https://www.bestselfnyny.org/programs-and-services/housing-services/">https://www.bestselfnyny.org/programs-and-services/housing-services/</a>	(716) 566-7771 x1936
Cazenovia Recovery Systems	Supportive Living	Scattered Site	71	Substance Use Disorder, Homeless or at risk of homelessness	X	X	X	Adults in recovery from substance use	Indeterminate, focused on transition	Sexual predators/abson are reviewed at application	Yes	<a href="https://www.cazenoviarecovery.org/program/supportive-living/">https://www.cazenoviarecovery.org/program/supportive-living/</a>	(716) 894-7274
Oxford House	Amherst	6 Carriage Hill West, Amherst, NY 14221	9	Men 18 or over	X			Self-directed sobriety	Welcomed as long as sobriety is maintained		No	General Information:	716-580-3863
Oxford House	Margaret	171 Margaret Street, Amherst, NY 14226	8	Men 18 or over	X			Self-directed sobriety	Welcomed as long as sobriety is maintained		No		716-398-1938
Oxford House	Regent	58 Regent Street, Buffalo, NY 14206	7	Men 18 or over	X			Self-directed sobriety	Welcomed as long as sobriety is maintained		No	<a href="https://www.oxfordhouse.org/userfiles/file/">https://www.oxfordhouse.org/userfiles/file/</a>	716-381-8663
Oxford House	Lovejoy	971 E. Lovejoy Street, Buffalo, NY 14206	9	Men 18 or over	X			Self-directed sobriety	Welcomed as long as sobriety is maintained		No		716-381-9152
Oxford House	Seminole	38 Seminole Pkwy, Buffalo, NY 14210	9	Men 18 or over	X			Self-directed sobriety	Welcomed as long as sobriety is maintained		No		716-240-4667
Oxford House	Trowbridge	51 Trowbridge, Rd, Buffalo, NY 14220	11	Men 18 or over	X			Self-directed sobriety	Welcomed as long as sobriety is maintained		No	Vacancy information:	716-424-0191
Oxford House	Willowlawn	93 Willowlawn Pkwy, Buffalo, NY 14206	10	Men 18 or over	X			Self-directed sobriety	Welcomed as long as sobriety is maintained		No	<a href="https://www.oxfordvacancies.com/">https://www.oxfordvacancies.com/</a>	716-424-0373
Oxford House	Edson	46 Edson Street, Buffalo, NY 14020	8	Men 18 or over	X			Self-directed sobriety	Welcomed as long as sobriety is maintained		No		716-328-8849
Oxford House	Hillside 2	31 Hillside Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14210	8	Men 18 or over	X			Self-directed sobriety	Welcomed as long as sobriety is maintained		No		716-215-8549
Oxford House	Stevenson II	92 Stevenson St., Buffalo, NY 14220	9	Men 18 or over	X			Self-directed sobriety	Welcomed as long as sobriety is maintained		No		585-201-4493
Oxford House	Loxley	2519 Genesee Street, Cheektowaga, NY 14225	9	Men 18 or over	X			Self-directed sobriety	Welcomed as long as sobriety is maintained		No		716-603-0033
Oxford House	Beechwood	23 Beechwood Place, Cheektowaga, NY 14225	10	Men 18 or over	X			Self-directed sobriety	Welcomed as long as sobriety is maintained		No		716-248-1965
Oxford House	Brian Boyd	2998 Union Road, Cheektowaga, NY 14227	10	Men 18 or over	X			Self-directed sobriety	Welcomed as long as sobriety is maintained		No		No number
Oxford House	Clarence	10010 Transit Road, East Amherst, NY 14051	10	Men 18 or over	X			Self-directed sobriety	Welcomed as long as sobriety is maintained		No		No number

**To UPDATE this information, please contact the Erie County Department of Mental Health at 716-858-8530**

## Service Link Stop – Update

The Service Link Stop, located at 120 West Eagle St. in downtown Buffalo, serves as a linkage hub targeted for those individuals returning from the Erie County Holding Center, other criminal justice-related sources, and any individual that is in need of support. Collaboration of community agencies with the shared goal of assisting individuals to successfully re-enter and/or maintain life in the community as well as to reduce recidivism.

- Open Monday-Friday from 9am-3pm. Phone: **716-858-1SLS (1757)**
- **Collaboration with NY Matters**
- Who is being served? (Q4-2020 to Q1-2021)

Intakes: 116

Age:

58.4% 35 years old or younger



## Service Link Stop – Update (Con't.)

### Race:

- 60.34% African American or Black
- 28.45% White
- 4.31% Hispanic
- 0.86% American Indian or Alaska Native

### Gender:

- 91.38% Male
- 5.17% Female

### Top 4 Expressed Interests/Needs(multiple requests made per consumer):

- Housing: 63 consumers
- Mental health treatment: 53
- Securing identification documents: 48
- Food Support: 47
- Substance Use Treatment: 29 (tied for 9<sup>th</sup> of 16 expressed needs)



**Next meeting:**  
**5/24, 10:30-12**  
**via WebEx**

Thank you for  
your support  
& dedication



# Gathering Overdose Data



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 **Presented by:**  
NY/NJ HIDTAAnalyst



# Mission Statement



## NY/NJ HIDTA Mission Statement

The mission of the NY/NJ HIDTA is to reduce drug trafficking and its harmful consequences, particularly drug related crime, by building innovative and effective partnerships with law enforcement agencies operating in the New York/New Jersey region. HIDTA-funded initiatives aim to facilitate timely and accurate sharing of criminal drug intelligence among these agencies, enabling them to more effectively target regional and international drug trafficking and money laundering organizations, drug gangs, drug fugitives, and other serious crimes with a drug nexus. **In addition, the NY/NJ HIDTA is partnering with public health agencies and law enforcement agencies in the region to better evaluate trends in illicit drug use and develop more targeted outreach and prevention campaigns.**

## National HIDTA Mission

The mission of the National HIDTA Program is to disrupt the market for illegal drugs in the United States by assisting federal, state and local law enforcement entities participating in the HIDTA program to dismantle and disrupt drug trafficking organizations, with particular emphasis on drug trafficking regions that have harmful effects on other parts of the United States.



# Gathering Data

## ODMAP

ODMAP combines street-level data with tools from Esri (digital mapping company). Assists public health officials, police departments, and first responders track and respond to overdoses.

- Multiple jurisdictions
- Ability to set parameters
- Filter by week, month, quarter, etc.
- Filter by Narcan, fatalities, departments, etc.



# Gathering Data

## Data warehouse

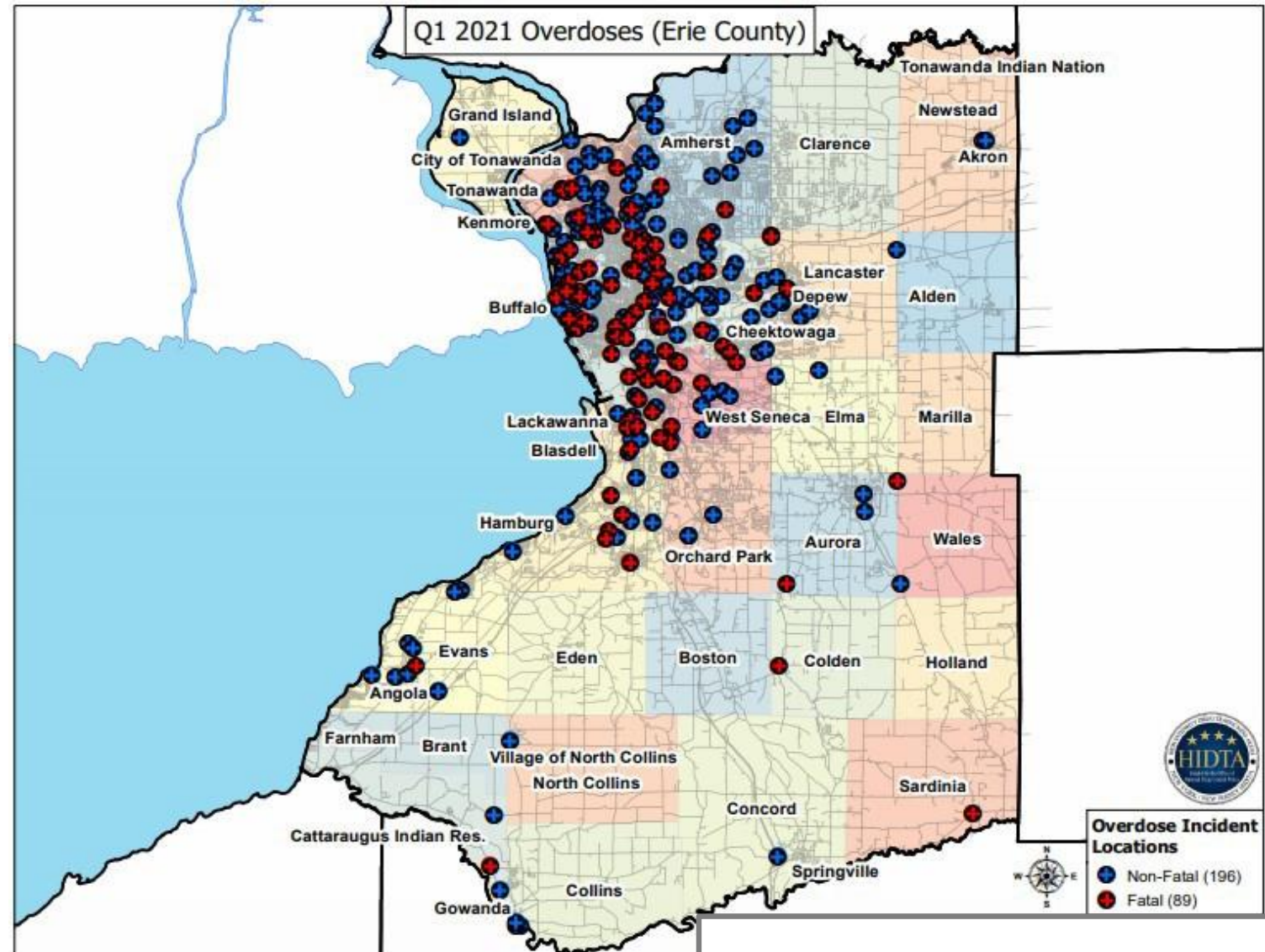
Gather data is used to create reports.

- Gather information
- Analyze the information
- Identify trends
- ODMAP



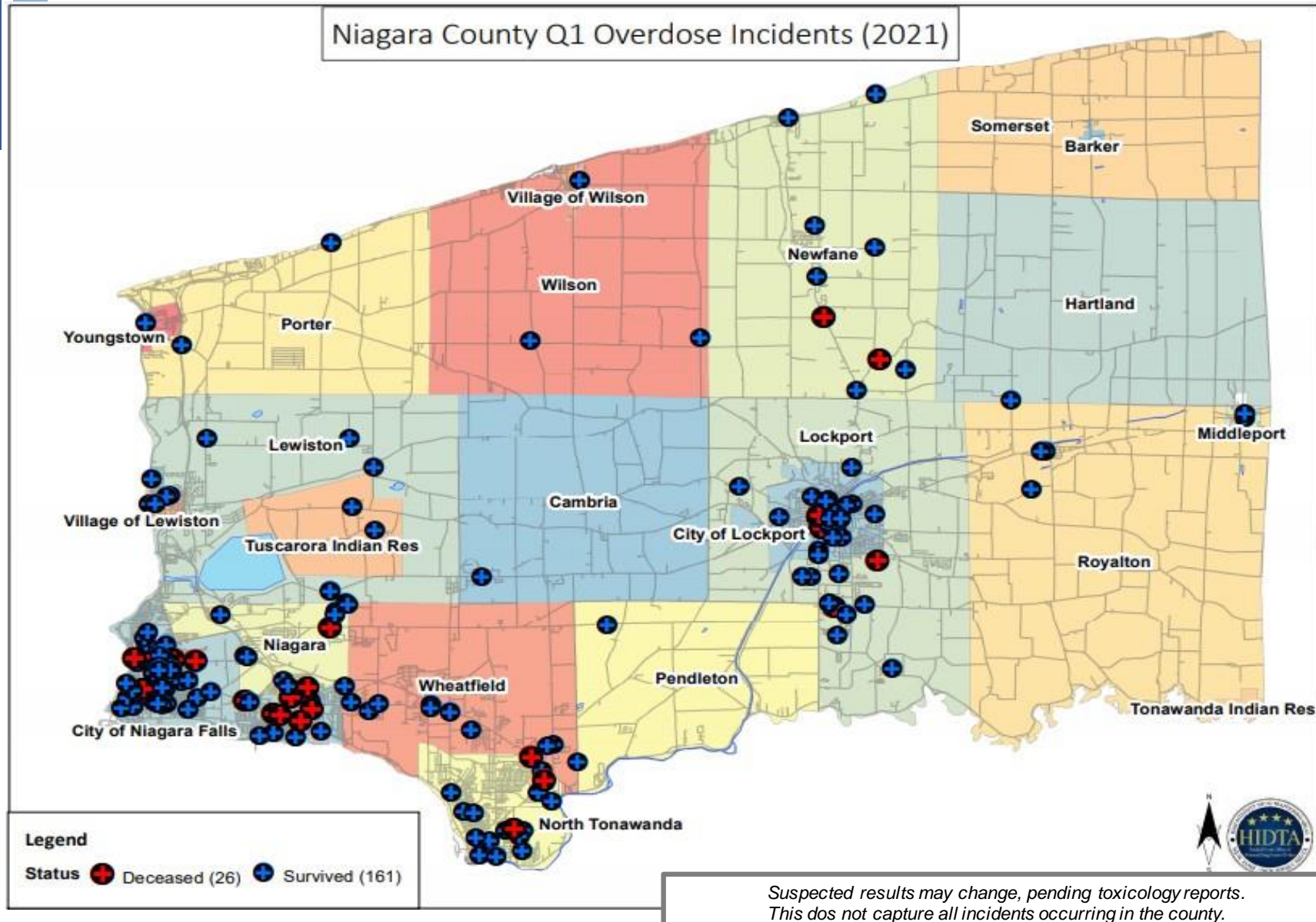


# Reports (Erie County)



Official toxicology reports are prepared by the Medical Examiners Office.  
This does not capture all incidents occurring in the county.

# Niagara County Incidents



# Conclusion

## Information

- One point of contact
- Everyone on the same page
- Point out any specific leads
- Visual trends and hotspots
- Gathering of information to compare over time
- Safety information, informational flyers

**Text your request  
for Narcan to  
(716) 225-5473  
We will respond.**



Scan to  
text your  
request



Erie County  
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# Opiate Epidemic Task Force: Naloxone Workgroup

Erie County Health Department

May 3, 2021



# Narcan Trainings and deployment this quarter (1.1.2021 – 3.31.2021)

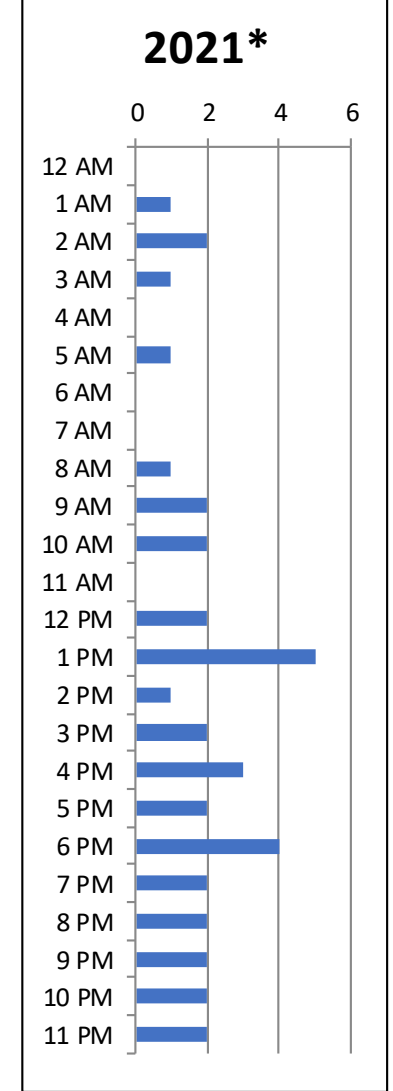
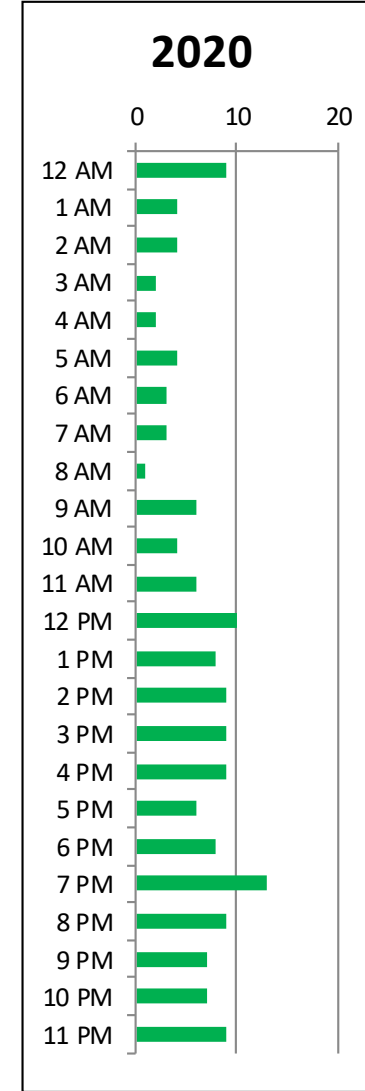
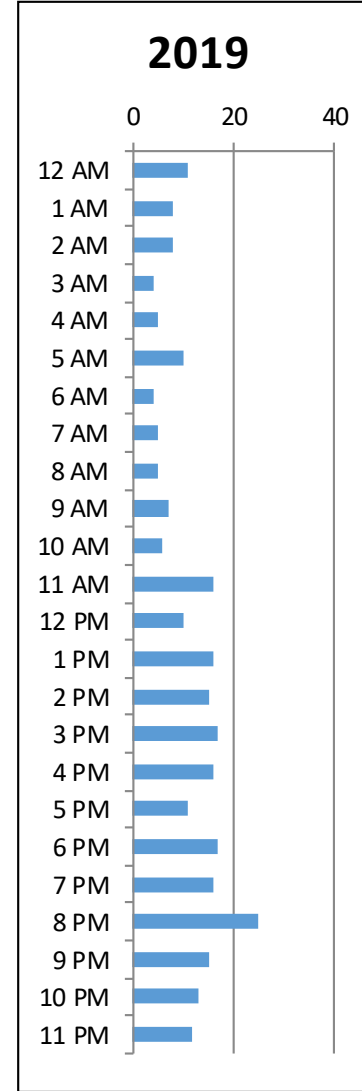
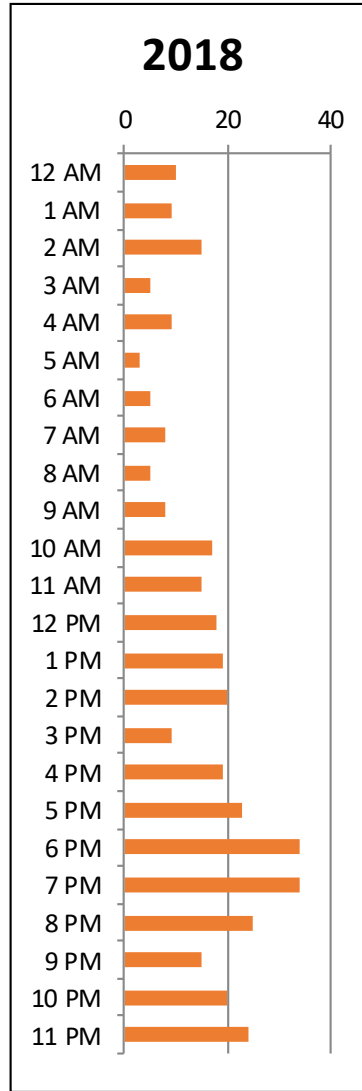
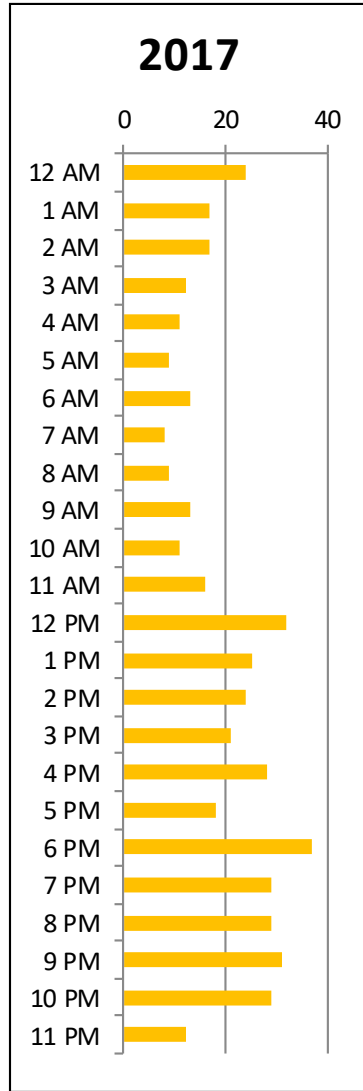
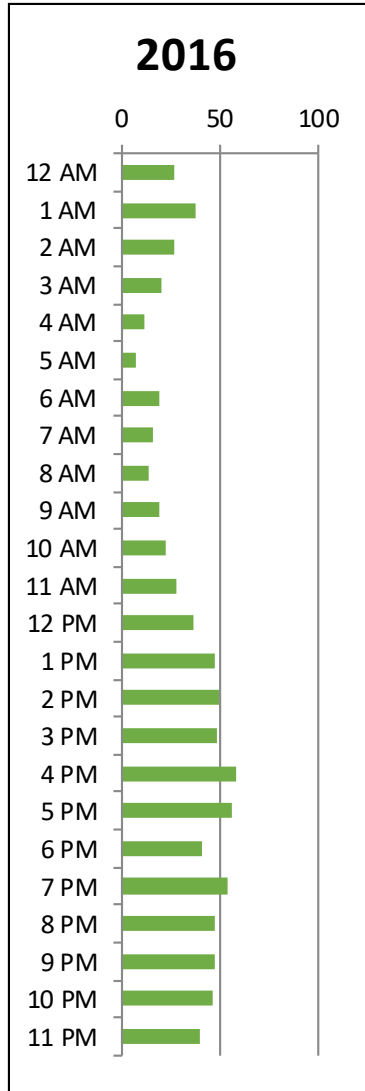
- Continued naloxone trainings and medication deployment conducted by the department, many are virtual or on the spot:
  - Law enforcement – 92
  - Fire fighters – 34
  - EMS/Healthcare Providers - 114
  - Community outreach – Opioid grant staff reach – 462
  - Community members – 405
  - Total kits distributed this quarter including mailing, virtual trainings and refills – 2497 kits



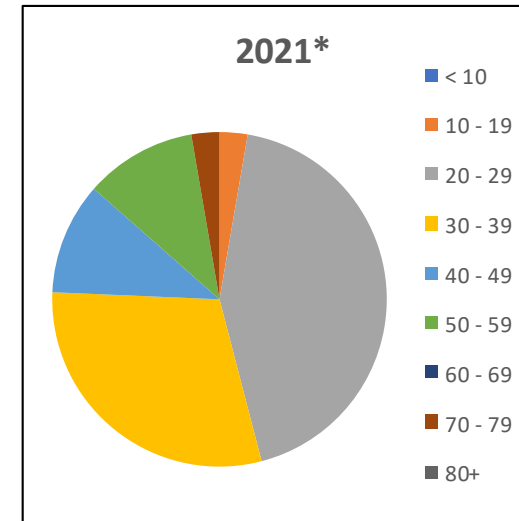
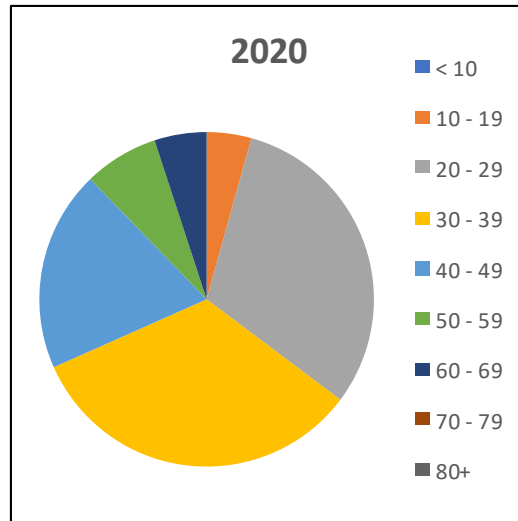
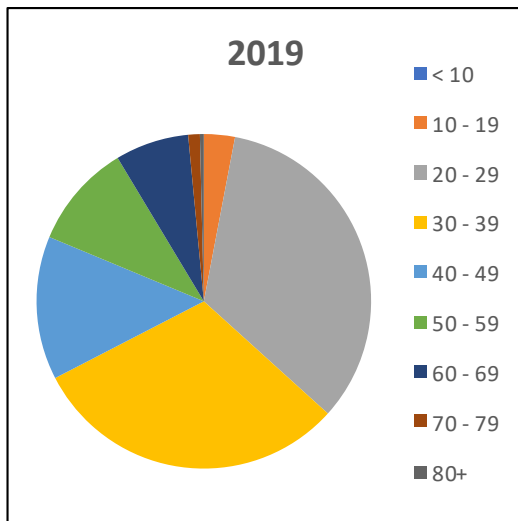
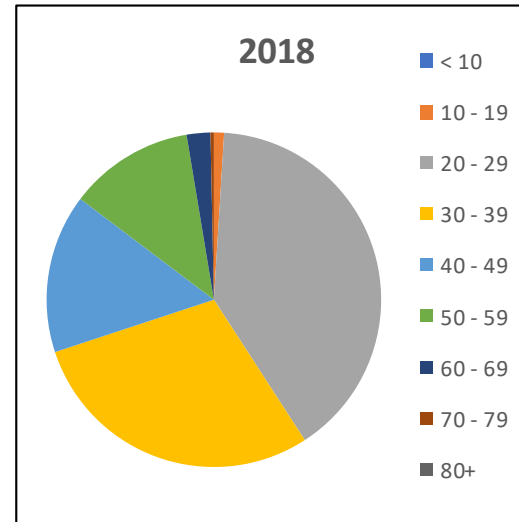
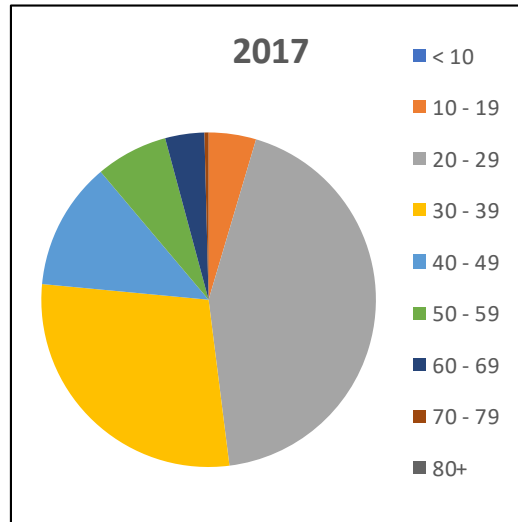
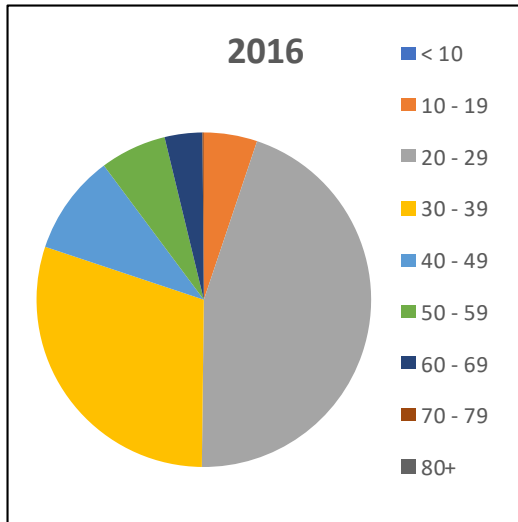
# What's happening with naloxone/Narcan usage in WNY

- The following slides were created from the “opiate overdose reversal forms” that we collect from first responders
- This has helped us understand the community affected
  - Each new batch of forms improves our data; so keep turning in those forms!

# Reported Overdoses by Time of Day (excluding unknowns)



# Reported Overdoses by Age (excluding unknowns)



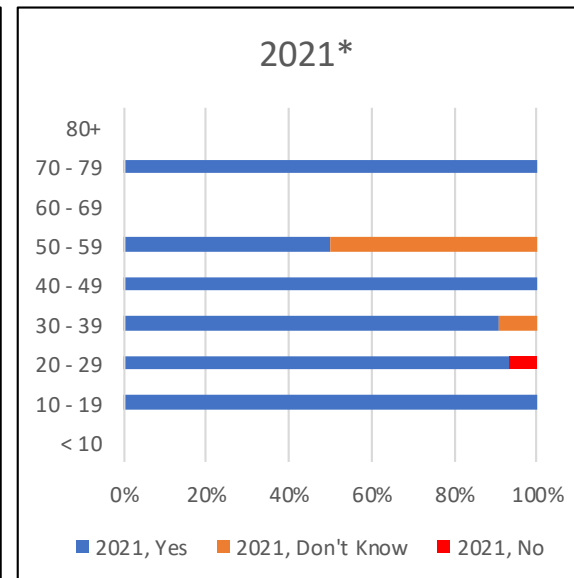
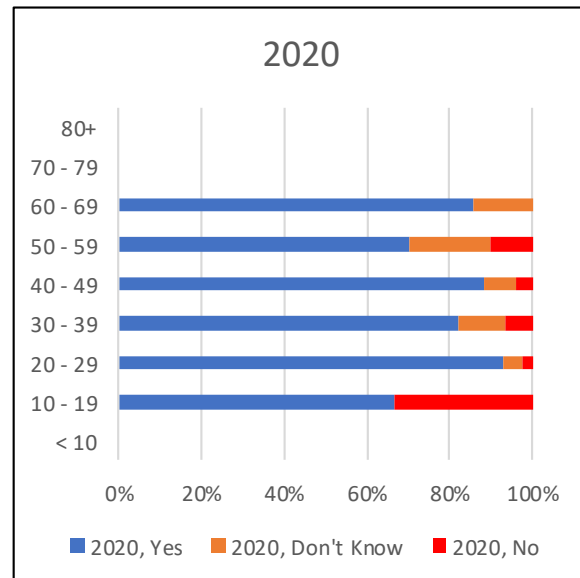
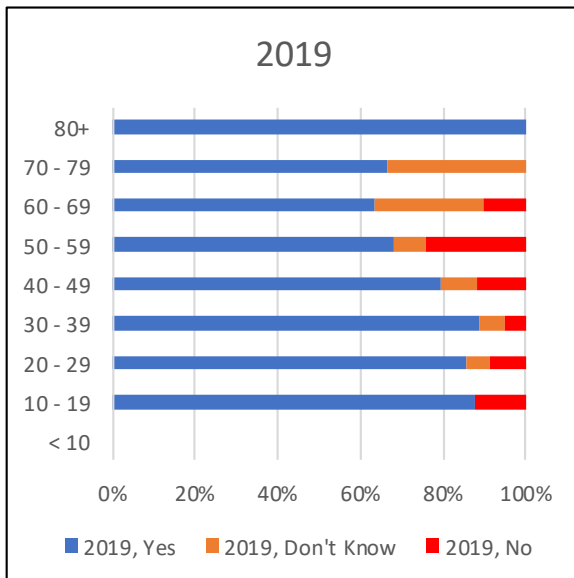
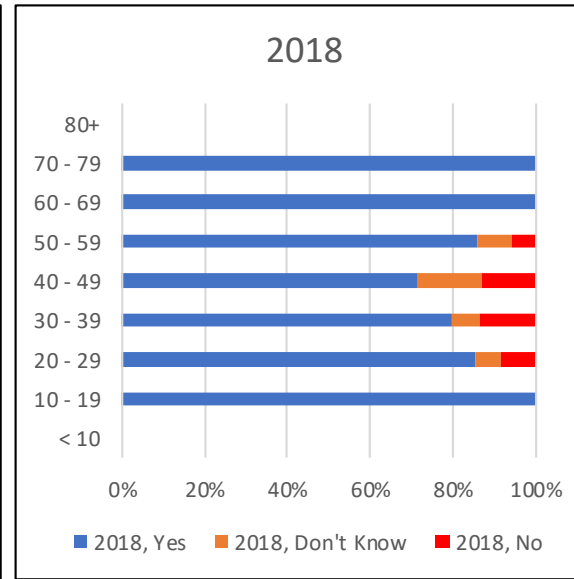
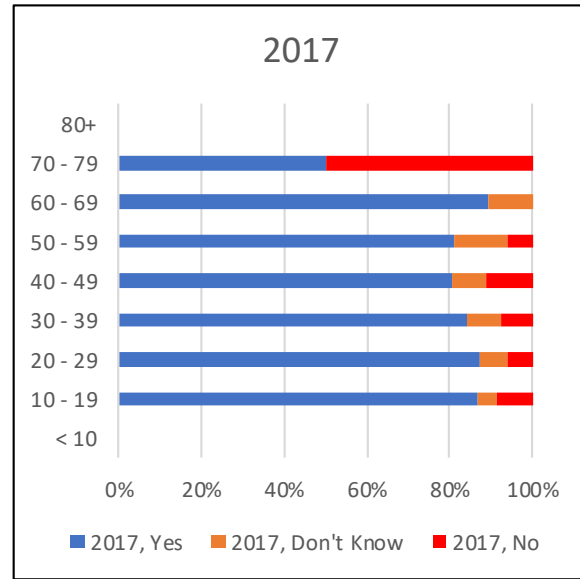
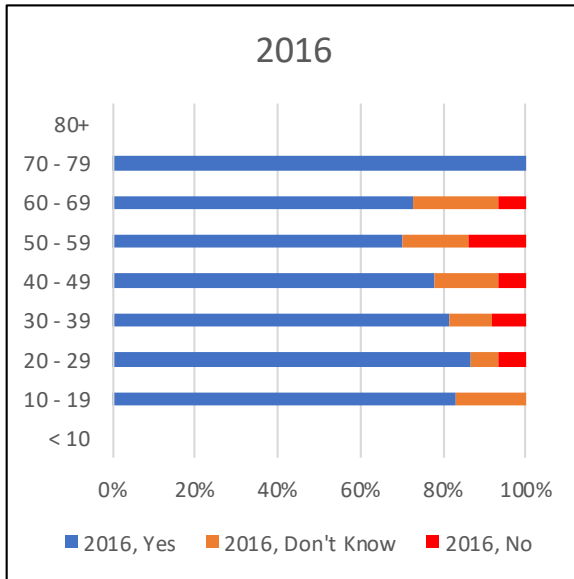
- Percentage of overdoses of people aged 20-29 (shown in grey) fluctuates
- Percentage of people aged 30-39 (yellow) stays fairly consistent across the years
- Increasing percentage of people aged 40-49 (light blue)
- Percentages increasing for people aged 50-59 (green), 60-69 (dark blue), and 70-79 (maroon)
- This data is taken from naloxone usage reports; the majority of overdose victims reported here survived.



# Reported Overdoses by Age

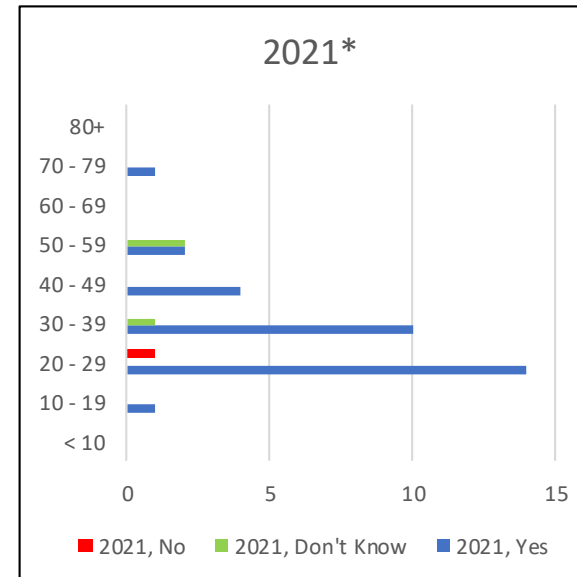
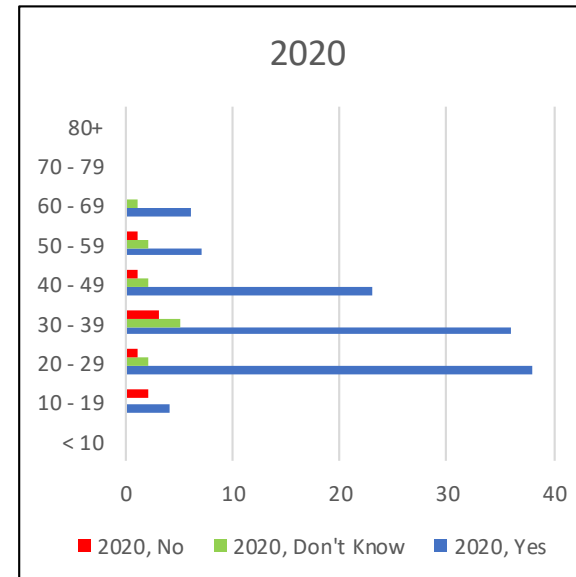
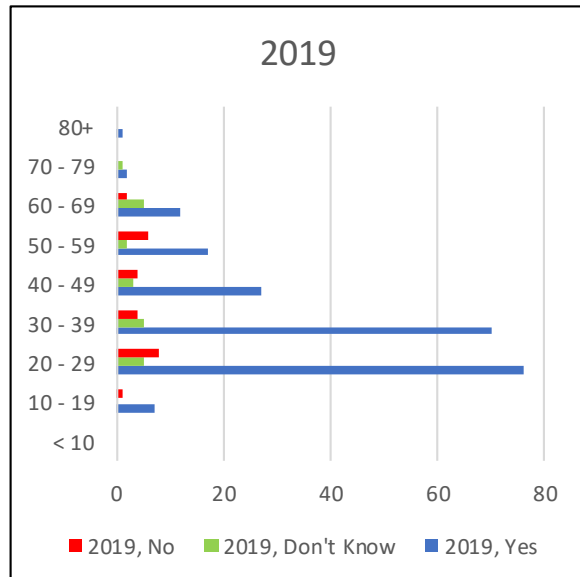
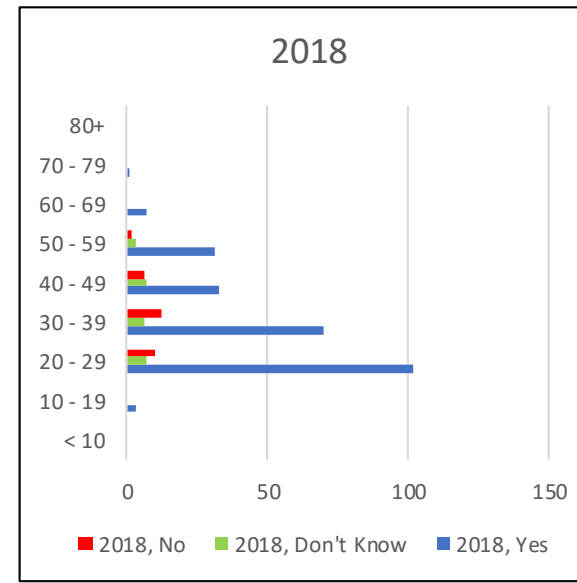
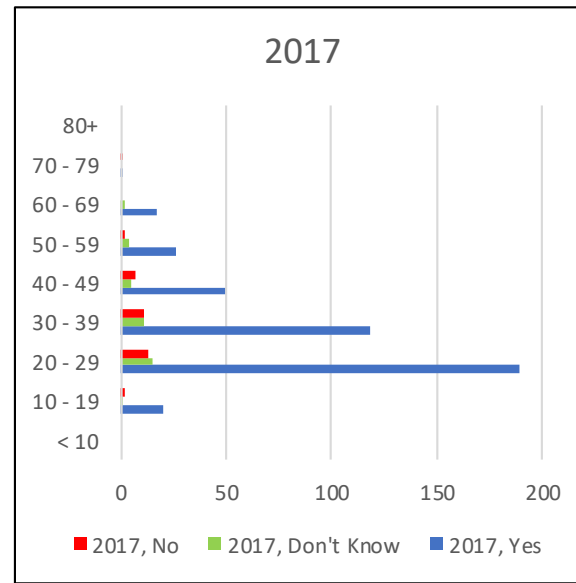
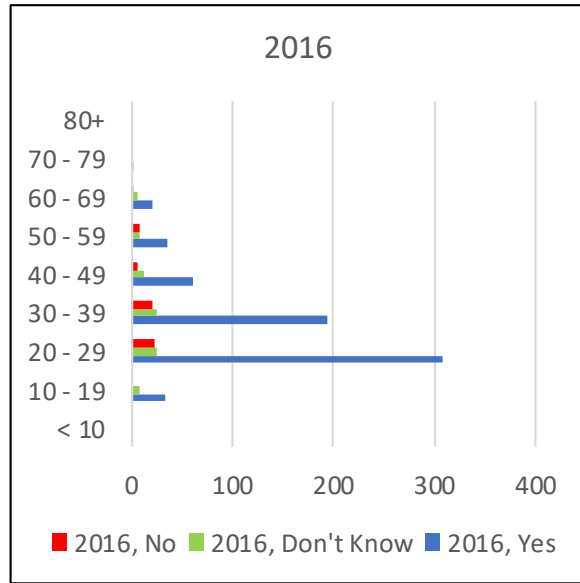
(from first responder naloxone usage data, excluding “unknowns”)

- “Yes” means the overdose victim survived; “Don’t Know” means they were transported by EMS, but final outcome was unknown; “No” means they were declared dead at the scene.



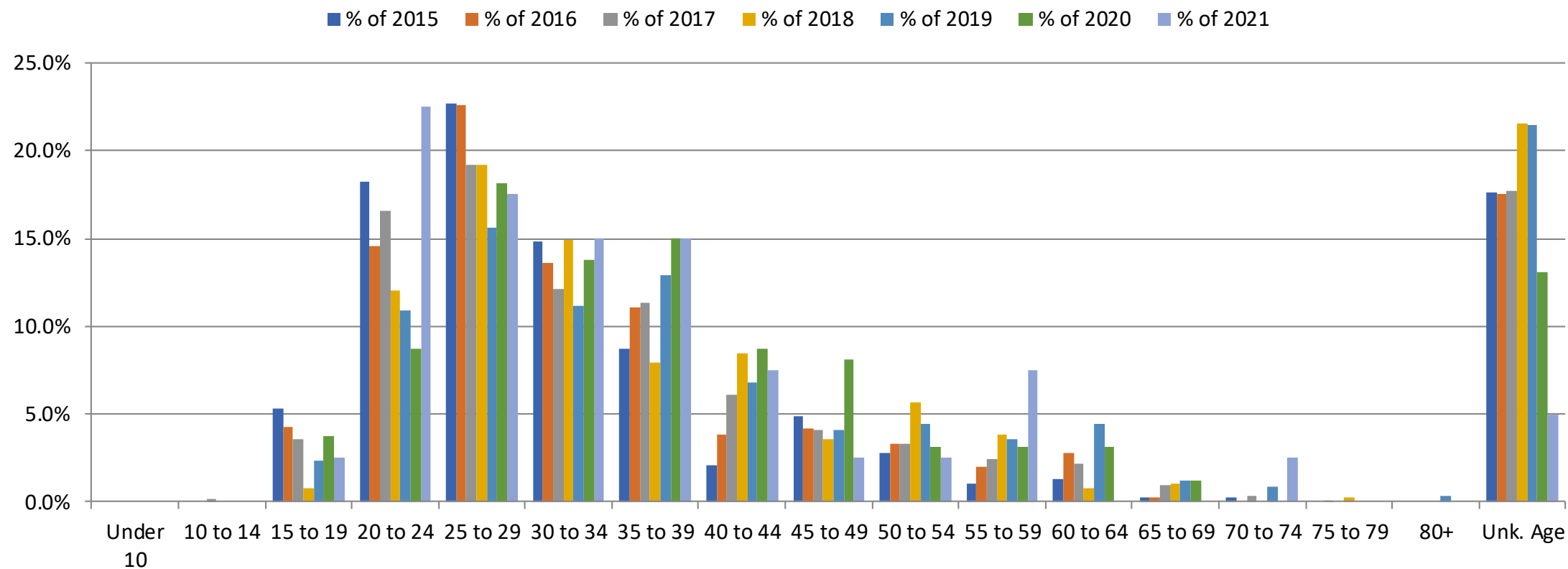
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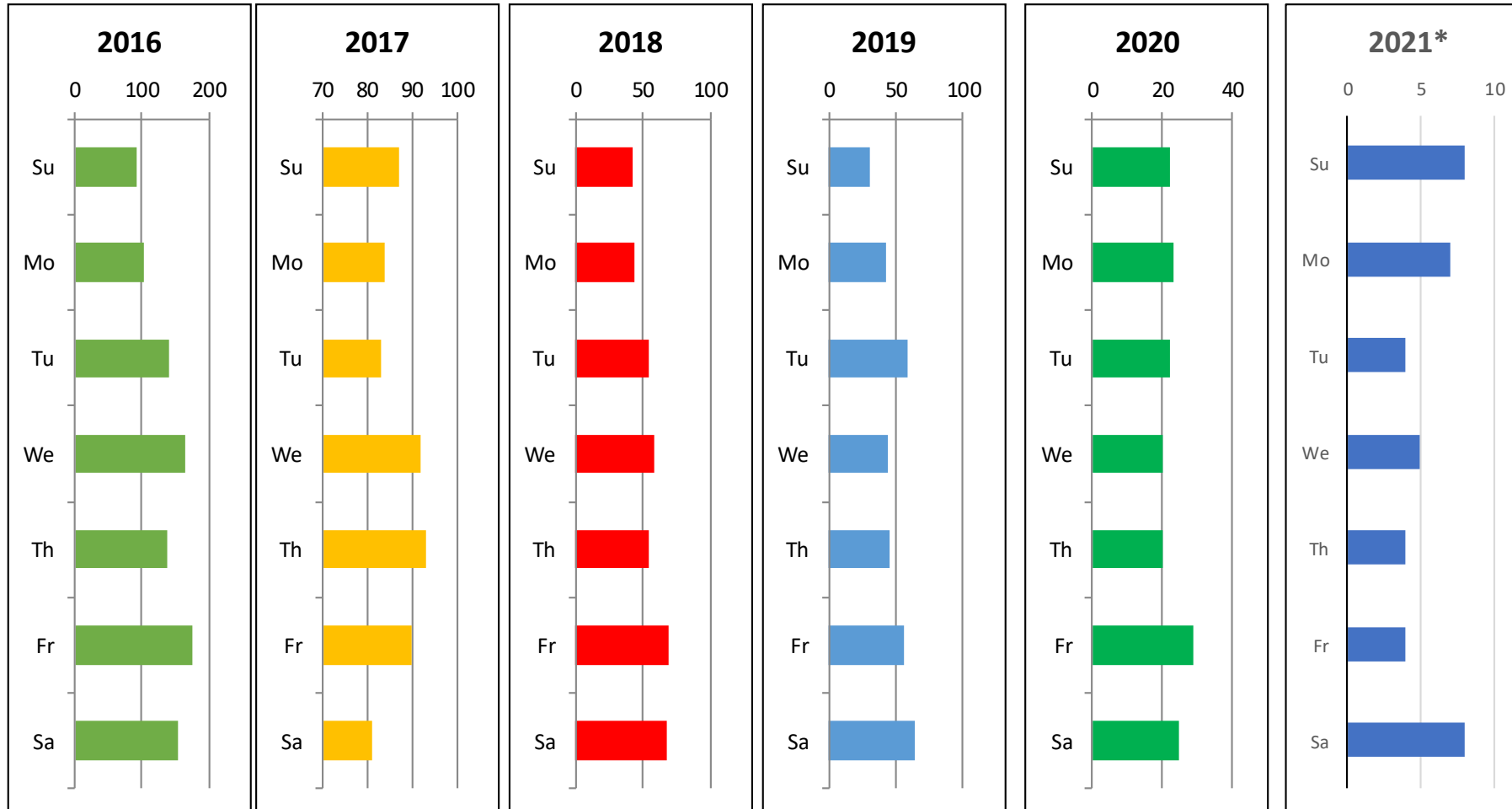
- “Yes” means the overdose victim survived; “Don’t Know” means they were transported by EMS, but final outcome was unknown; “No” means they were declared dead at the scene.
- “Don’t Know” isn’t bad, it means the first responders kept the person alive long enough for transport.

# Overdoses by Age Group



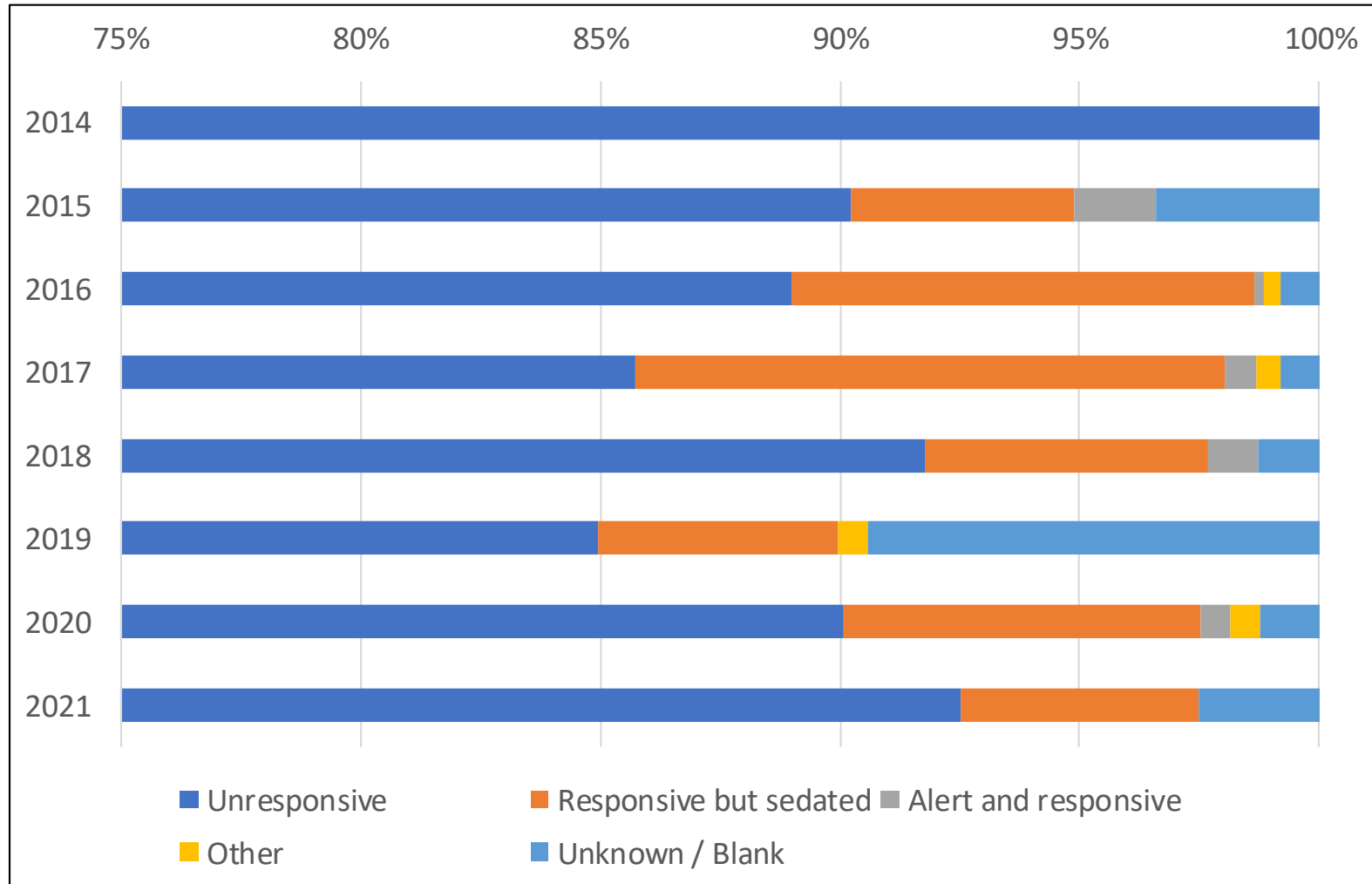
- These values are “the percentage of that year’s total reports”
- Note that some increases might be due to “less reports with Unknown age”
- 2021 (so far) has dramatic increases in the (20 to 24), (55 to 59), and (70 to 74) age groups.

# Overdoses by Day of Week



- 2016 and 2017 showed more mid-week activity, but that has shifted over time
- 2021 shows more overdoses on the weekends
- It's possible that the pandemic, and its effect on people's schedules, has changed their routines of buying opioids and other drugs (which may be laced with fentanyl)

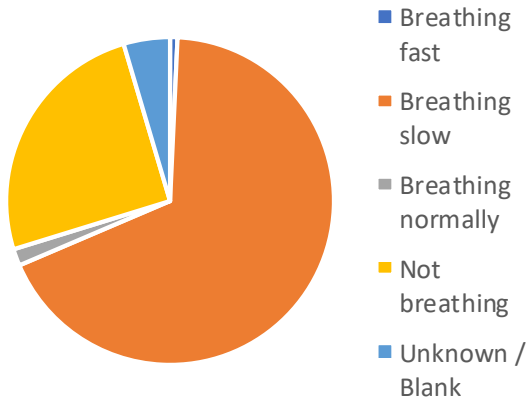
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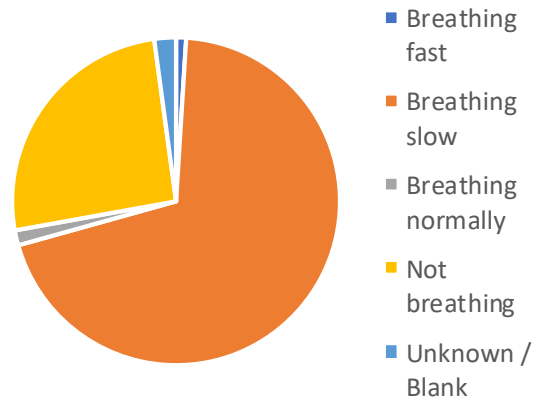
- Most overdose victims “unresponsive” when first responders arrive, some “responsive but sedated”

# Breathing

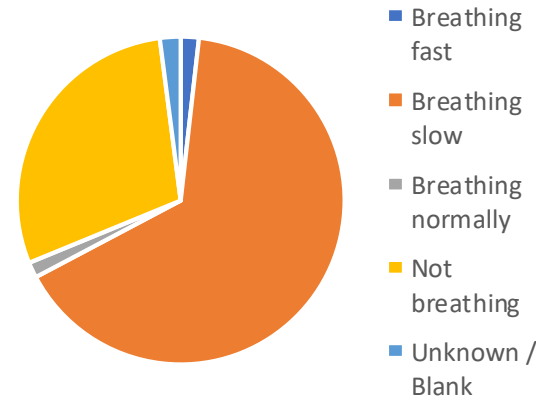
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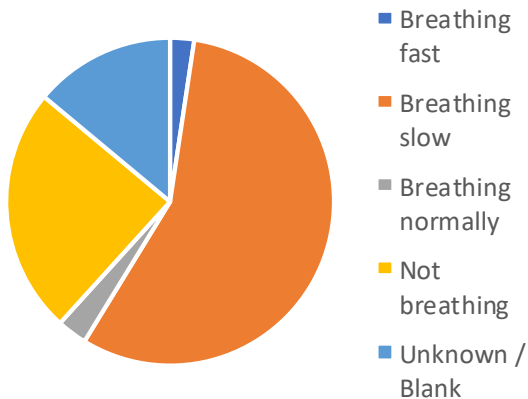
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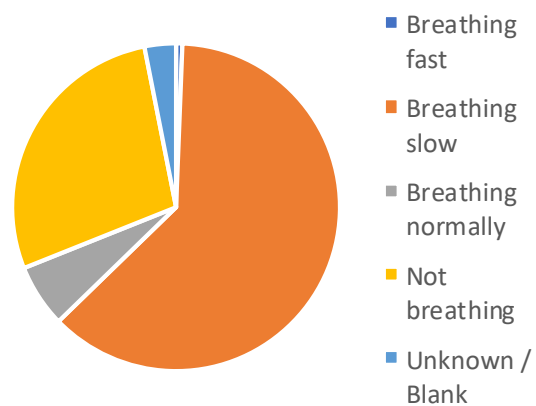
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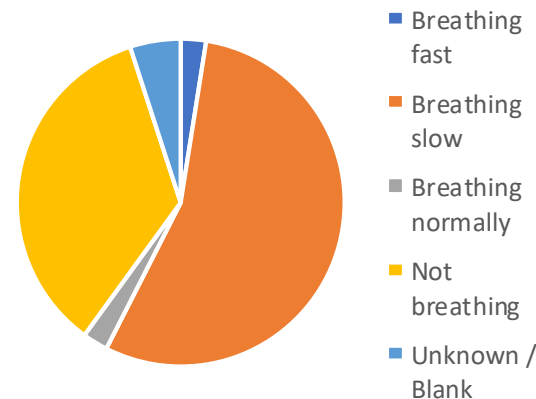
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2020



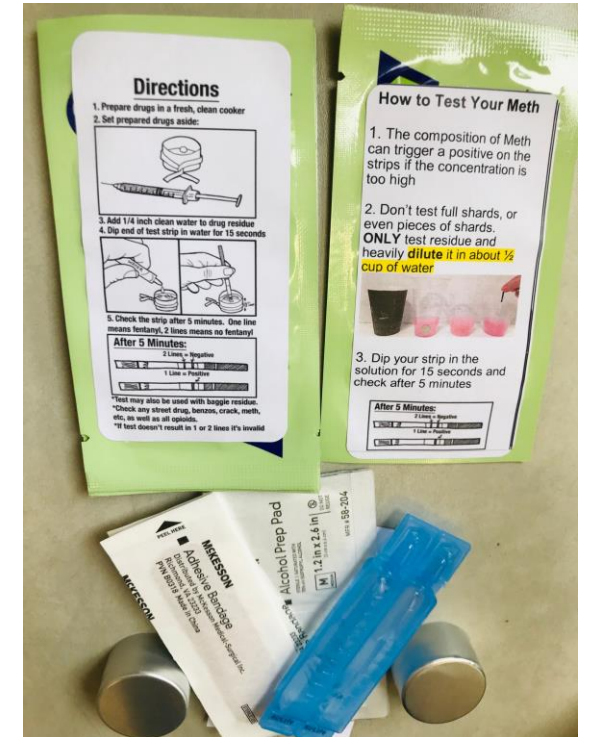
2021



- Majority of respondents still breathing when first responders arrive
- However, a noticeable portion of respondents are not breathing (indicates need for rescue breathing and sternal rubs)

# COVID 19 Response Harm Reduction Outreach

- New outreach responses due to isolation, disconnection from public interactions
- Pop Up Community Events for Summer Months – Narcan, sexual health supplies, harm reduction supplies including Fentanyl Test Strip kits, Cancer Services screening connection, COVID education, etc
- Live Well Erie Van Outreach Weekly
  - Tuesdays – 4 -7pm, Grant and West Ferry
  - Thursdays – 4 – 7pm, St. John Kanty, corner of Broadway and Swinburne St.



# Narcan Usage - Highlights

- All departments had new reports last month
- Amherst, Buffalo, Cheektowaga, Evans, and Lackawanna, had more “new” reports in March when compared to February’s counts. (in table below)
- West Seneca was the only department to have a fewer amount of “new” reports in March compared to February.

Department	Est. Total Reports to Date from 1/2019	Est. Total New Reports in February	Est. Total New Reports in March	Difference in New Reports
Amherst	95	+3	+10	+7
Buffalo	745	+24	+37	+13
Cheektowaga	163	+8	+14	+6
Evans	66	+1	+3	+2
Lackawanna	73	+3	+9	+6
West Seneca	68	+5	+3	-2







## West Seneca Police Department

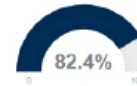
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Total Recorded Opioid Reports

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Total New Opioid Reports From March 2021:

Since 2019, **82.4%** of reported overdose victims **survived** after rescue.



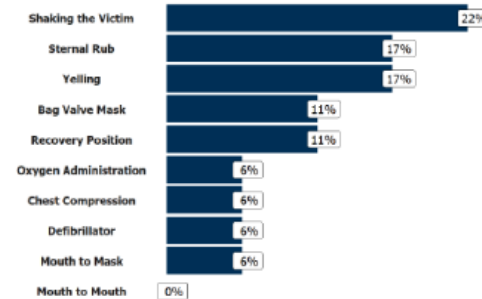
2 Nalcan vial(s)

were needed to revive victims on average.

Could not be calculated

The average time to revive a victim with Nalcan.

### Reported Rescue Actions Performed by Officers (n=18)





## Lackawanna Police Department

73

Total Recorded Opioid Reports

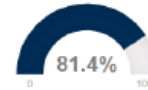


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Total New Opioid Reports From March 2021:



Since 2019, **81.4%** of reported overdose victims **survived** after rescue.



1 Narcan vial(s)

were needed to revive victims on average.

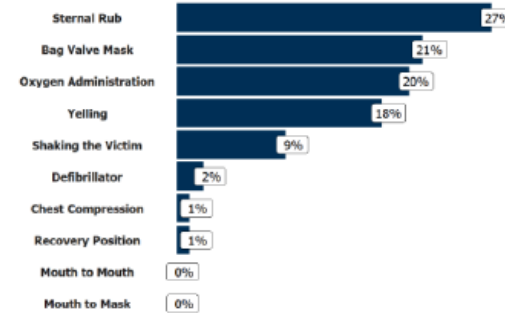


More than 5 minutes

:The average time to revive a victim with Narcan.



### Reported Rescue Actions Performed by Officers (n=85)



# Erie County Overdose Summary

ODMAP Data Range: 01/01/2020 - 3/30/2021  
Naloxone FR Data Range: 01/01/2019 - 3/29/2021



## Evans Police Department

66

Total Recorded Opioid Reports



3

Total New Opioid Reports From March 2021:



Since 2019, **92.4%** of reported overdose victims **survived** after rescue.



3 Narcan vial(s)

were needed to revive victims on average.

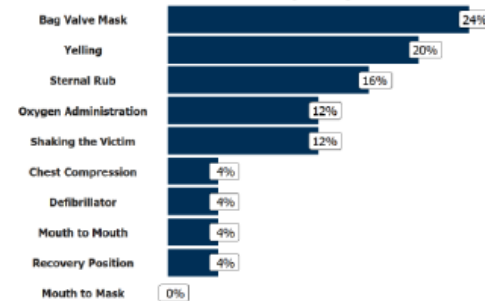


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The average time to revive a victim with Narcan.



### Reported Rescue Actions Performed by Officers (n=25)





## Cheektowaga Police Department

**163**

Total Recorded Opioid Reports

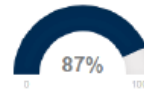


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Total New Opioid Reports From March 2021:



Since 2019, **87%** of reported overdose victims **survived** after rescue.



**2 Narcan vial(s)**

were needed to revive victims on average.

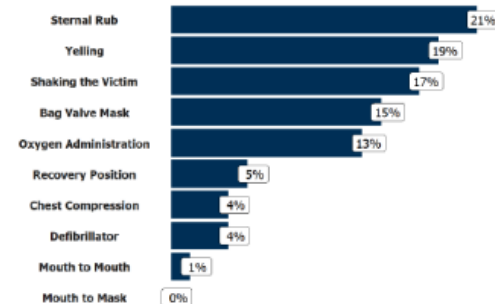


**More than 5 minutes**

:The average time to revive a victim with Narcan.



### Reported Rescue Actions Performed by Officers (n=75)





## Buffalo Police Department

745

Total Recorded Opioid Reports

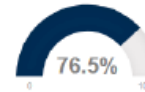


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Total New Opioid Reports From March 2021:



Since 2019, **76.5%** of reported overdose victims **survived** after rescue.



2 Narcan vial(s)

were needed to revive victims on average.

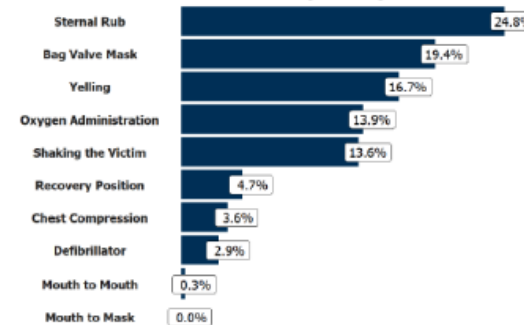


More than 5 minutes

:The average time to revive a victim with Narcan.



### Reported Rescue Actions Performed by Officers (n=617)





## Amherst Police Department

95

Total Recorded Opioid Reports

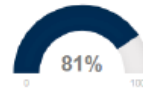


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2 Narcan vial(s)

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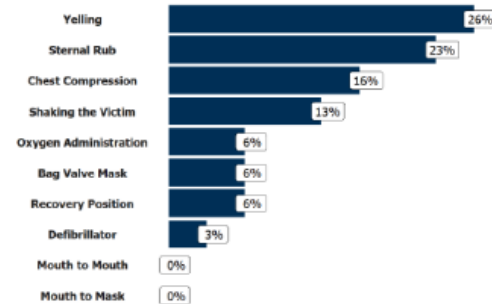


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The average time to revive a victim with Narcan.



### Reported Rescue Actions Performed by Officers (n=31)





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**Opiate Epidemic**  
*Task Force*

# **ERIE COUNTY OPIOID OVERDOSE DATA**

## **HEALTH CARE PROVIDER EDUCATION AND POLICY REFORM ACTIVITIES ACTIVITIES UPDATE**



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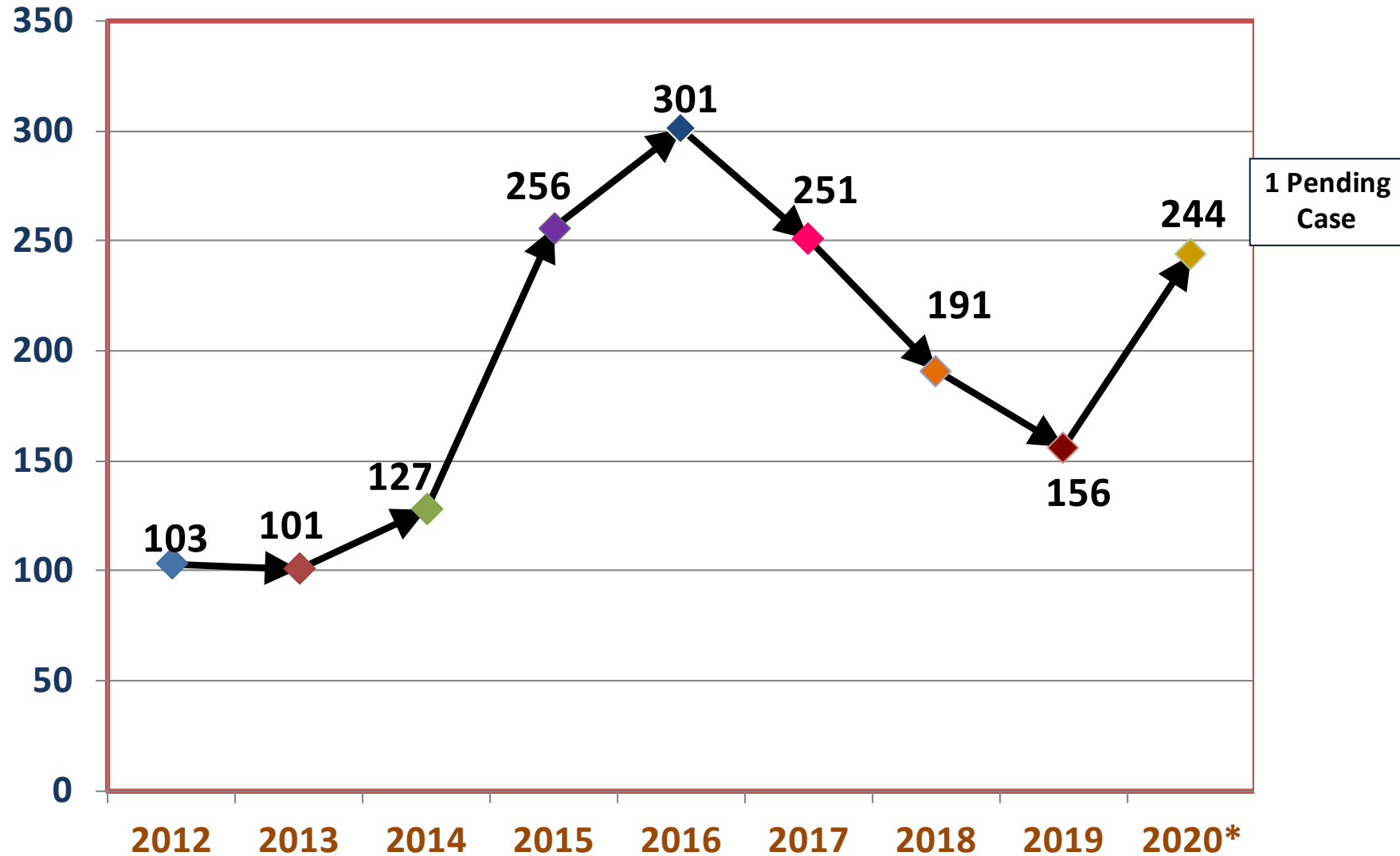
# **OPIOID RELATED DEATHS ERIE COUNTY**

As of 5/2/2020



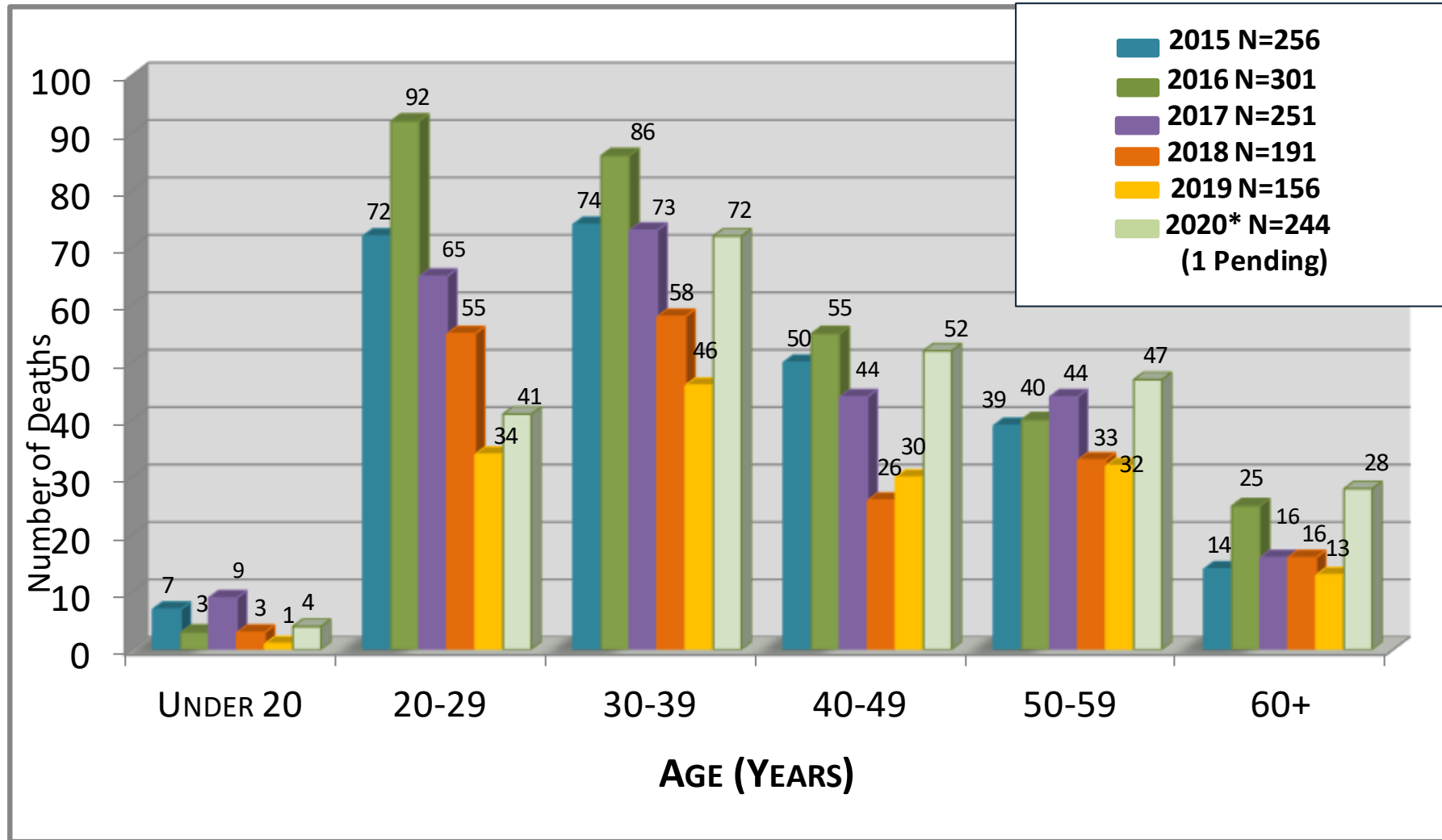
# 2012 – 2020\* OPIOID RELATED DEATHS

## ERIE COUNTY



SOURCE: ERIE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINERS OFFICE, \*CLOSED CASES REPORTED THRU 5/2/2021

## 2015 – 2020\* ERIE COUNTY OPIOID RELATED DEATHS BY AGE

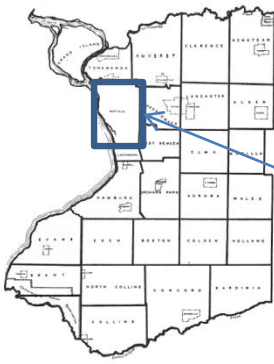


- Average Age of Overdose Victim = 38.3 yrs (16yrs – 83 yrs)

## Erie County Census Estimate

## Erie County Opioid Overdoses

	Population % (N=919,719)	2018 Overdose % (N=191)	2019 Overdose % (N=156)	2020 Overdose % (N=244 confirmed)
Race/Ethnicity				
White	81%	79%	78% ➡	70%
Black or African American	15%	10%	10% ➡	19%
Other	5%	3%	4%	2%
Hispanic	6%	7%	8%	9%
Gender				
Female	52%	30%	27%	30%
Male	48%	70%	73%	70%
Age				
20-29	14%	29% ➡	22% ➡	17%
30-39	13%	30% ➡	29% ➡	30%
40-49	11%	14% ➡	19% ➡	21%
50-59	14%	17% ➡	21% ➡	19%
60+	25%	8% ➡	8% ➡	10%

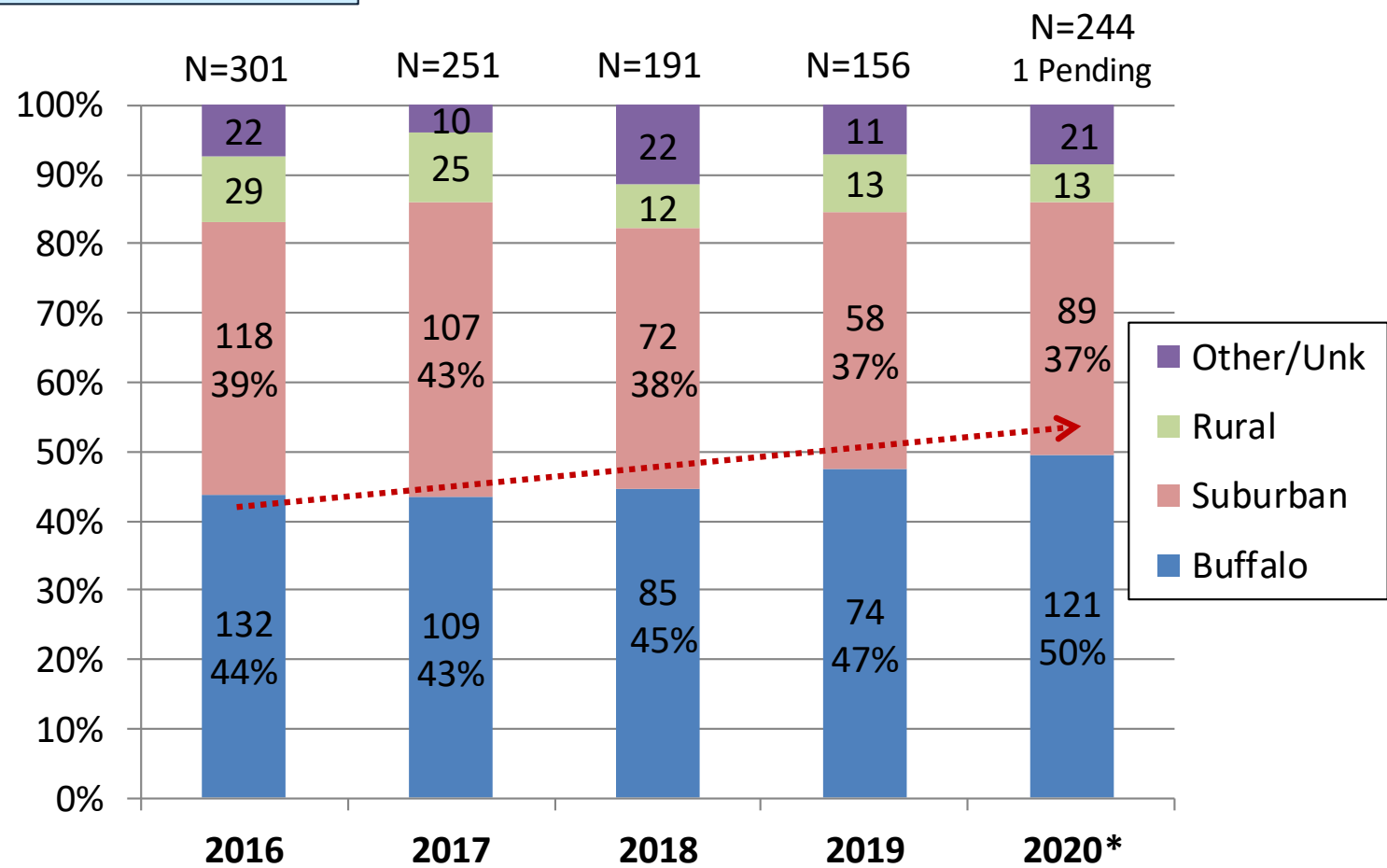


*Buffalo*  
28% of persons who live in  
Erie County reside in the  
City of Buffalo

- SUBURBAN TOWNS:**
- AMHERST
  - CHEEKTOWAGA
  - CLARENCE
  - GRAND ISLAND
  - HAMBURG
  - LACKAWANNA
  - LANCASTER
  - ORCHARD PARK
  - TONAWANDA
  - WEST SENECA

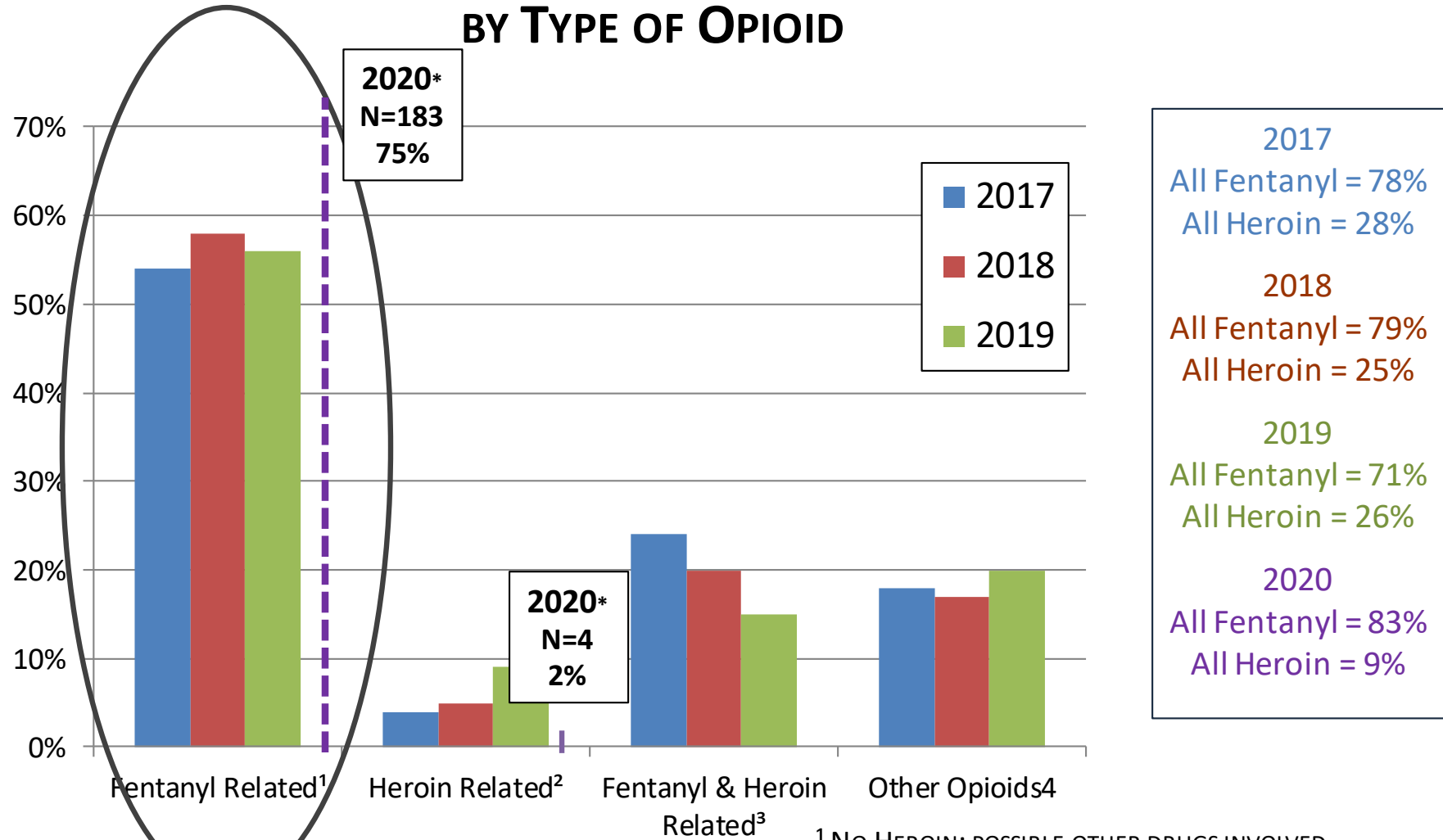
- RURAL TOWNS:**
- ALDEN
  - AURORA
  - COLDEN
  - COLLINS
  - CONCORD
  - EDEN
  - ELMA
  - EVANS
  - GOWANDA
  - HOLLAND
  - MARILLA
  - NEWSTEAD
  - NORTH COLLINS
  - SARDINIA

# 2016 – 2020\* PERCENT OF ERIE COUNTY OPIOID RELATED DEATHS BY RESIDENCE



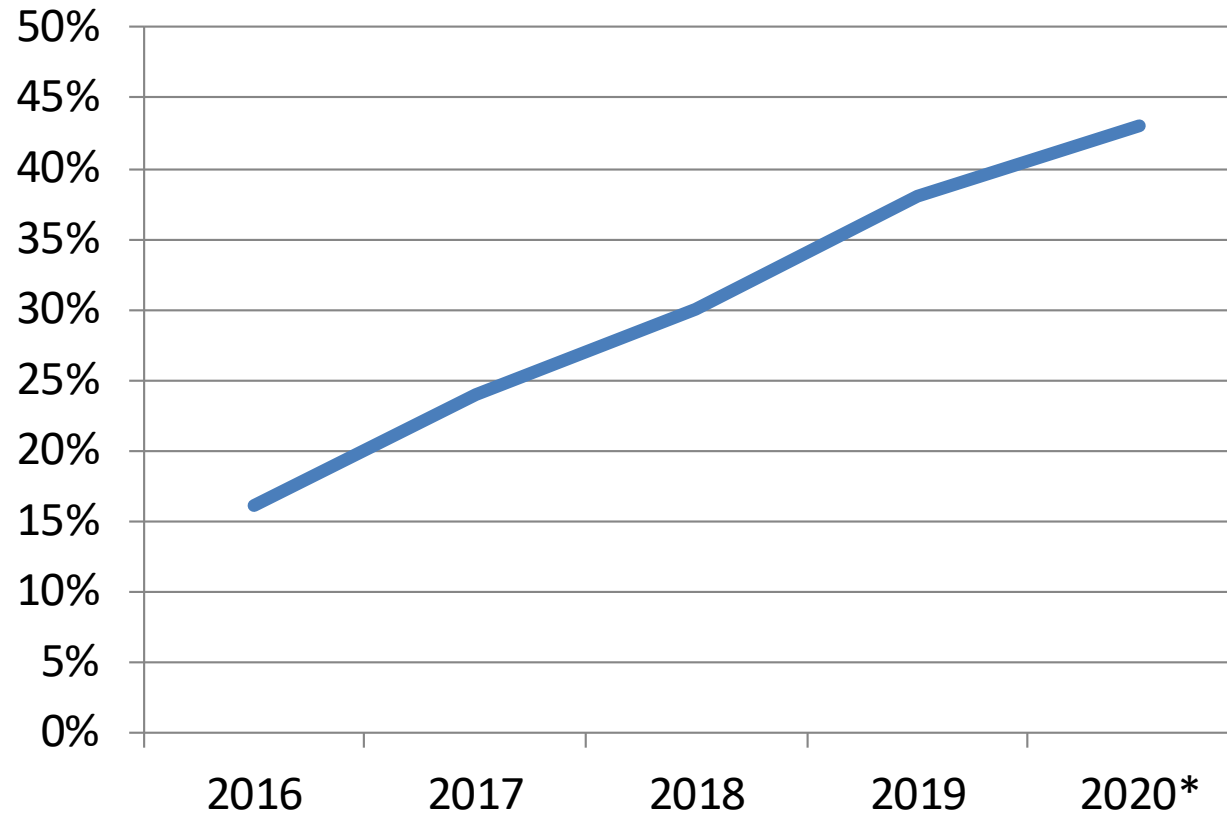
SOURCE: ERIE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINERS OFFICE, \*CLOSED CASES REPORTED THRU 5/2/2020

# 2017 – 2020 PERCENT OF ERIE COUNTY OPIOID RELATED DEATHS BY TYPE OF OPIOID



<sup>1</sup> NO HEROIN; POSSIBLE OTHER DRUGS INVOLVED  
<sup>2</sup> NO FENTANYL; POSSIBLE OTHER DRUGS INVOLVED  
<sup>3</sup> POSSIBLE OTHER DRUGS INVOLVED  
<sup>4</sup> NO FENTANYL OR HEROIN; POSSIBLE OTHER DRUGS INVOLVED

## 2016 – 2020\* PERCENT OF ERIE COUNTY OPIOID RELATED DEATHS ASSOCIATED WITH FENTANYL<sup>1</sup> AND COCAINE



**48% (117/244) of all confirmed 2020 opioid related deaths involved cocaine**

SOURCE: ERIE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINERS OFFICE

\*CLOSED CASES REPORTED THRU 5/2/2021

<sup>1</sup>Includes all Fentanyl related deaths.



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# UPDATES

As of 5/2/2020

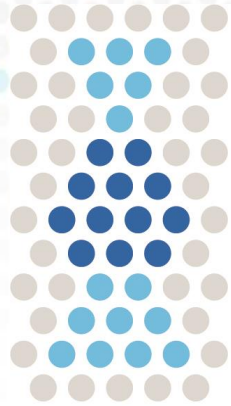
# HHS New Buprenorphine Practice Guidelines:

- *Practice Guidelines for the Administration of Buprenorphine for Treating Opioid Use Disorder, 4/28/21*
- Exemption allows practitioners to treat up to 30 patients with OUD using buprenorphine without certain training related certifications
- Providers required to submit an application designated as a “Notice of Intent”
- Applies to physicians, PAs, NPs, clinical nurse specialists, certified registered nurse anesthetists, and certified nurse midwives who are state licensed and DEA registered to prescribe controlled substances



# Proposed WNY 24-7 Virtual On-Call MAT Center

- Funding proposal submitted to SAMHSA
- UBAM partnering with Buffalo MATTERS
- Expand low threshold access to buprenorphine
- 24/7 regional On-Call MAT Center
  - Telemedicine 24/7 MAT initiation to expand the number of individuals with OUD receiving MAT
  - will be connected to to SUD treatment agency collaborative via navigators for sustained care



***NEW YORK***  
**MATTERS**  
Medication Assisted Treatment & Emergency Referrals

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TECHNICAL ADVISOR | NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

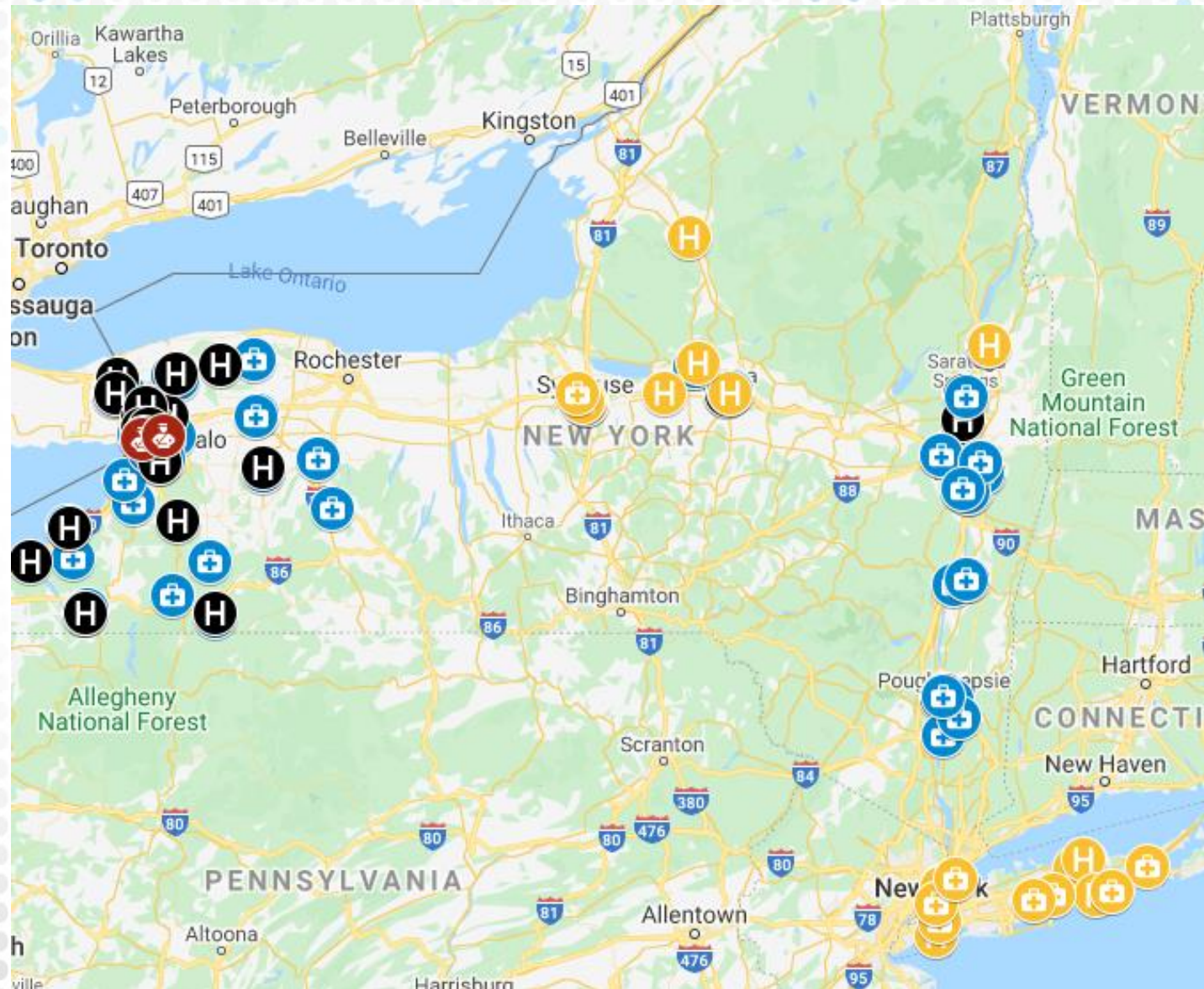
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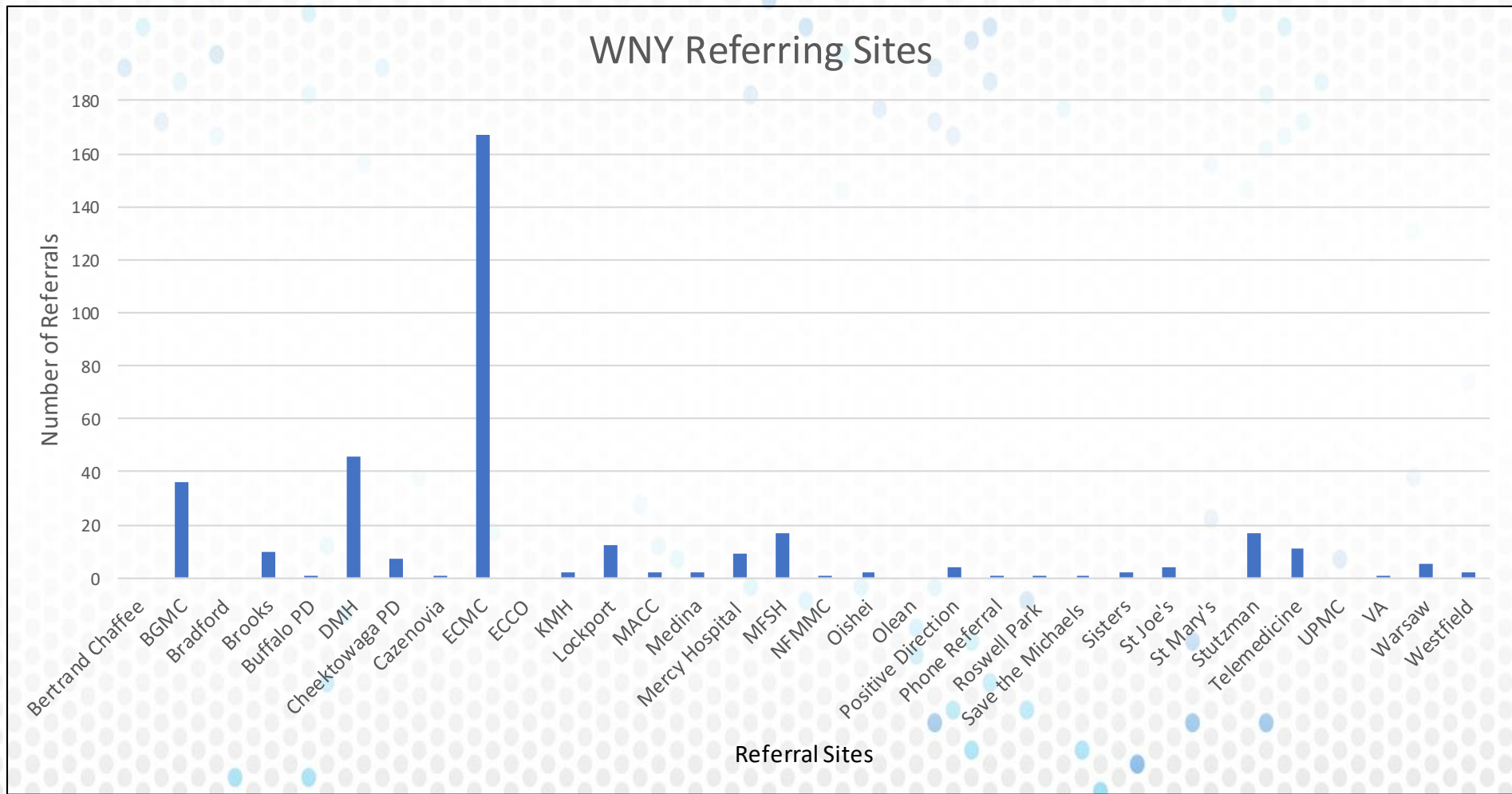
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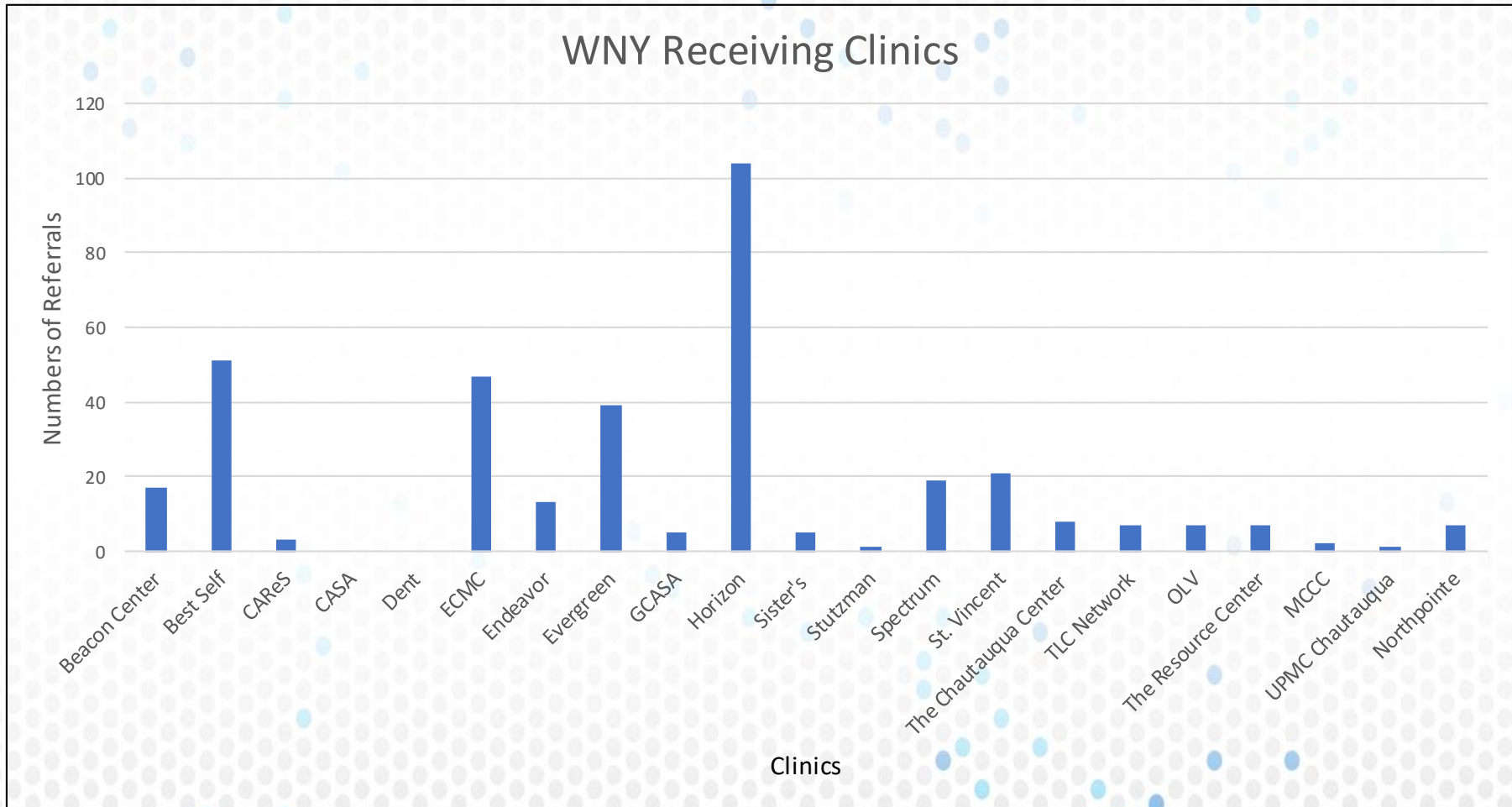


## EXPANSION ACROSS NEW YORK STATE









# New Referral Sites in WNY

- **Service Link Stop**

- SLS has an iPad and can directly refer to participating NY MATTERS treatment organizations
  - Naloxone kits also provided at time of referral
- Flyers are being distributed at the holding center

- **UB HEALS**

- JSMBS medical students and faculty provide medical care to individuals experiencing homelessness
- UB HEALS team has an iPad to utilize and directly refer patients through NY MATTERS



# Leave Behind Naloxone

- Participating agencies:
  - Twin City Ambulance
  - Mercy EMS
  - LVAC
  - Seneca EMS
- EMS crews “leave behind” naloxone at the scenes of any opioid-related calls (homes, businesses, etc.)



# Police Department Telemedicine Program

- Program began March 2021
- Consults on scene via telemedicine for any opioid use-related calls
- Patient will be assessed by EM provider
  - Ability to prescribe buprenorphine if appropriate and provide linkage to treatment via New York MATTERS
- Program is live at BPD
  - Working to expand to Cheektowaga, Evans, Tonawanda, Amherst





Feel free to reach out with  
any further questions!

**Josh Lynch**

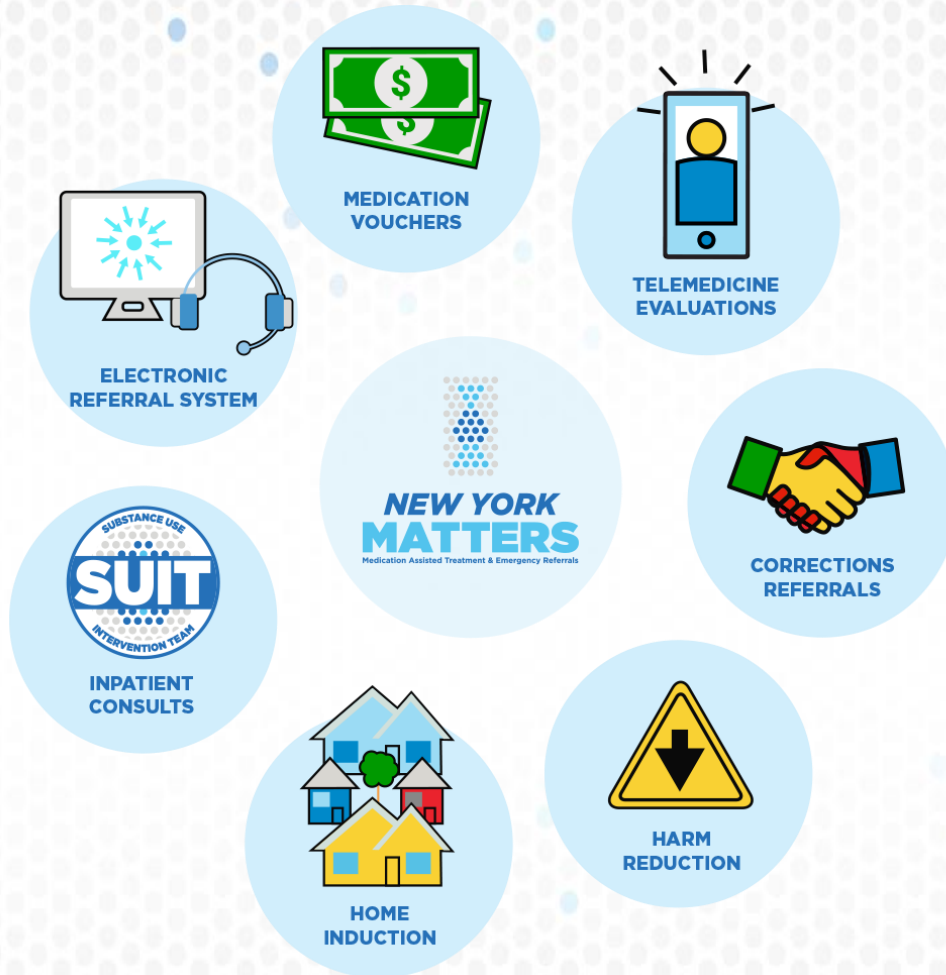
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# Family and Consumer, Support and Advocacy Section

Report: May 2021

We Are:

- Your Friends, Neighbors, Co-Workers
- Your Family
- The Stranger you met at the Market
- The Person next to You
- Your Physician, Lawyer, Accountant
- Your Community

# OUR PURPOSE

**To help others understand;  
this is a disease, a medical problem, and it  
can be solved.**

# We Tell Their Stories

- Raise awareness
- Reduce Stigma
- Give comfort and support
- Advocate for services, humane treatment and legislation that support activities

# Hilbert College Study

Interviewed Family Members Expressed:

- Similar Experiences
- Systems are Dehumanizing
- Education is Needed
- Stigma contributes to Deaths
- Follow Up Care is important
- Thank you to CJA Masters student, Alex Tobey and Dr. M. Floss



# Changing Demographics

- **Community denial**
- **Changing messages**
- **Changing population**
- **Naïve users**
- **Need for rapidly changing messages**

Stabilization Environment for Brain/Body  
Wellness

Disease Management Education for Health  
Professionals and Families

Inclusion of Family Education into Therapeutic  
Stabilization and Disease Management

Compassionate Care



To all those Kind and Gentle  
Souls who are working  
to bring sensibility to our Community,  
Streets and Homes.

We are Grateful.

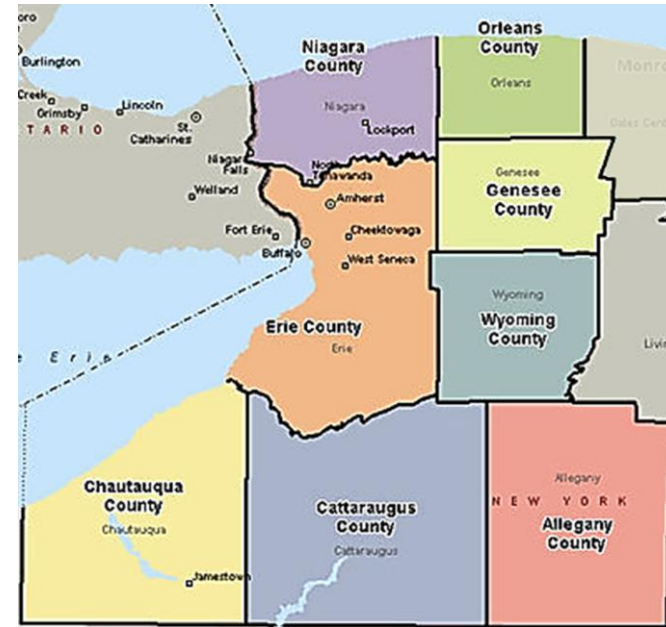
<https://www.opioidaffectedfamilies.com/>



**Erie County**  
**Opiate Epidemic**  
*Task Force*

# WNY Response After Overdose

## WNY RESPONSE AFTER OVERDOSE PROJECT



**Erie County**  
**HEALTH**

# Text for Narcan

- Over 1,000 boxes mailed
- Sent to over 900 people
- Resources and support included



**WNY** Response  
After Overdose



Erie County  
**HEALTH**

# Narcan wall boxes

- 700 boxes distributed in community
- Refills are mailed
- Central pickup established in several counties



# Narcan trainings

- Virtual and in-person
- First responders and community



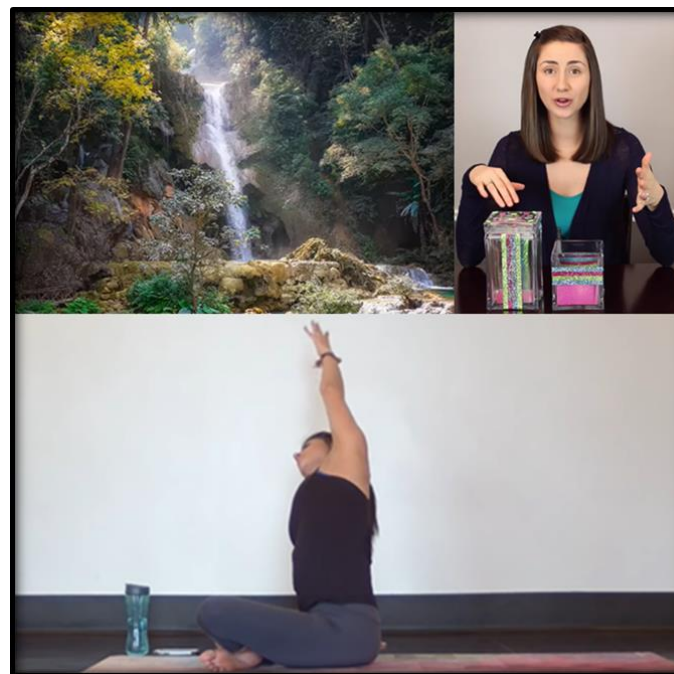
**WNY Response  
After Overdose**



**Erie County  
HEALTH**

# Community of Peer Enrichment (COPE)

- WNY peer group continues to meet
- Training and skills
- Networking and support
- Self-care



**WNY** Response  
After Overdose



Erie County  
**HEALTH**



# **ERIE COUNTY**

## **Opioid Mortality Review Board**



***Learning From The Past  
To Make A Better Future***

# **OMRB Update**

**ECOTF Meeting: May 3, 2021**



# OPIOID MORTALITY REVIEW BOARD

LEARNING FROM THE PAST  
TO IMPROVE THE FUTURE

## What is it?



The Opioid Mortality Review Board is a team of experts who review opiate related deaths occurring in 2016 or later. The board presents an opportunity to recommend opioid related prevention, treatment, and policy improvements and for families to share their loved one's stories by participating in interviews.

## How can you participate?



Families who have lost a loved one due to an opioid overdose in 2016 or later are able to participate in interviews with our team to help learn from the past to improve our future.

**To participate, please call:**



716-858-6224

We also encourage anyone interested in learning more about the latest efforts to prevent, treat, and manage opioid dependence or learning about opioid related policy to join the Erie County Opiate Epidemic Task Force. Please see the reverse side for more information.

# Community Engagement Piece to Encourage Participation



In collaboration with the UB Research Team





# Case Update

- 2021: So far this year, 8 cases have been presented virtually every other Thursday
- Trends being identified at this time comparing 2016 and 2017 cases presented data:
  - Role of Narcan lowered non-fatal OD's significantly in 2017
- On schedule to finish the 2017 cases by September
- Currently awaiting access to the 2018 & 2019 autopsy cases. Records are in process of becoming electronic.



# What else we've been up to...

TOP STORY

## Troubling Covid-19 trends in WNY even as statewide numbers improve

Stephen T. Watson Apr 17, 2021 Updated 1 hr ago 16

Support this work for \$1 a month



Nurse Kelly Sipola gives a shot to Christine Hannon at a pop-up vaccine clinic held Saturday at Southside Elementary School.

John Hickey / Buffalo News

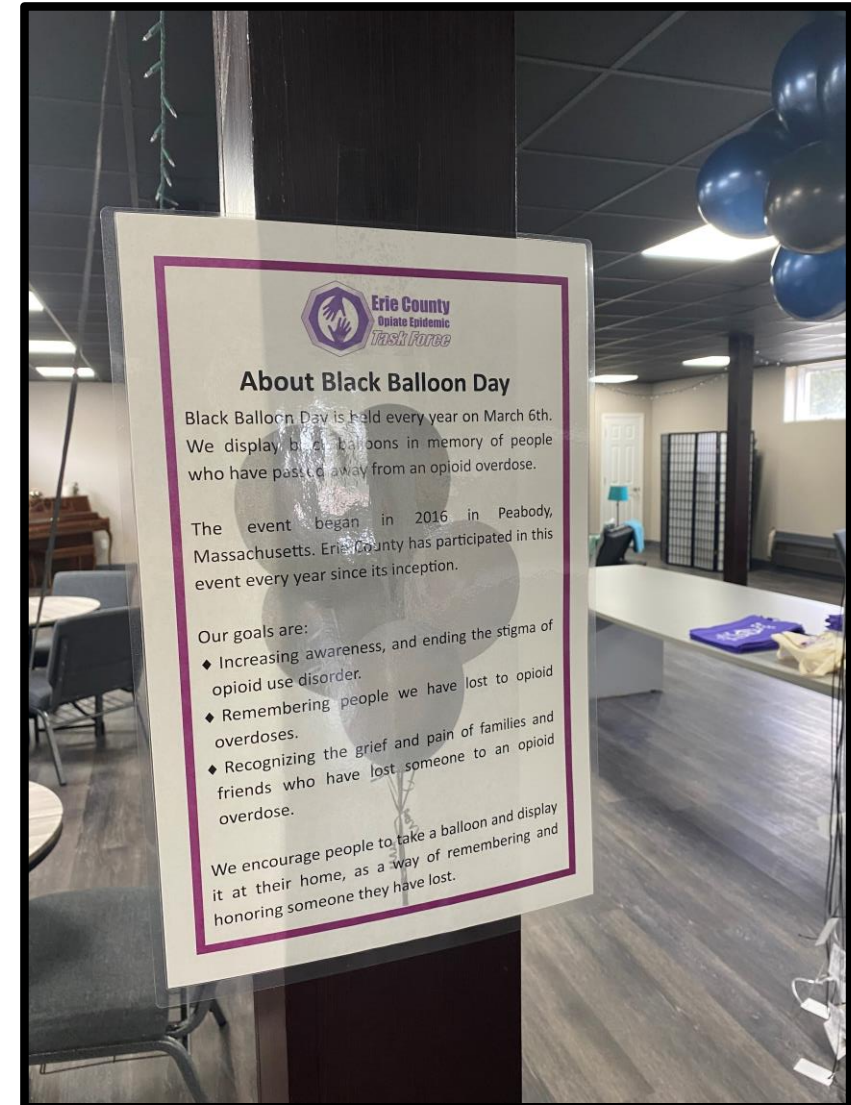
## Combining Vaccine Pods and Opiate Task Force





# What else we've been up to...

## **Black Balloon Day:** **March 6, 2021**





# What else we've been up to...

## Broadway Market Easter 2021



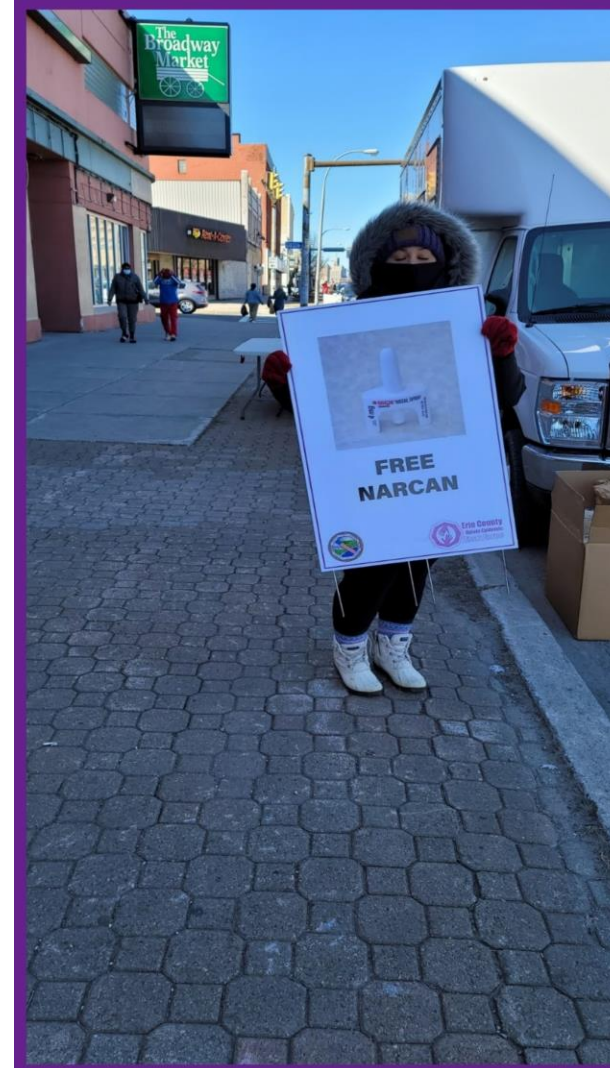


# Continuing Outreach



# Meet our Peer: RoseAnn Valenti, CRPA-P

- Combining tools and resources she has acquired working with the Opiate Task Force and telling her story.
  - ❖ RoseAnn has reached out and assisted substance users requesting help. A big proponent of MAT, her knowledge and experience in recovery has allowed her the opportunity to connect with people in need through networking, social media and outreach sites.







# Erie County Probation Department

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OPIOID TASK FORCE MEETING  
05/03/21



# Current Status of Opioid Unit

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- 30 probationers on caseload
- PN Kathy has 17 in unit and 14 on other caseloads
- PN Julian has 11 in unit and 20 on other caseloads

1 probationer transferred to absconder unit

1 probationer at an in-patient facility

1 probationer in jail, awaiting sentencing.

1 Fatal OD\*\*

Since start we linked 47 probationers to the Opioid Unit; and 41 probationers from other caseloads have had extra PN support





# New Initiatives

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## NY Matters

- Collaboration with DOH
- 9 Probation staff to be trained in using so that treatment appointment can be set up.

## Narcan distribution through RUS

- All RUS Officers have been provided Narcan kits to distribute along with the DOH pink sticky pad with PN information

## Opioid awareness at PSI level

- Brainstorming ideas to address at this level



# Updates

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## Status of Interactive Journaling (Cognitive Behavioral Intervention -CBI)

- Courage to Change Series from The Change Company
- *Training has started and our goal is to have PN's facilitating the IJ with opioid unit probationers in May 2021*

## Grant extension and continuation

- We will be asking for a 6-9 month no cost grant extension
- Team is looking at sustainability ideas for the future
- Ideas can be emailed to me: [Anita.Robillard@erie.gov](mailto:Anita.Robillard@erie.gov)

# *Thank You*

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## **Erie County Probation Opioid Unit**

Supervisor: Kim Reese

Program Coordinator: Anita Robillard

Probation Officer: Melissa Mayhew

Peer Navigator: Kathryn Appenheimer

Peer Navigator: Julian Campbell

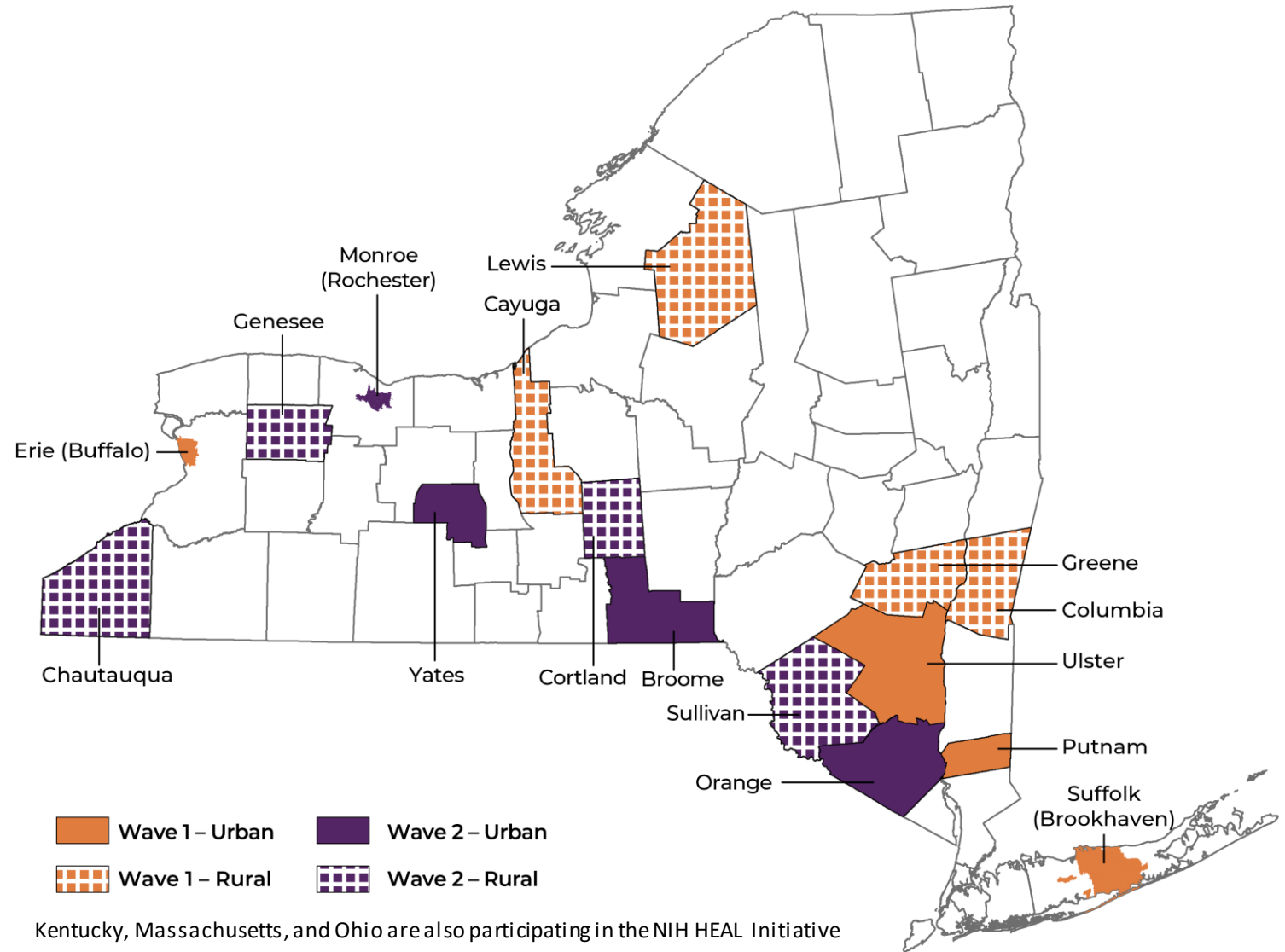


# HEALing Community Study



# HEAL study aims to

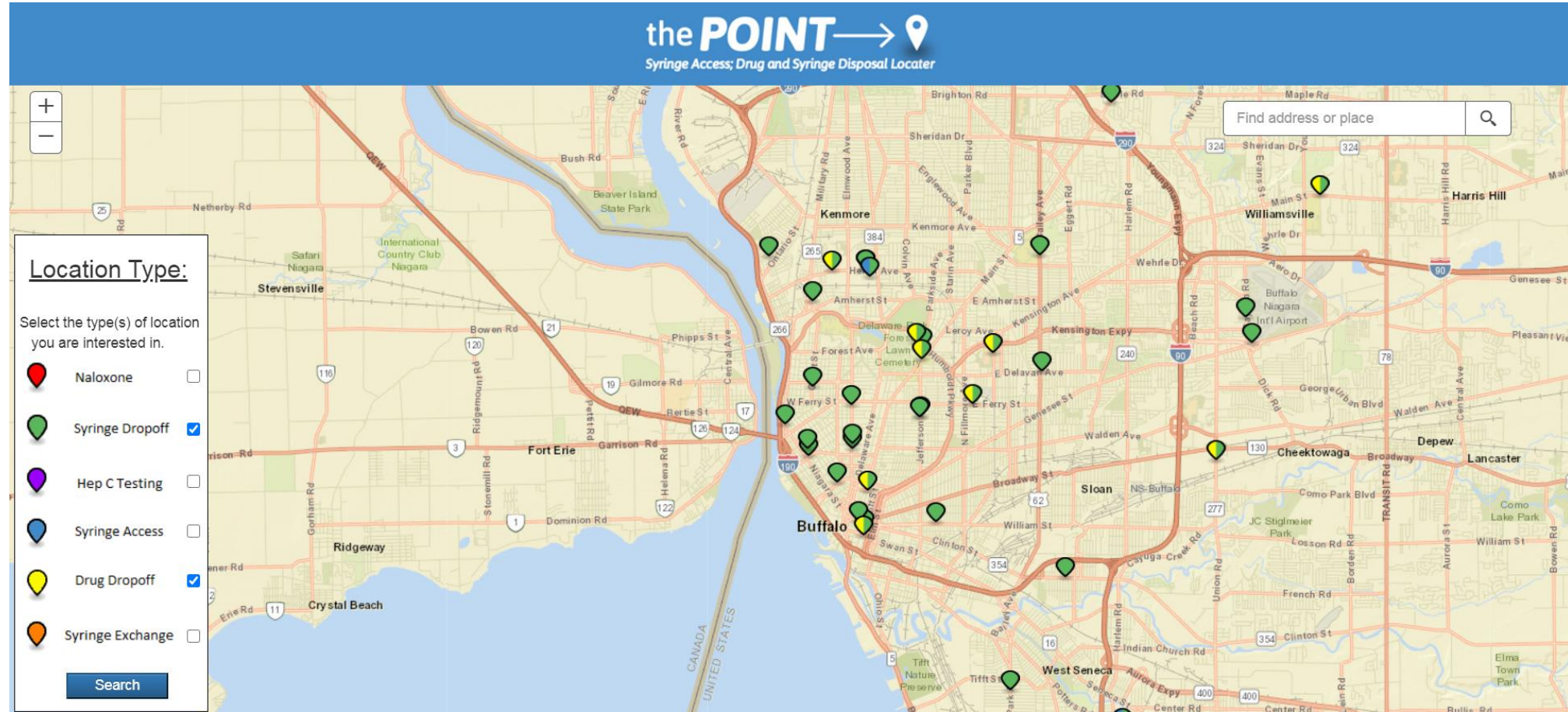
- Expand navigation services to connect people to MAT
- Increase overdose education and the distribution of Narcan
- Reduce stigma
- Create systems for tracking opioid use and available services



# HEAL Buffalo Strategies

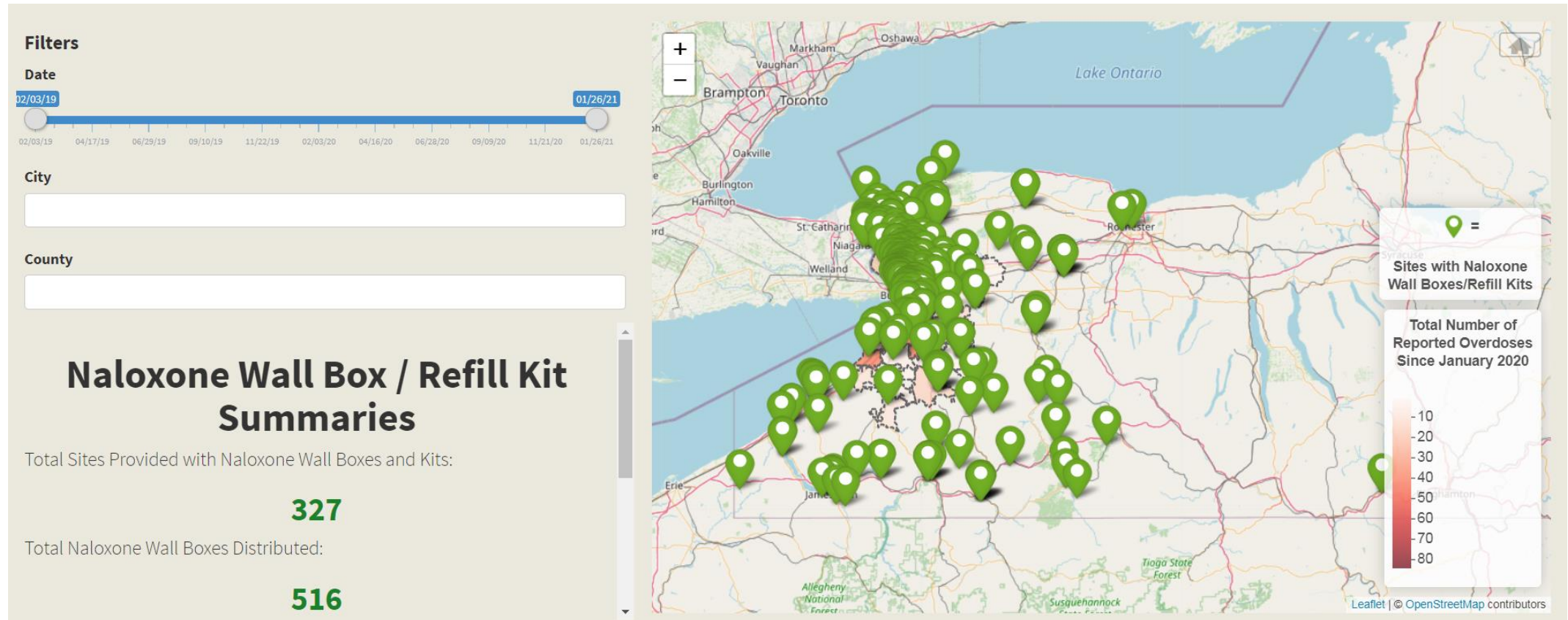
Narcan Distribution	Medicated Assisted Treatment	Safer Prescribing & Disposal
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Text for Narcan</li><li>• Narcan Wall Boxes</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SUD Peer embedded within Buffalo Police Department</li><li>• Expanding Rapid Access to MAT through Buffalo Police</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Hard Conversations</i> Family Video</li><li>• Drug &amp; Needle Disposal Kiosks</li></ul>

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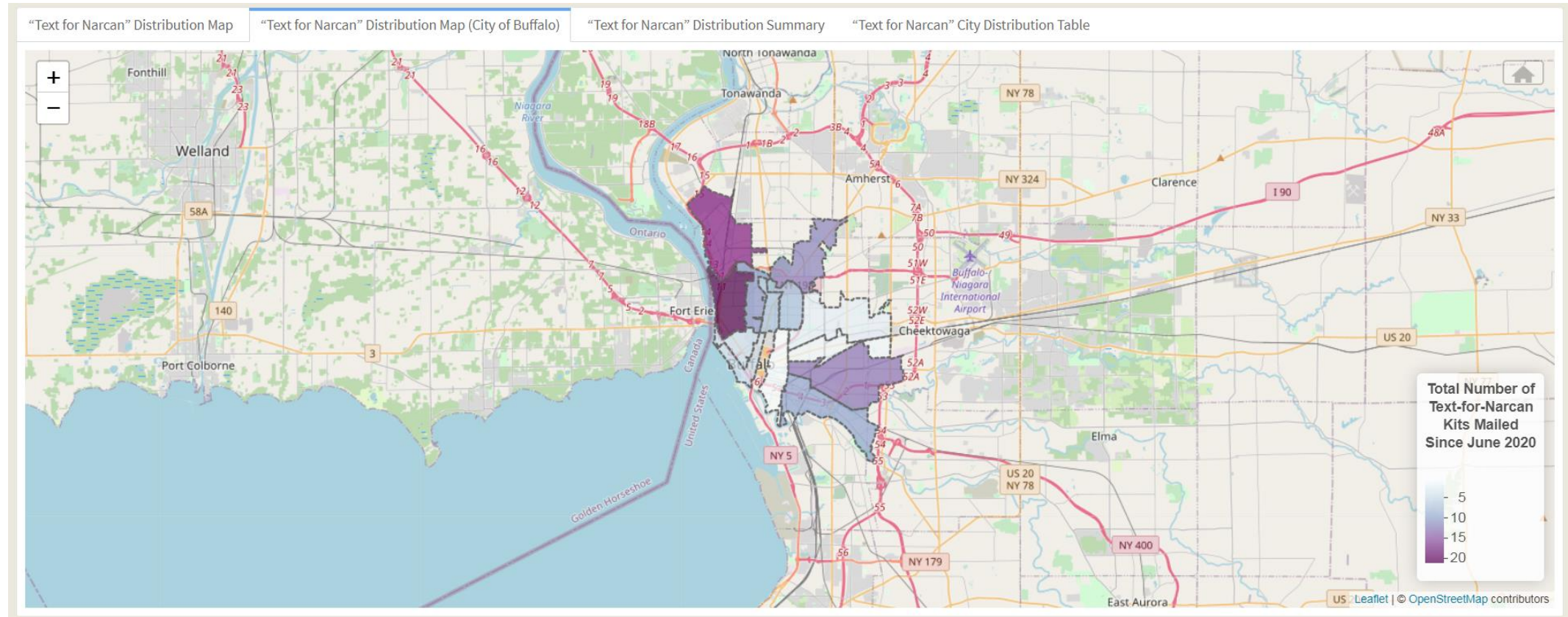


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**Naloxone (Wall Boxes and Kits):** High-level overview of the estimated total of Narcan boxes and kits distributed. Users will be able to click through to Erie County’s site to get more information on resources as well:

NaloxTrac Community

Find Naloxone Wall Boxes and Kits

Provided by the Erie County Department of Health since 2019

Summary Information

Of Naloxone wall boxes and kits provided since 2019

Total Wall Boxes:

889

Total Kits:

1,868

What's the difference between a Naloxone Wall Box and a Kit?

Naloxone (Narcan) Wall Box

Red boxes located on walls in public spaces that contain a Naloxone (Narcan) kit and various tools needed for an opioid overdose emergency.

Naloxone (Narcan) Kits

Individual Naloxone (Narcan) kits that can be used to administer naloxone in an opioid overdose emergency.

Resources

Date:

2/3/2019

4/24/2021

City/Town:

(All)

Zip Code:

(All)

County

(All)

**Overdose Summary:** High-level overview of the estimated reported opioid overdoses by zip code. Users will be able to filter fatality, drug, and general count information by zip code:

