



**Erie County Opiate Epidemic Task Force  
Erie County Fire Training Academy  
Quarterly Meeting  
11/8/2021  
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 – Kate Chodoba (10:05 – 10:15)
  - b. Treatment Providers – John Grieco, Jen Seib (10:15 – 10:30)
  - c. REAP – Not available today, Gene and Crystal send apologies
  - d. Hospitals and Emergency Departments – Dr. Lynch (10:30 -10:45)
  - e. Providers – Dr. Burstein (10:45 – 11:00)
  - f. Naloxone – Cheryll Moore (11:00 – 11:10)
  - g. Family and Consumers – Deb Smith (11:10 – 11:20)
4. Updated funding in the community – (11:20 – 11:45)
  - 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 – Anita Robillard
  - 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. Response to questions in the Chat, (11:45am – 12 noon)

**Thank you! – next meeting: Monday, February 7, 2022**

# 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
- Red Ribbon Week

# What's Going On?

## ● EXCITING NEWS!

- Partnering with the Genesee/Orleans Council on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse, or GCASA, on a PSA focusing on pain, how to speak with your doctor and what resources are available.
- Rough outline of PSA has been drafted.
- Working to secure participants.
- Target schedule to tape is right after the first of the year.



# **Erie County**

## **Opiate Epidemic**

### ***Task Force***

**Quarterly Meeting**  
**November 8, 2021**

## **Treatment Workgroup**



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

**Co-Chair:**  
**Jennifer Seib, LMHC, CASAC**  
Vice President of Strategic Initiatives & Integration  
BestSelf Behavioral Health, Inc.



***Welcome and thank you to Jennifer Seib*** Vice President of Strategic Initiatives & Integration from *BestSelf Behavioral Health* for her willingness to serve as the ***next Co-chair*** of the *SUD Treatment Committee*.



## **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.





# **Treatment Committee 3 current workgroups**

- **Increase access to SUD Housing**
- **Increase access to MAT in Community with focus on primary care**
- **Education and Training- *NEW!***



## Committee Updates:

- **Increase access to SUD Housing**

- **Facilitator: John Grieco, [john.grieco@erie.gov](mailto:john.grieco@erie.gov)**

- Continue to meet approximately every 3 months via conference call. Next meeting via WebEx [January 24th](#) at 1:00.

- **Recent Updates:**

- Community projects discussed at the last quarterly meeting continue to be in process and will provide additional updates as progress warrants.
    - [Erie County Department of Mental Health](#) is [funding](#) and has released an [RFP](#) dedicated to supported housing for individuals/families with SUD. Responses due November 8<sup>th</sup> at 3p.m.



# Committee Updates:

## Training and Education

Facilitator: Amy Rockwood; [Amy.Rockwood@erie.gov](mailto:Amy.Rockwood@erie.gov)

Selected as an area of focus by the SUD Treatment Committee at our September 2021 meeting.

Some initial areas of focus that are being explored:

- Harm Reduction
- Levels of Care
- Easing into and broaching the conversation

Next meeting: November 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 via WebEx.

**Those interested in participating please email Amy at [Amy.Rockwood@erie.gov](mailto:Amy.Rockwood@erie.gov)**



# Committee Updates:

- **Improve access to Medication Assisted Treatment in the Community**
  - **Facilitator: Jennifer Seib, [JSeib@bestselfwny.org](mailto:JSeib@bestselfwny.org)**

On going challenges to [improve access at Primary Care](#) remain. Some of which includes:

- [Reimbursement](#) for primary care doctors
- Lack of [funding to develop an “outreach/resource team”](#) that would provide in-reach education to primary care and serve as a resource for those seeking consultation.
- System challenges exist at a higher level.

Working on a developing a panel of primary care providers doing MAT and behavioral health care providers to address challenges, barriers, and opportunities associated with collaboration.

Meets Monthly – next meeting scheduled for December 2, 2021 @ 12:00pm



# MAT PDOA (Medication Assisted Treatment Prescription Drug and Opioid Addiction)

SAMHSA Grant – BestSelf, UB Addiction Medicine, New  
York Matters, Value Network

Creation of a 24-7 Virtual Call Cener for Access to MAT  
and Linkage to Ongoing Care Via Navigators

# Medication Assisted Treatment in Erie County Standard of care for OUD

- **Census Trends:**

- January 2016: 1272
- January 2018: 1834
- April 28, 2020: 2544
- July 29, 2020: 2378
- October 29, 2020: 2397
- January 26-28, 2021: 2426
- July, 2021: 2483
- October 2021: 2467

- **Waitlist information:**

- November 2017: 228
- January 27, 2020: 127
- April 28, 2020: ~ 220
- July 29, 2020: 114
- October 29, 2020: 124
- January 26-28, 2021: ~101
- July, 2021: 93
- October 2021: 175



**ERIE COUNTY ADDICTION HOTLINE**  
**831-7007**

**Operated by Crisis Services 24/7**

- ☐ Provides information, referral, linkage to treatment and support.
- ☐ Education on MATs & Motivational Interviewing is woven into phone counselor script to facilitate referrals for callers.
- ☐ Integrate into Substance Use Disorder Treatment system
- ☐ Call volume **thru end of September 2021: 534**



## Next meeting:

**11/22, 10:30-12 at Renaissance Addiction Services-Kids Escaping Drugs Board Room, 920 Harlem Rd., West Seneca.** In-person preferred, but WebEx offered.



Thank you for  
your support  
& dedication







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Medication Assisted Treatment & Emergency Referrals

**JOSHUA J. LYNCH, DO, EMT-P, FACEP**

TECHNICAL ADVISOR | NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR | UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY  
MEDICINE

FOUNDER & MEDICAL DIRECTOR | NEW YORK MATTERS

**CALEIGH LOUGHRAN, BA**

PROGRAM MANAGER | NEW YORK MATTERS

# Expansion Efforts



# Leadership Team



**Joshua Lynch, DO**  
**Founder & Medical Director**



**Michael O'Brien, MD**  
**Director of Consult Services**



**Renoj Varughese, MD**  
**Director of Telemedicine  
Services**



**Caleigh Loughran, BA**  
**Program Manager**



**Brian Clemency, DO**  
**Director of Research &  
External Funding**



**Lucy Connery, MPH**  
**Community Engagement  
Specialist**

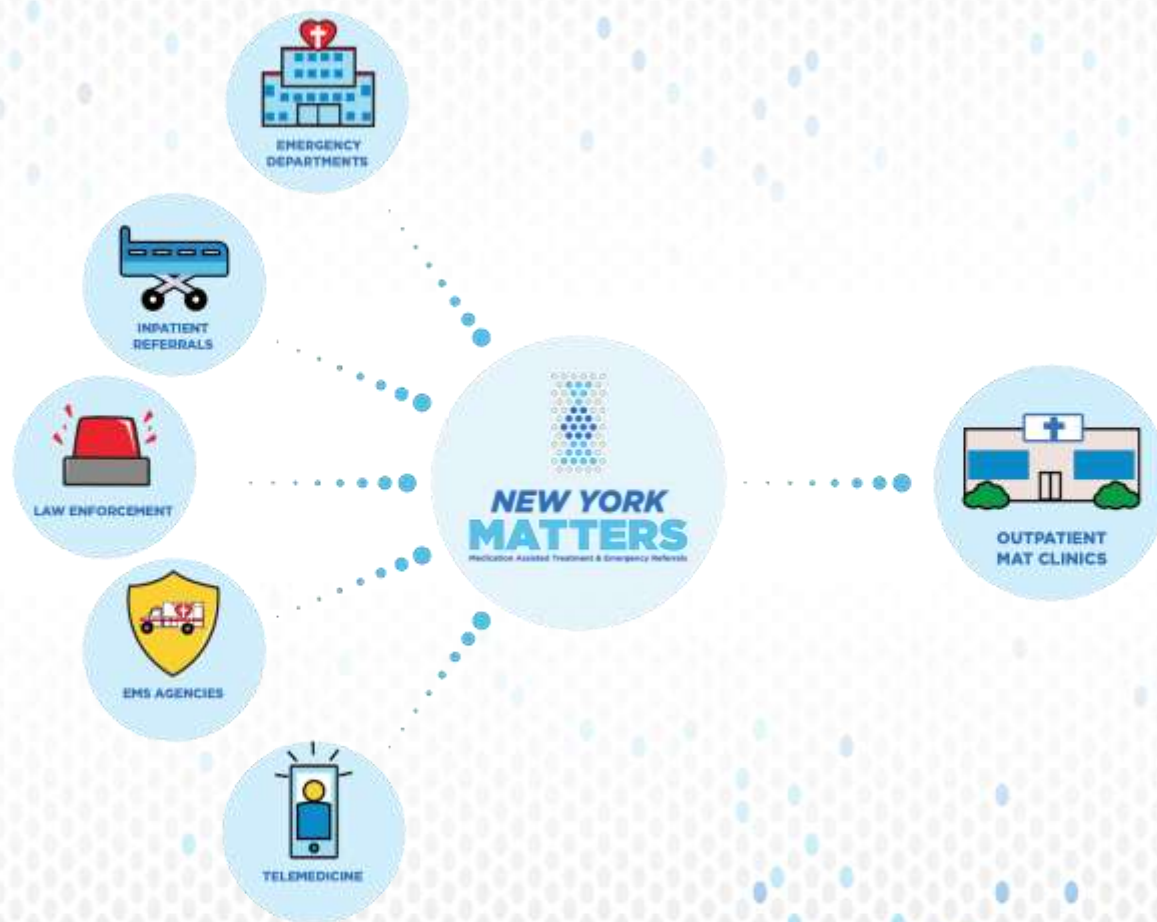


**Robert McCormack, MD**  
**Physician Advisor**



**John McNamara, DO**  
**Buprenorphine Education  
Specialist**

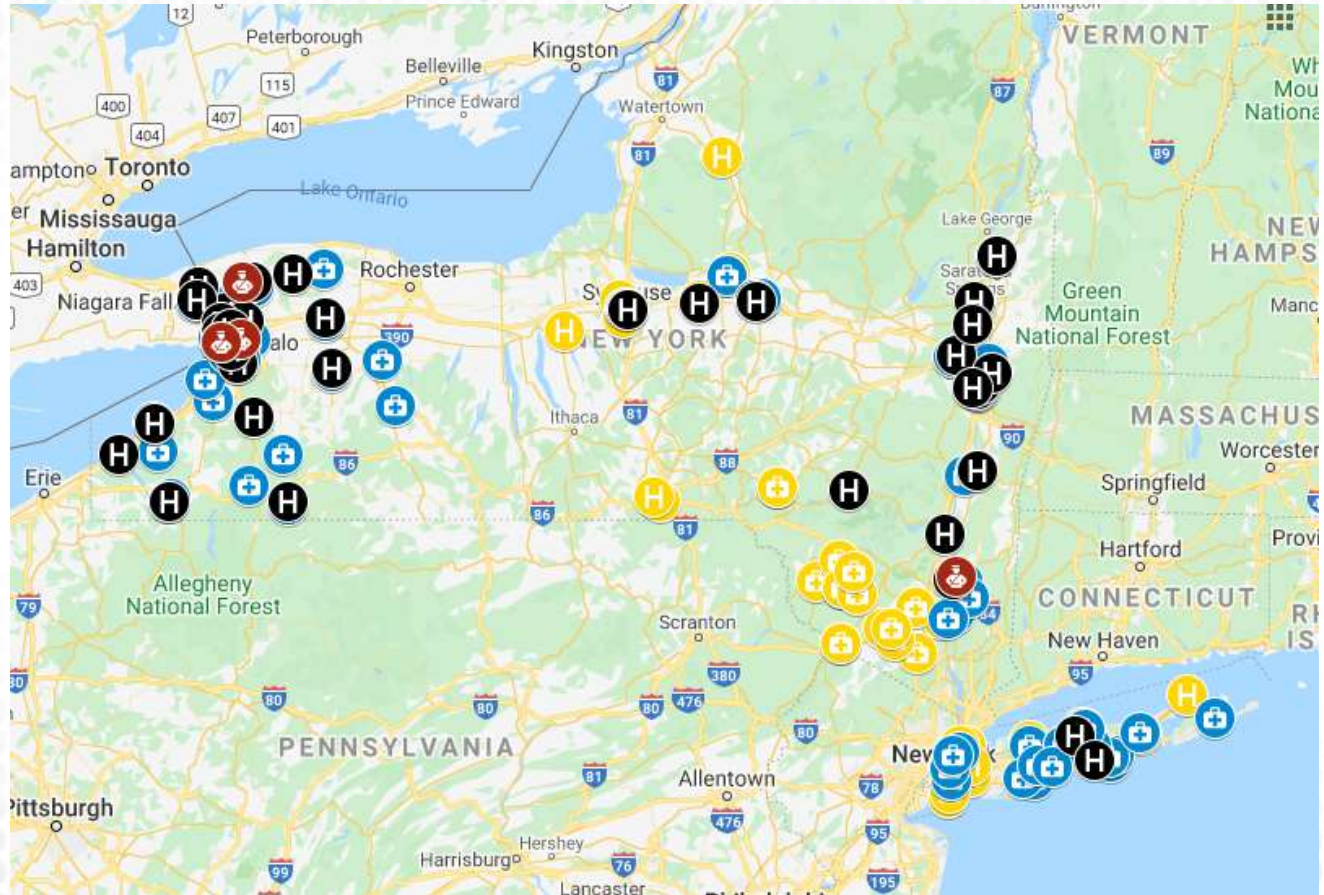




# NY MATTERS Partners

## MAP LEGEND:

-  Clinic
-  Referral Site
-  Future Referral Site
-  Future Clinic
-  Law Enforcement / Corrections Partner







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Medication Assisted Treatment & Emergency Referrals

**Snap this to refer a  
patient for opioid use  
disorder treatment!**



**Referral stickers  
available for any  
participating  
hospitals!**

# New Projects



# NALOXONE INITIATIVES

## LEAVE BEHIND NALOXONE

- EMS crews “leave behind” naloxone at the scenes of any opioid-related calls (homes, businesses, etc.)



## TEXT FOR NARCAN

- Phone number to simply text and request Narcan
- Narcan is promptly sent to requested address





# Transportation Vouchers

- Patients are now offered transportation to and from their first clinic appointment through a partnership with Uber Health

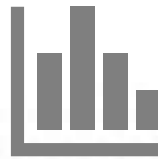
**UBER** Health

# Take Home Naloxone Kits

- Naloxone kits given to patients/families/friends in a variety of settings
  - Hospital ED/Inpatient
  - EMS calls
  - Police 911 calls
- Fentanyl test strips being added to naloxone kits
  - QR code navigates to educational video on usage of the strips

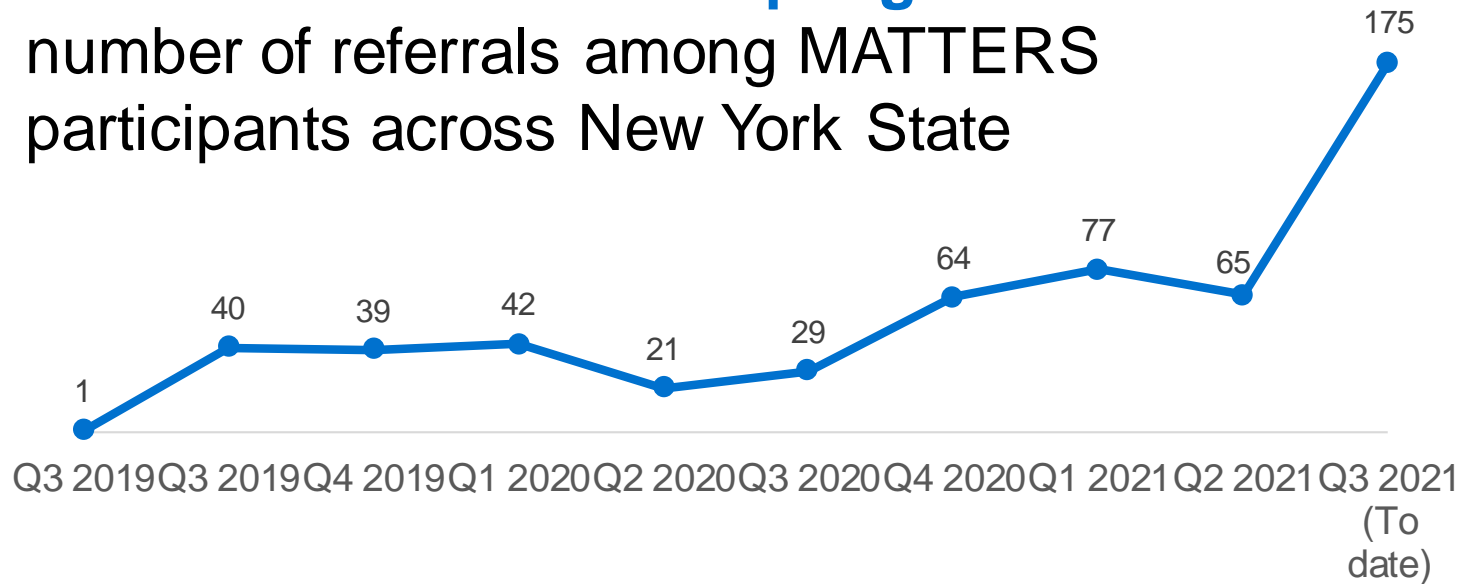


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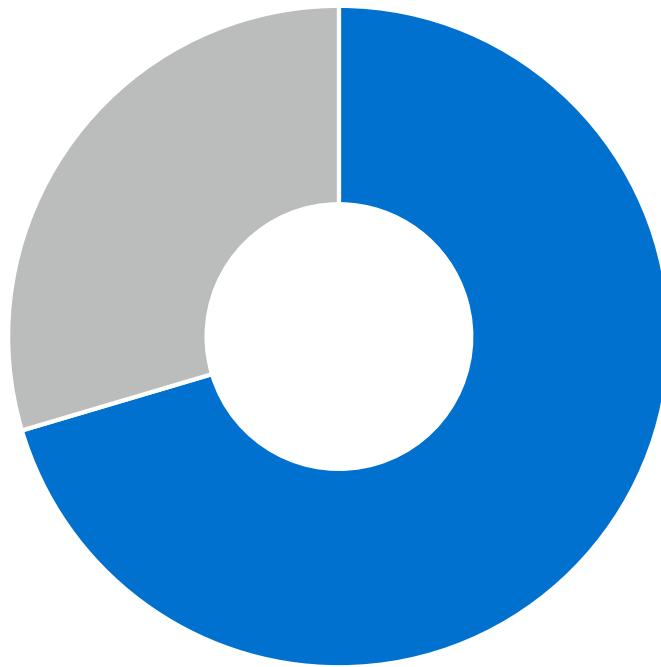


**Quarter 3 of 2021 saw rapid growth** in the number of referrals among MATTERS participants across New York State



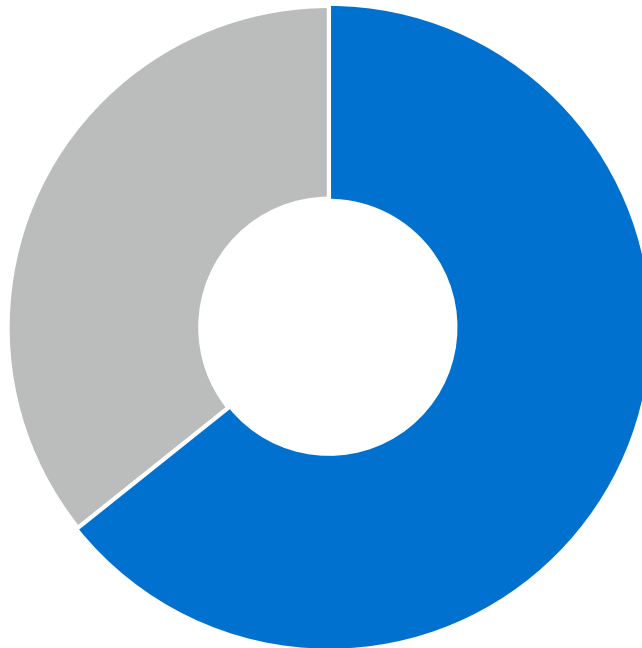
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**70%** of MATTERS participants in acute



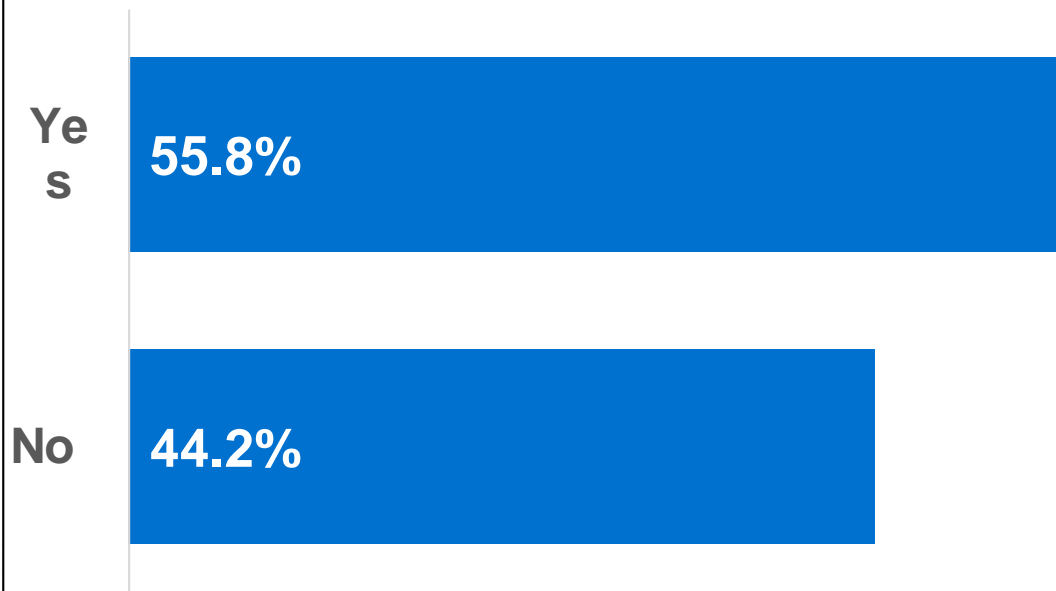
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**Two-thirds** of MATTERS participants **received**



\*Data through 9.29.21

**Over half** of MATTERS participants **requested**



\*Data through 9.29.21



# Updates

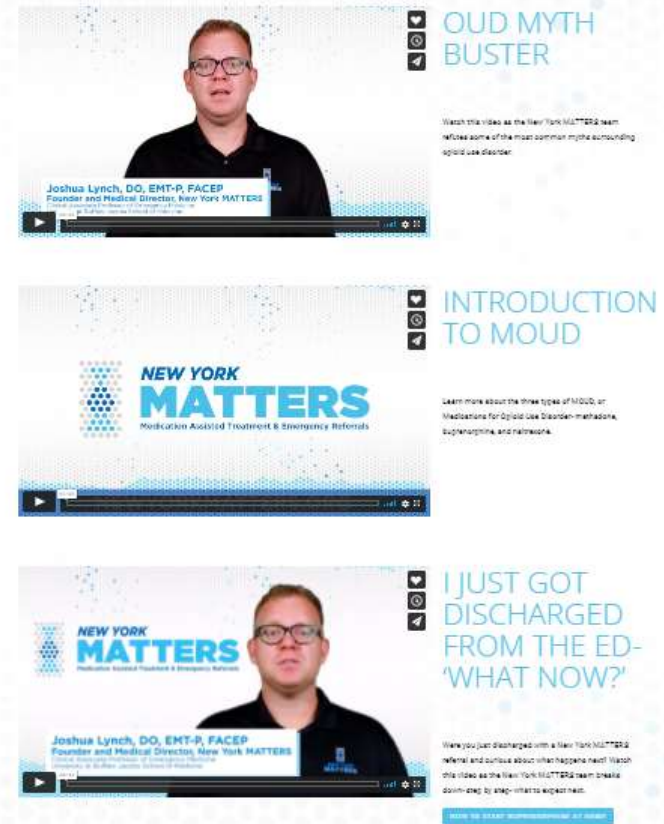






# New Educational Videos

- Introduction to MOUD
- Discharging Patients- 'What Now'
- Myth Buster Video



# Sign up for our newsletter!

[www.mattersnetwork.org](http://www.mattersnetwork.org)

The screenshot shows the homepage of the New York MATTERS website. At the top, a blue navigation bar contains social media icons (Twitter, YouTube, Facebook) on the left and links for 'Professional Referrals', 'EMS (Leave behind MATTERS)', 'Voucher Verification', and 'Checkorego PD' on the right. The main header features the 'NEW YORK MATTERS' logo on the left and a hamburger menu icon on the right. The central banner area includes a graphic of a map of New York with arrows pointing outwards, a video player with a play button, and a man in a suit. A modal box titled 'Get our updates by email!' is overlaid on the banner, containing the text 'Sign up for the latest news and updates from New York MATTERS', input fields for 'Name' and 'Email', and a blue 'Submit' button. To the right of the modal, the text 'New York MATTERS: Explained' is visible. At the bottom, a light blue section contains the text 'Navigate the map to explore our hospital, clinic, and pharmacy partner locations.' and a map interface with a search bar labeled 'New York MATTERS' and a map showing locations like 'Manitoulin Island', 'Provincetown', 'Ottawa', 'Montreal', and 'Sherbrooke'.

NEW YORK MATTERS

Professional Referrals EMS (Leave behind MATTERS) Voucher Verification Checkorego PD

Get our updates by email!

Sign up for the latest news and updates from New York MATTERS

Name

Email

Submit

New York MATTERS: Explained

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New York MATTERS

Manitoulin Island Provincetown Ottawa Montreal Sherbrooke





Feel free to reach out with any further questions!

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# **ERIE COUNTY OPIOID OVERDOSE DATA**

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



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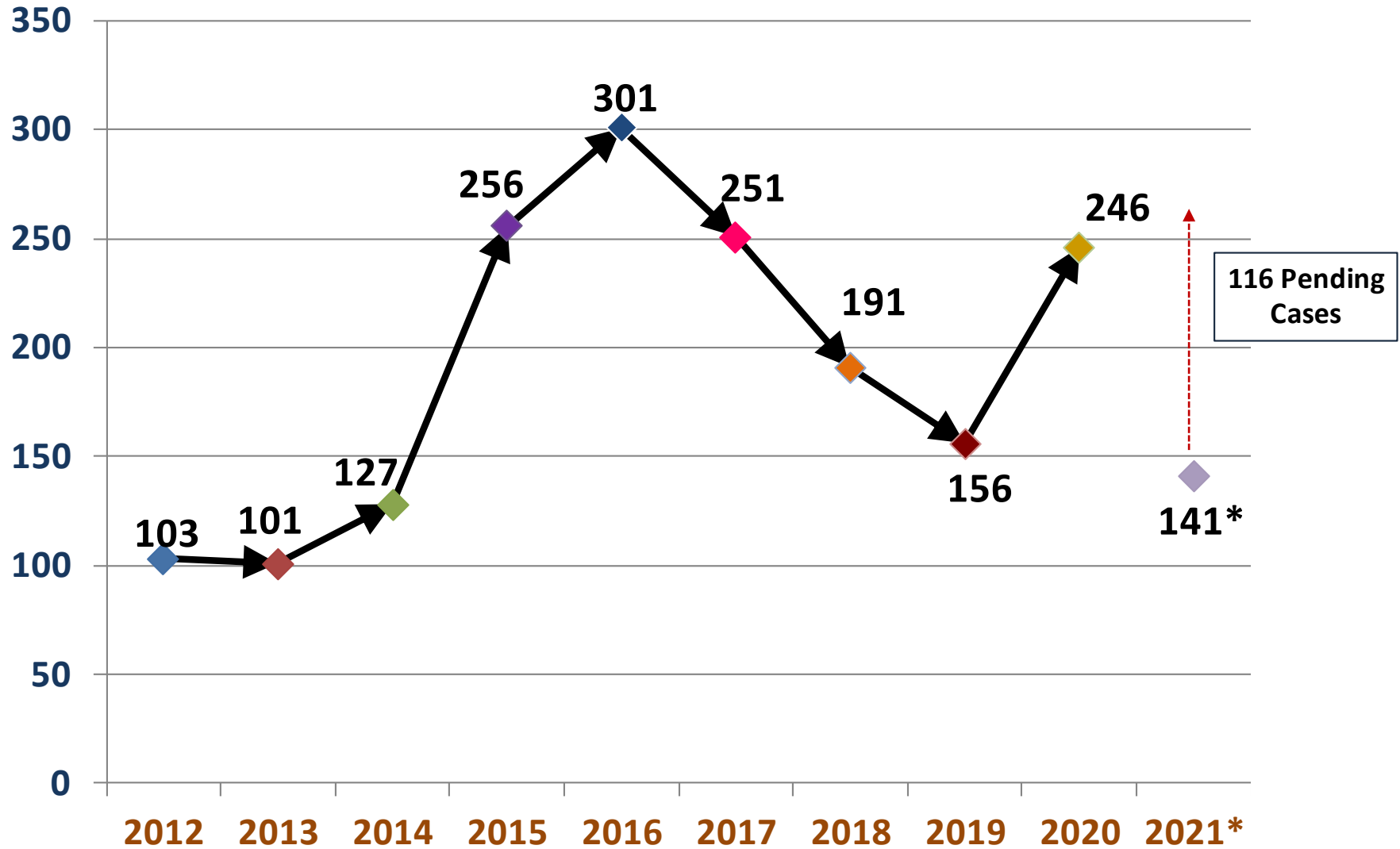
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# **OPIOID RELATED DEATHS ERIE COUNTY**

As of 11/5/2021

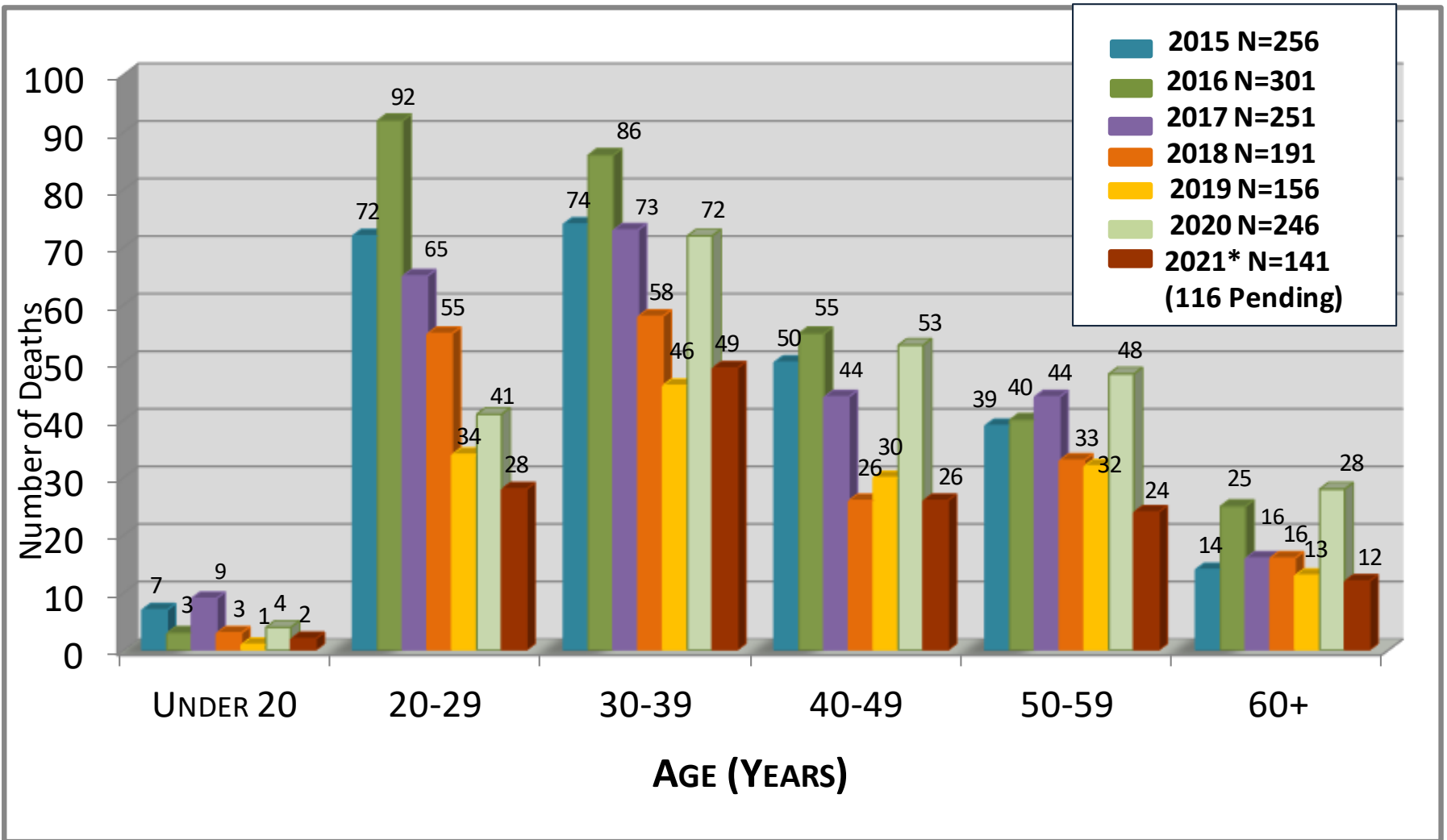
# 2012 – 2021\* OPIOID RELATED DEATHS

## ERIE COUNTY



SOURCE: ERIE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINERS OFFICE, \*CLOSED CASES REPORTED THRU 11/5/2021

# 2015 – 2021\* ERIE COUNTY OPIOID RELATED DEATHS BY AGE



SOURCE: ERIE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINERS OFFICE, \*CLOSED CASES REPORTED THRU 11/5/2021



Erie County Census Estimate			Erie County Opioid Overdoses		
	Population % (N=919,719)	2018 Overdose % (N=191)	2019 Overdose % (N=156)	2020 Overdose % (N=246 )	2021 Overdose % (N=141) (116 Pending)
Race/Ethnicity					
White	81%	79%	78%	71%	67%
Black or African American	15%	10%	10%	19%	25%
Other	5%	3%	4%	2%	2%
Hispanic	6%	7%	8%	8%	6%
Gender					
Female	52%	30%	27%	30%	28%
Male	48%	70%	73%	70%	72%
Age					
20-29	14%	29%	22%	17%	20%
30-39	13%	30%	29%	30%	35%
40-49	11%	14%	19%	26%	18%
50-59	14%	17%	21%	19%	17%
60+	25%	8%	8%	10%	9%



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

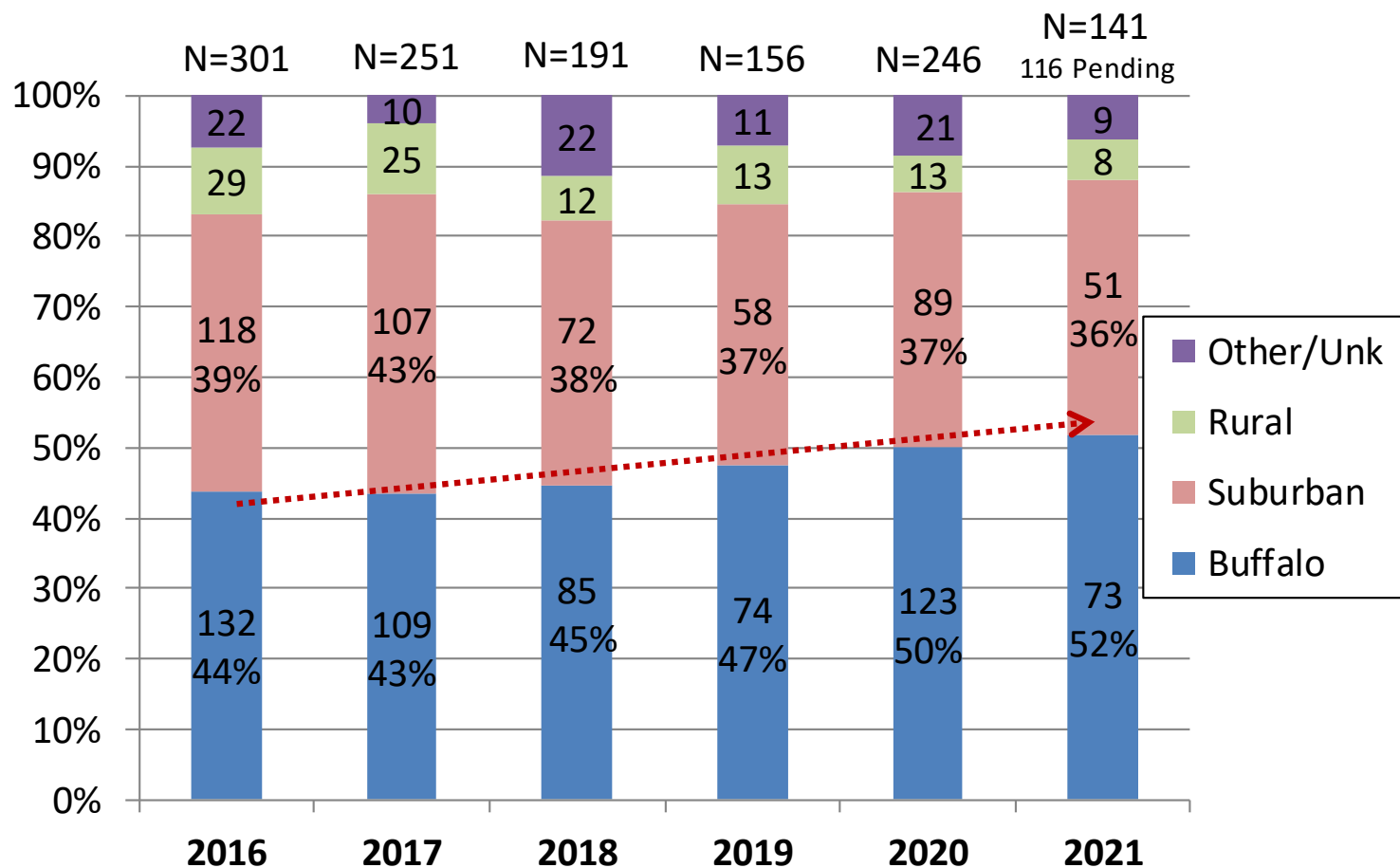
# 2016 – 2021\* PERCENT OF ERIE COUNTY OPIOID RELATED DEATHS BY RESIDENCE

## SUBURBAN TOWNS:

AMHERST  
CHEEKTOWAGA  
CLARENCE  
GRAND ISLAND  
HAMBURG  
LACKAWANNA  
LANCASTER  
ORCHARD PARK  
TONAWANDA  
WEST SENECA

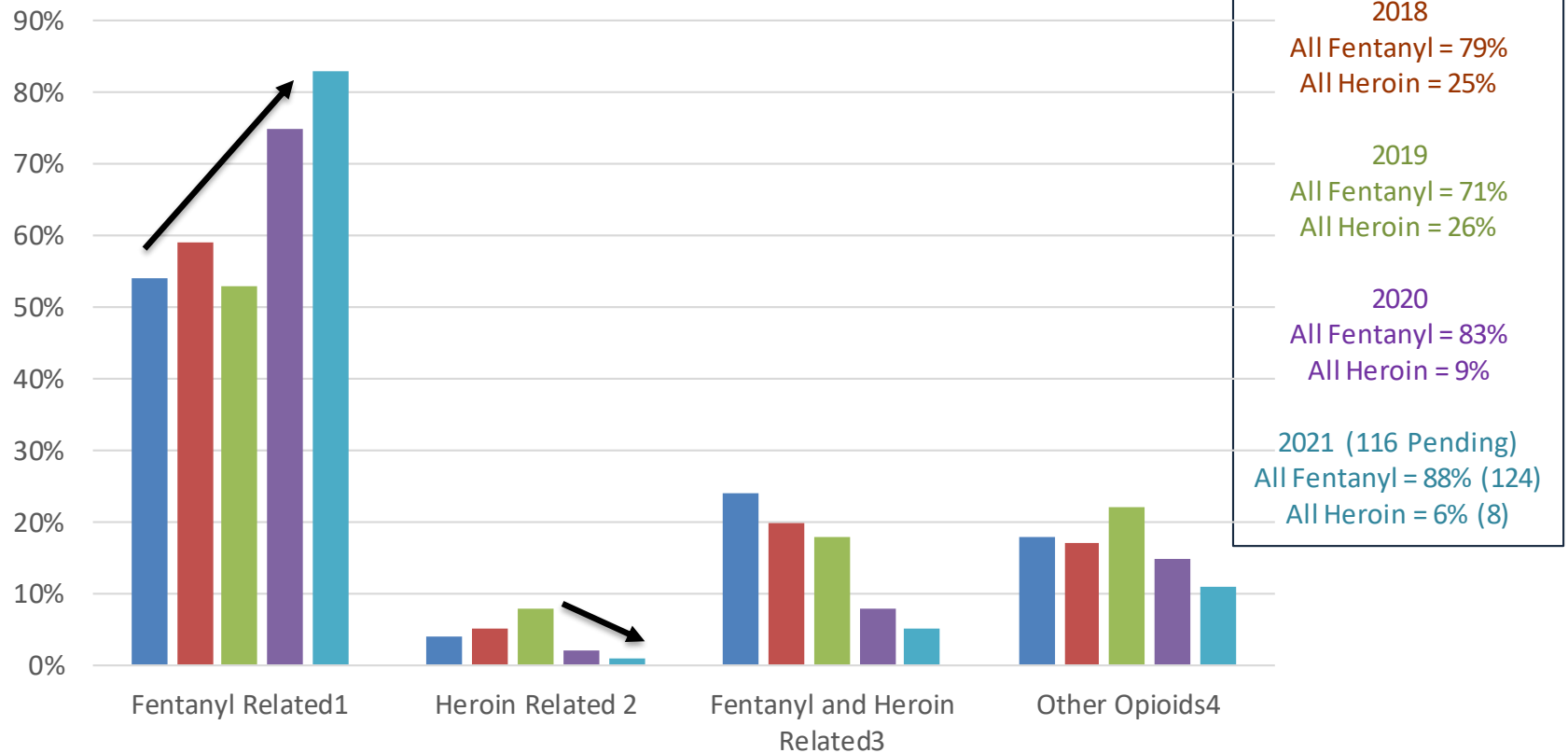
## RURAL TOWNS:

ALDEN  
AURORA  
COLDEN  
COLLINS  
CONCORD  
EDEN  
ELMA  
EVANS  
GOWANDA  
HOLLAND  
MARILLA  
NEWSTEAD  
NORTH COLLINS  
SARDINIA



SOURCE: ERIE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINERS OFFICE, \*CLOSED CASES REPORTED THRU 11/5/2021

# 2017 – 2021\* PERCENT OF ERIE COUNTY OPIOID RELATED DEATHS BY TYPE OF OPIOID



<sup>1</sup> NO HEROIN; POSSIBLE OTHER DRUGS INVOLVED

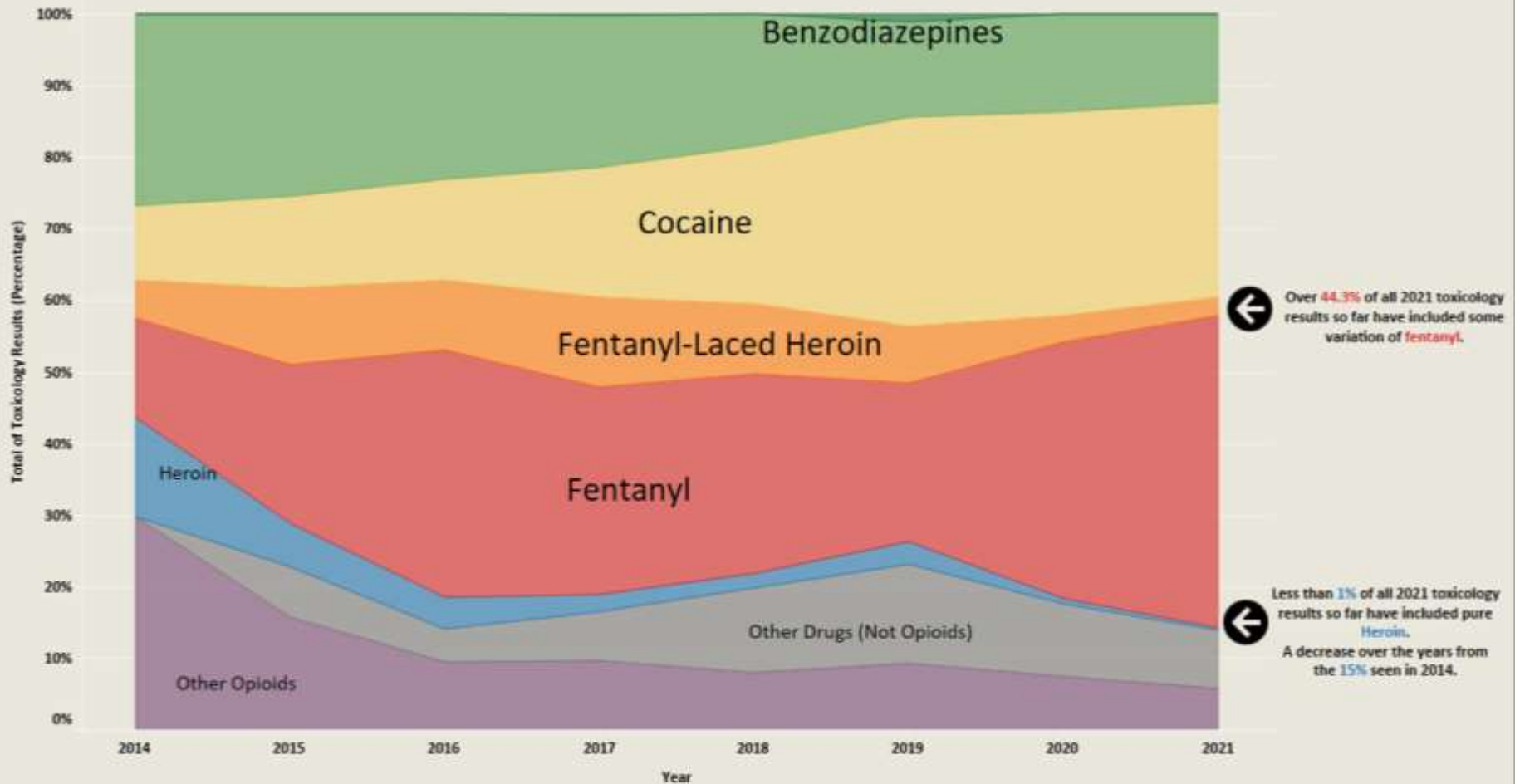
<sup>2</sup> NO FENTANYL; POSSIBLE OTHER DRUGS INVOLVED

<sup>3</sup> POSSIBLE OTHER DRUGS INVOLVED

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

# Preliminary Total Percentage of Confirmed Toxicology Results

For Fatal Overdoses from January 2014 - July 2021

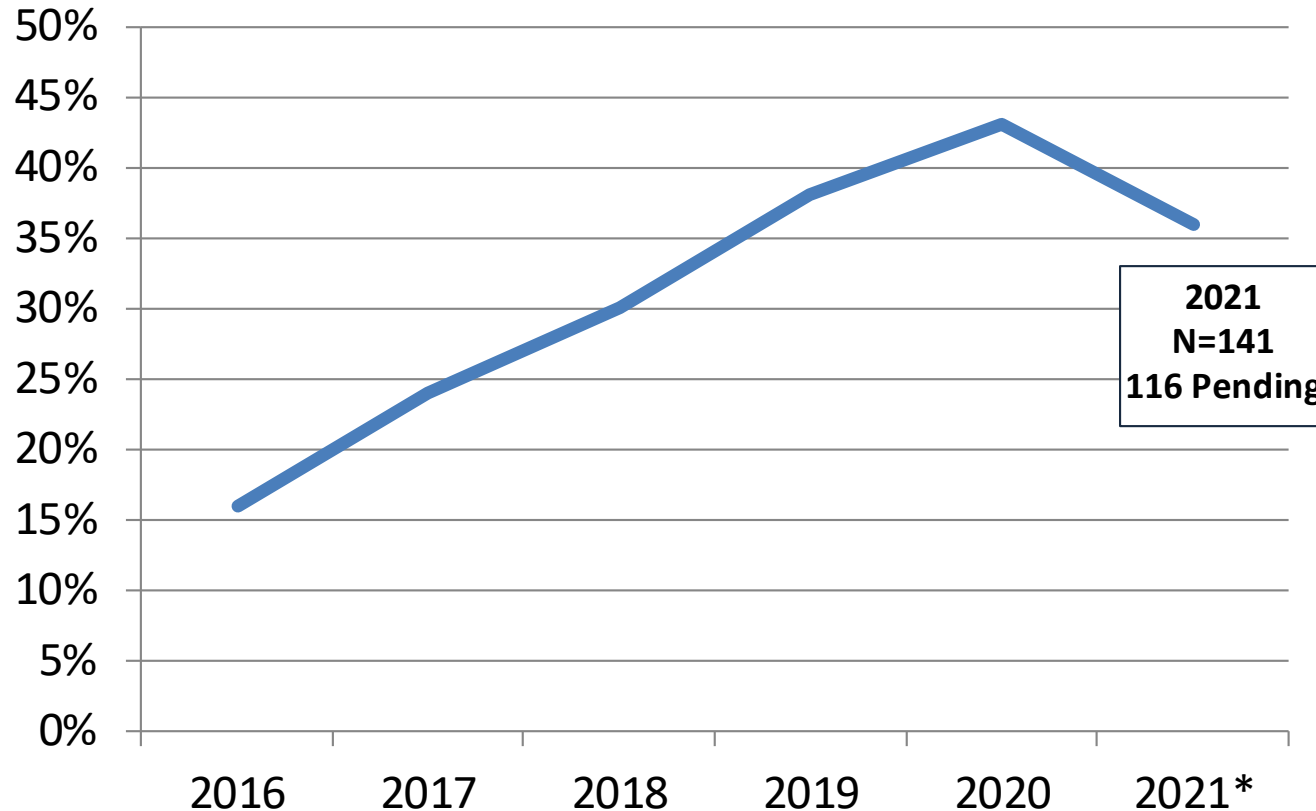


## Toxicology Legend:

Benzo Only	Fentanyl Related
Benzo Related	Heroin Related
Cocaine	Other Drug Not Opioid
Fentanyl Heroin Related	Other Opioid

Slide and analysis by Meghan Harris

# 2016 – 2021\* PERCENT OF ERIE COUNTY OPIOID RELATED DEATHS ASSOCIATED WITH FENTANYL<sup>1</sup> AND COCAINE



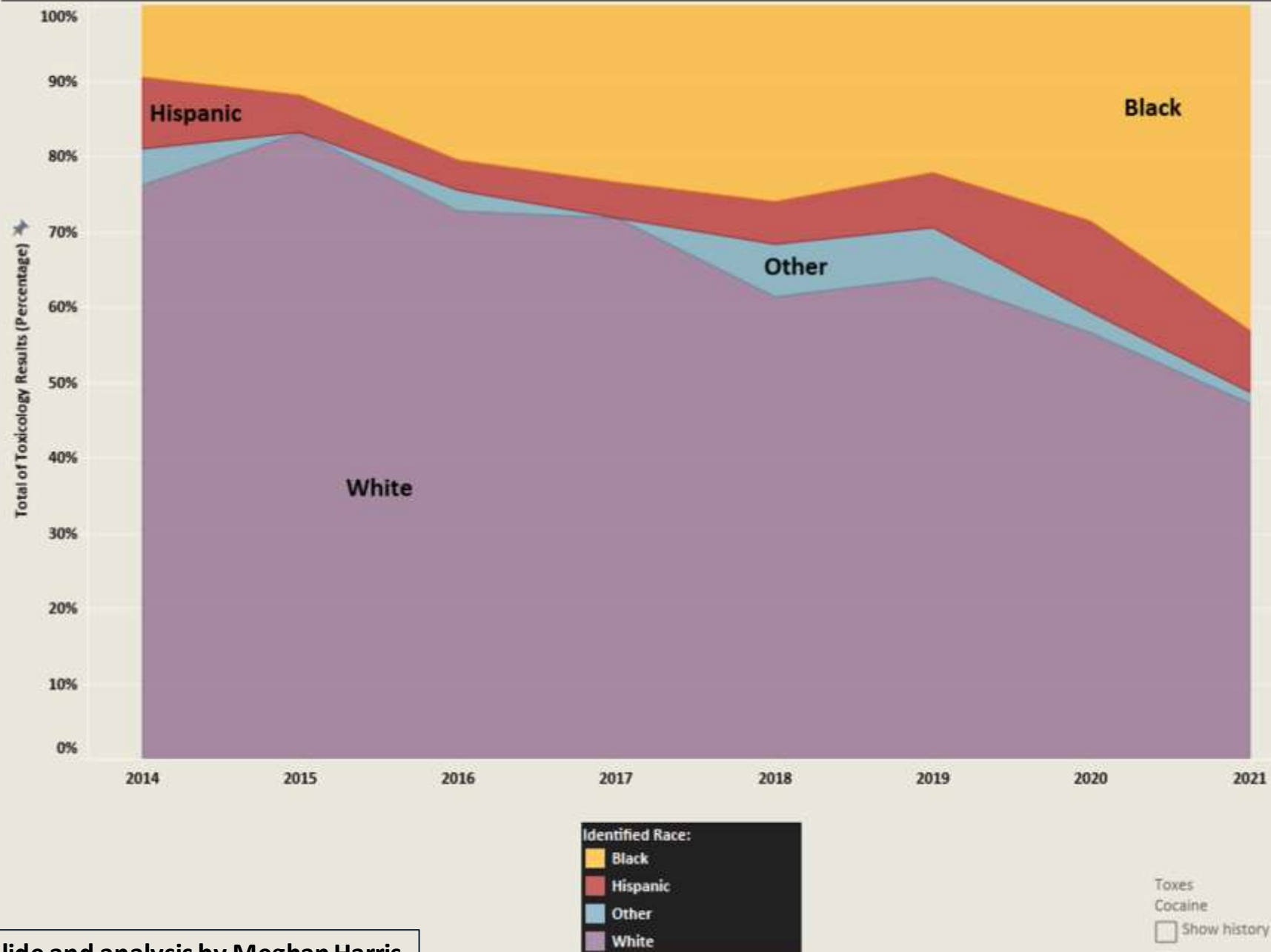
**2020: 48% (118/246) of opioid related deaths involved cocaine**  
**2021\*: 49% (56/141) of opioid related deaths involved cocaine (116 deaths pending)**

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



# Cocaine Confirmed Toxicology Results

By Race From January 2016 - July 2021



# Primary Care Champions Project Update

# Primary Care Champions Project Update

- UB|MD Family Medicine (Dr. Tilda Doscher) leading 5 year HRSA grant dedicated to training primary care practitioners to incorporate OUD treatment into their practices:
  - Working with Horizon and Endeavor as Hubs to connect to Spoke physicians.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> provider cohort from the following practices:
  - Buffalo Medical Group
  - Community Health Center of Buffalo
  - Hertel-Elmwood Internal Medicine
  - Highgate Medical Group
  - North Tonawanda Primary Care
  - Southwestern Medical Associates
  - UBMD Pediatrics
  - Williamsville Wellness Center

# Primary Care Champions Project Findings

- Private provider offices cannot afford to provide MAT services
  - Capitated reimbursement big disincentive
  - FQHCs reimbursed at higher rates in general
- Hope to meet with health plan representatives to find solution

# Primary Care Champions Project: Next Cohort

- Recruiting for next 12 month cohort
- Monthly meetings
- Paid
- Please contact Tilda Doscher at [tildabet@buffalo.edu](mailto:tildabet@buffalo.edu)





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# Comments and Questions

# Opiate Epidemic Task Force: Naloxone Workgroup

Erie County Health Department

November 8, 2021



## Narcan Trainings and deployment this quarter (7.1.2021 – 9.30.2021)

- Continued naloxone trainings and medication deployment conducted by the department, many are virtual or on the spot:
  - Law enforcement – 33
  - Fire fighters – 100
  - EMS/Healthcare Providers - 433
  - Community outreach – Opioid grant staff reach – 572
  - Community members – 689
  - Total kits distributed this quarter including mailing, virtual trainings and refills – 5197 kits



# ESAP Drug and SHARPs Drop Off Kiosks

## • Sheriff Maintained Locations

- Akron; Alden; Brant; Clearance; Colden; Elma; Grand Island; Holland; Lackawanna; Marilla; Springville
- Erie County Facilities at ECC North; ECC South; ECC City; Rath Bldg; Jesse Nash Health Ctr; EC Sheriff's @ 10 Delaware;
- Kaleida Health locations- Buffalo General; John R. Oishei Children's Hospital, Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital
- Canisius Collage;
- Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center

## Local Municipality Kiosk Locations

- Amherst Police Dpt.
- Cheektowaga Police Department
- Orchard Park Police
- Tonawanda Town Police Dpt.
- Evans Police Dept.
- University of Buffalo- North Campus @ Bissell Hall
- All Buffalo Police Departments

## Outside of Erie County

- Albion Police Department (Orleans Co.)
- Orleans County Sheriff's Office (Orleans Co.)
- Batavia Police Department (Genesee Co.)
- LeRoy Village Police (Genesee Co.)
- Medina Police Dept (Orleans Co.)
- Wyoming County Sheriff (Wyoming Co.)



# Totals Collected

## Drugs Destroyed

- 2021 – 12,220 lbs (5060 this ¼)
- 2020 - 16520 lbs
- 2019 - 34720 lbs

## Sharps Collected

- 2021 – 6006 lbs (2478 this ¼)
  - 2020 – 9629 lbs
  - 2019 – 8809 lbs
- 
- 2 kiosks replaced





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# Expanded Syringe Access Program (ESAP) Client Surveys: Ongoing Findings

November 2021

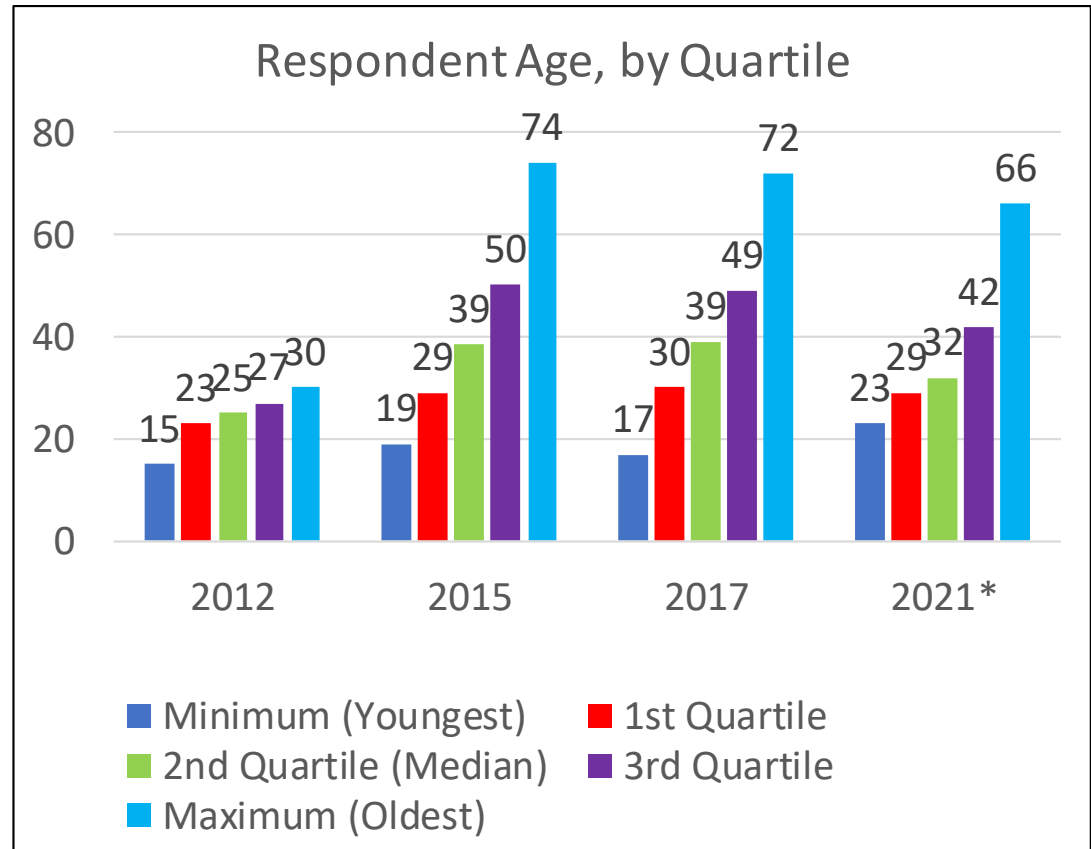
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# Background Information

- Activities funded by Expanded Syringe Access Program (ESAP) grant
- Surveys administered in 2012, 2015, 2017, and 2021
  - Goal of 100 surveys each year
  - Surveys still being collected and entered for 2021

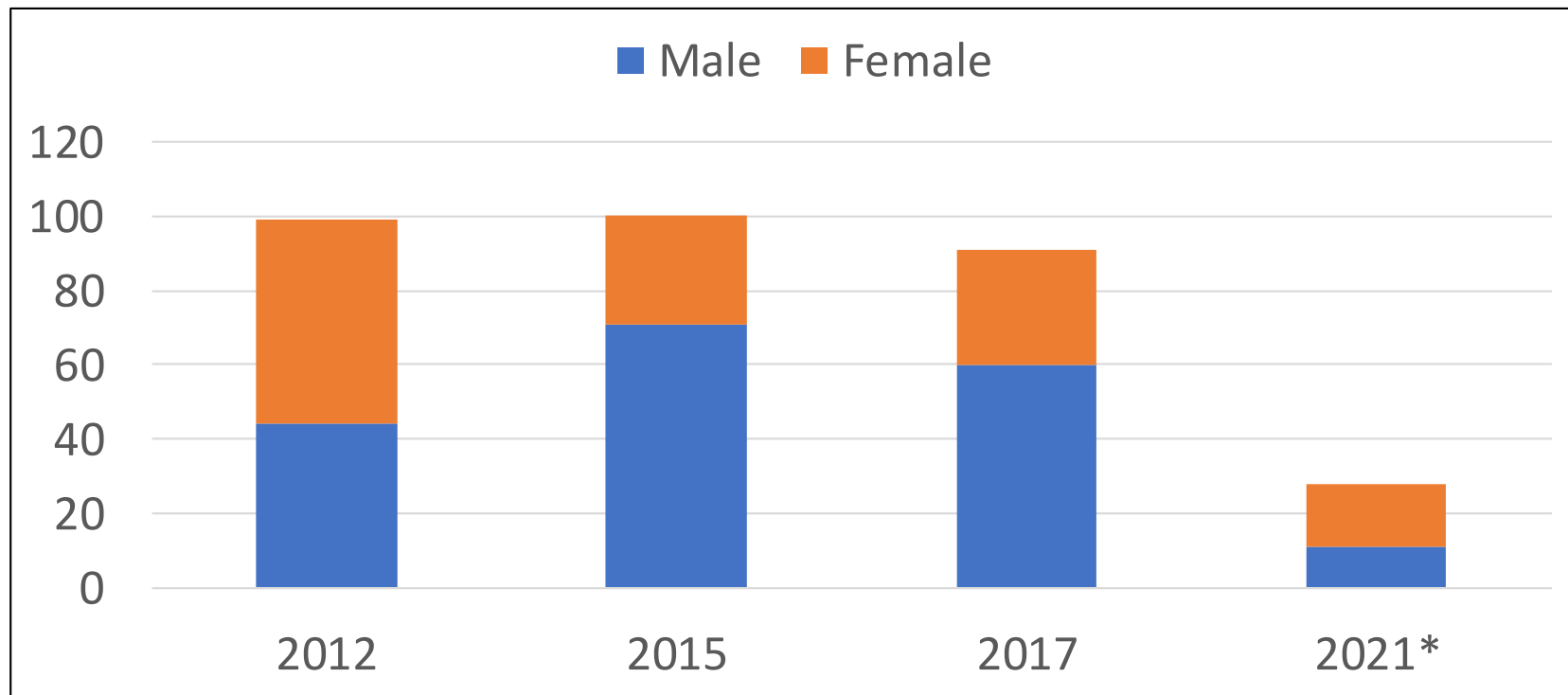
## Respondent Ages

- In 2012 the age range was relatively narrow; later years were much more varied
- Questions as to why:
  - Did I-STOP and its implementation lead to more people using street drugs?
  - Did Erie County staffers diversify their data collection efforts?
  - Something else?



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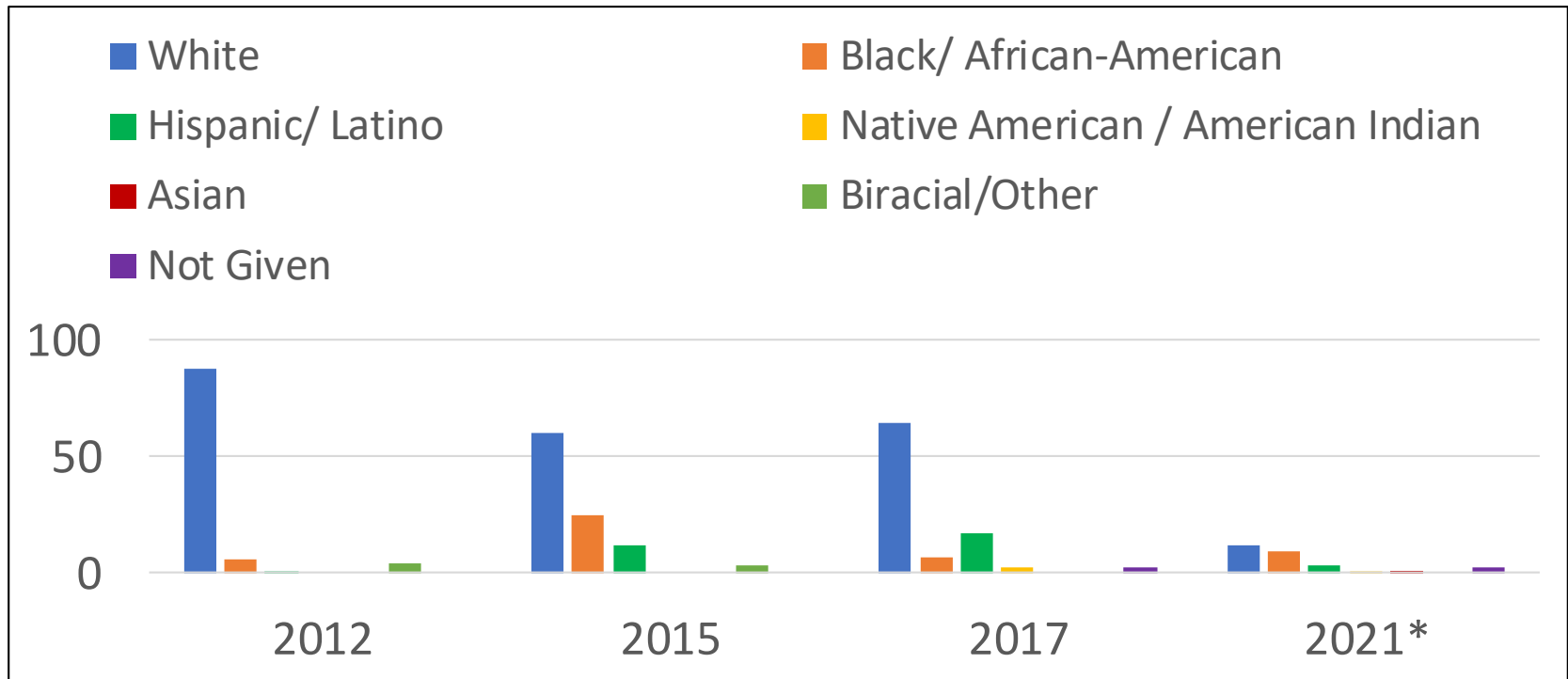
# Participant Gender



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## Race/Ethnicity of Respondents

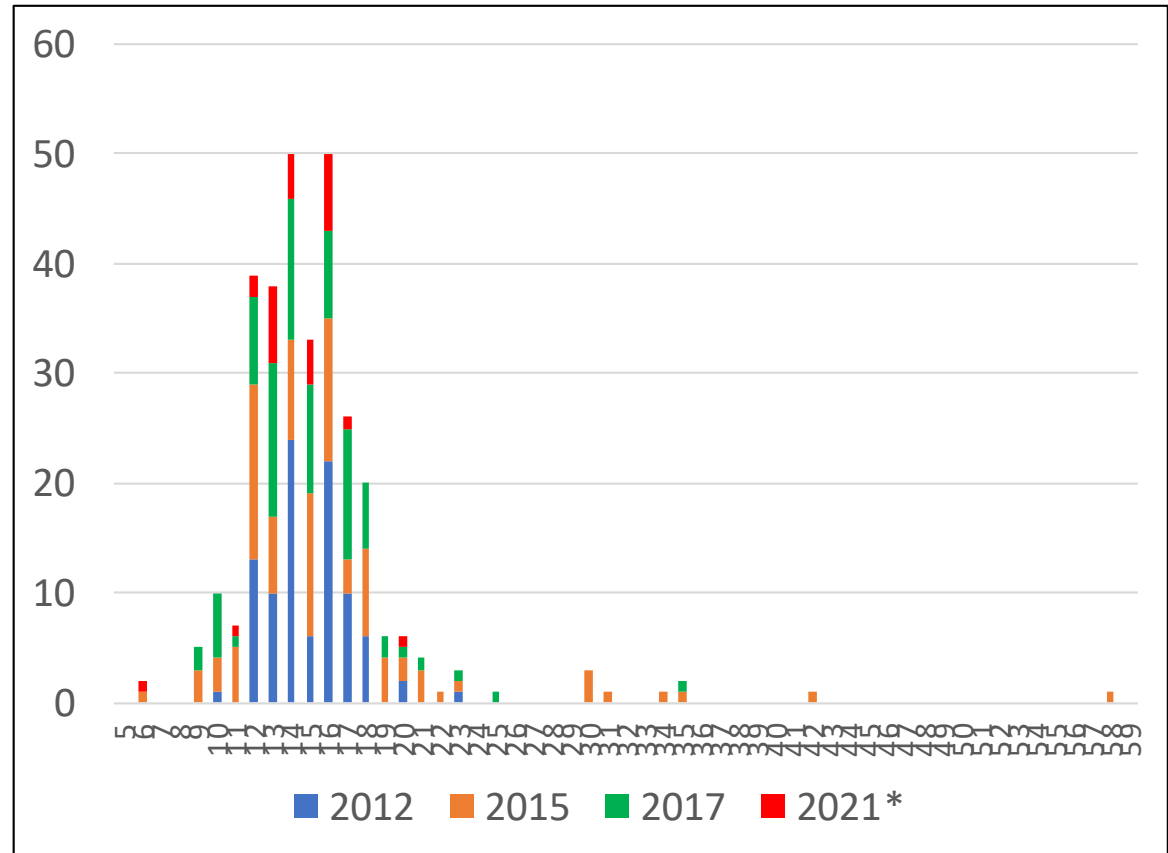


- More racial/ethnic diversity in successive years:
  - Better data collection methods?
  - Has the affected population changed?

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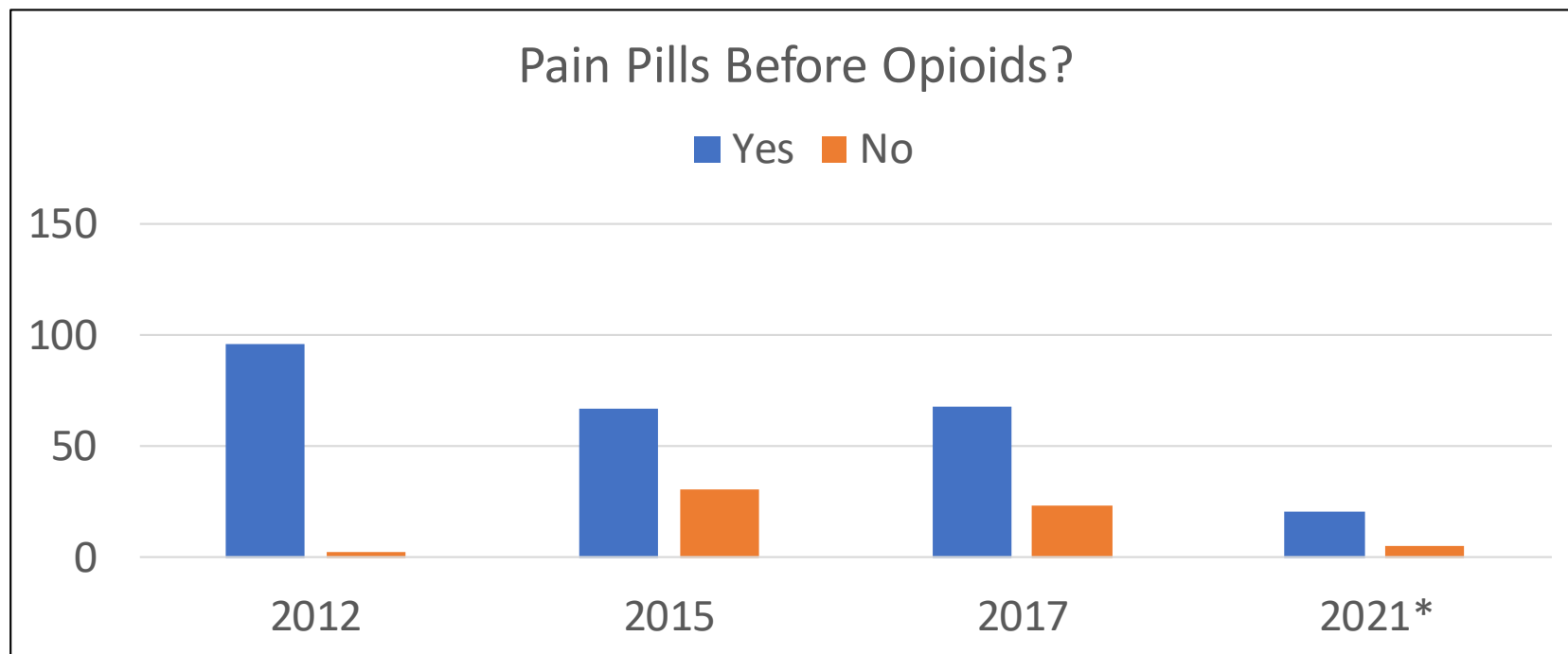
## Age at “First Use to Get High”

- Ages range from 6(!) to 58, with most people reporting ages between 10 and 23
- If prevention efforts are focused on school-aged children, would it be worthwhile to expand treatment and recovery efforts to that group as well?



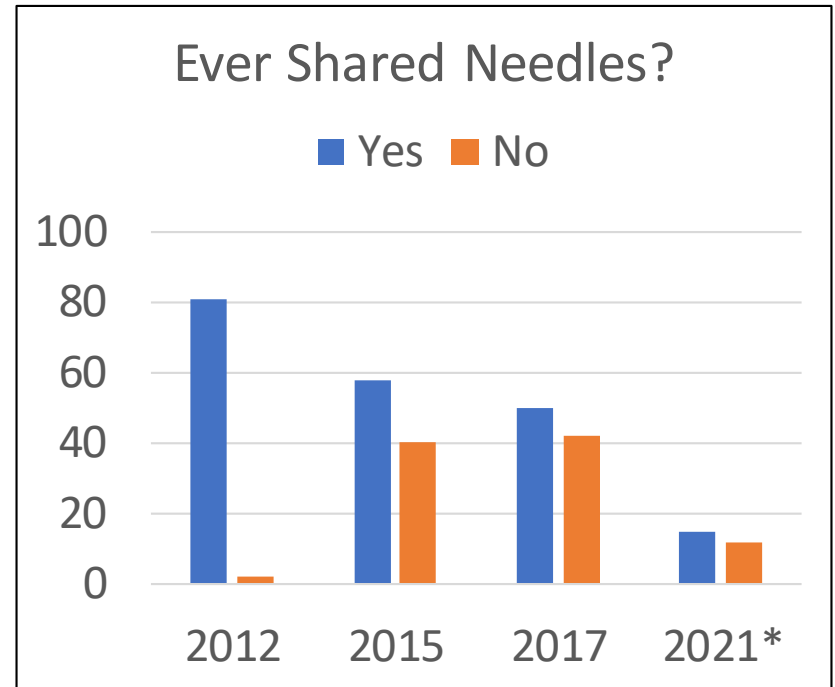
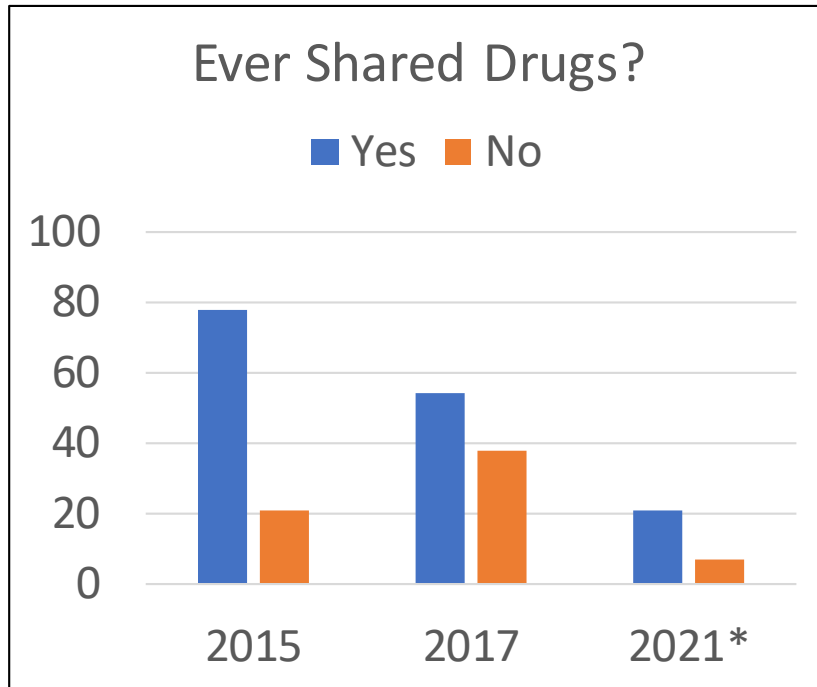
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# Using Pain Pills Before Taking Opioids



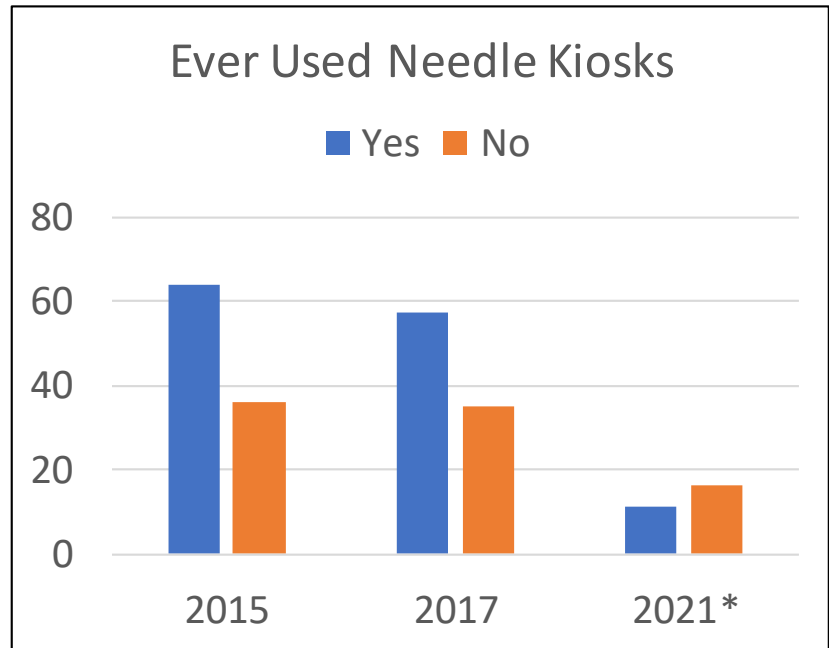
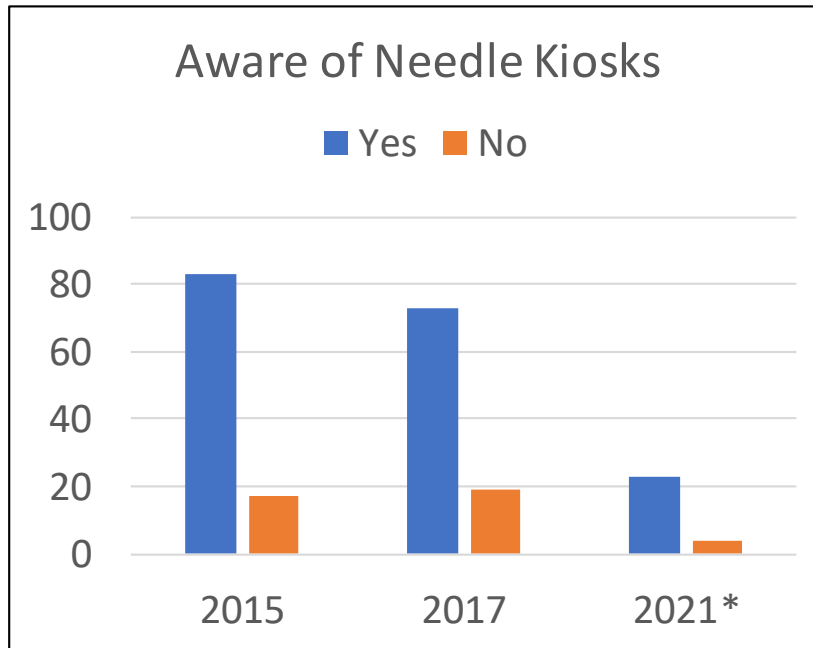
- 2012 surveys ask about pill usage and injection drug usage, but it may not be a direct “pill → injection” route.
- I-STOP was implemented in 2013-2014.
- 2021 surveys are still being collected and entered.

## Drug and Needle Sharing



- Question for “Have you ever shared your drugs?” was not collected in 2012.
- 2021 surveys are still being collected and entered.

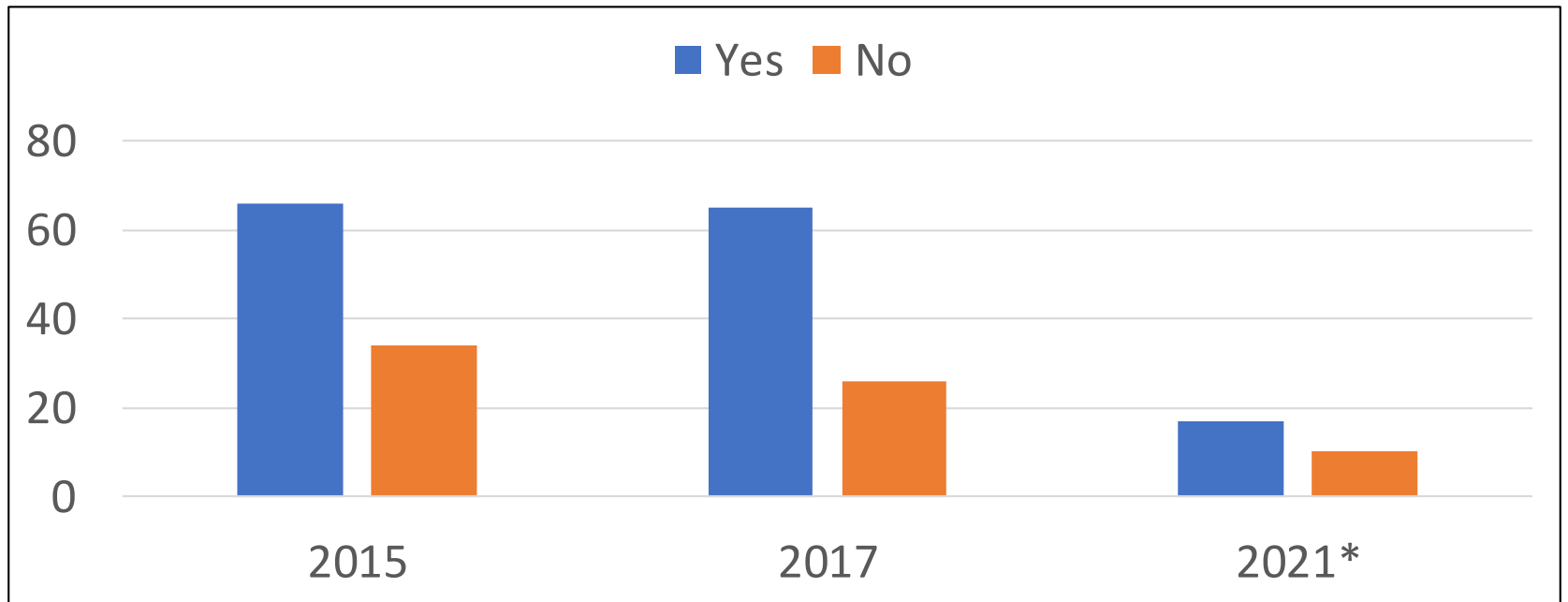
# Needle Kiosks: Awareness and Usage



- These questions were not asked in the 2012 survey.
- The survey audience is generally aware that our disposal kiosks exist, but getting them to use the kiosks may be an ongoing challenge.

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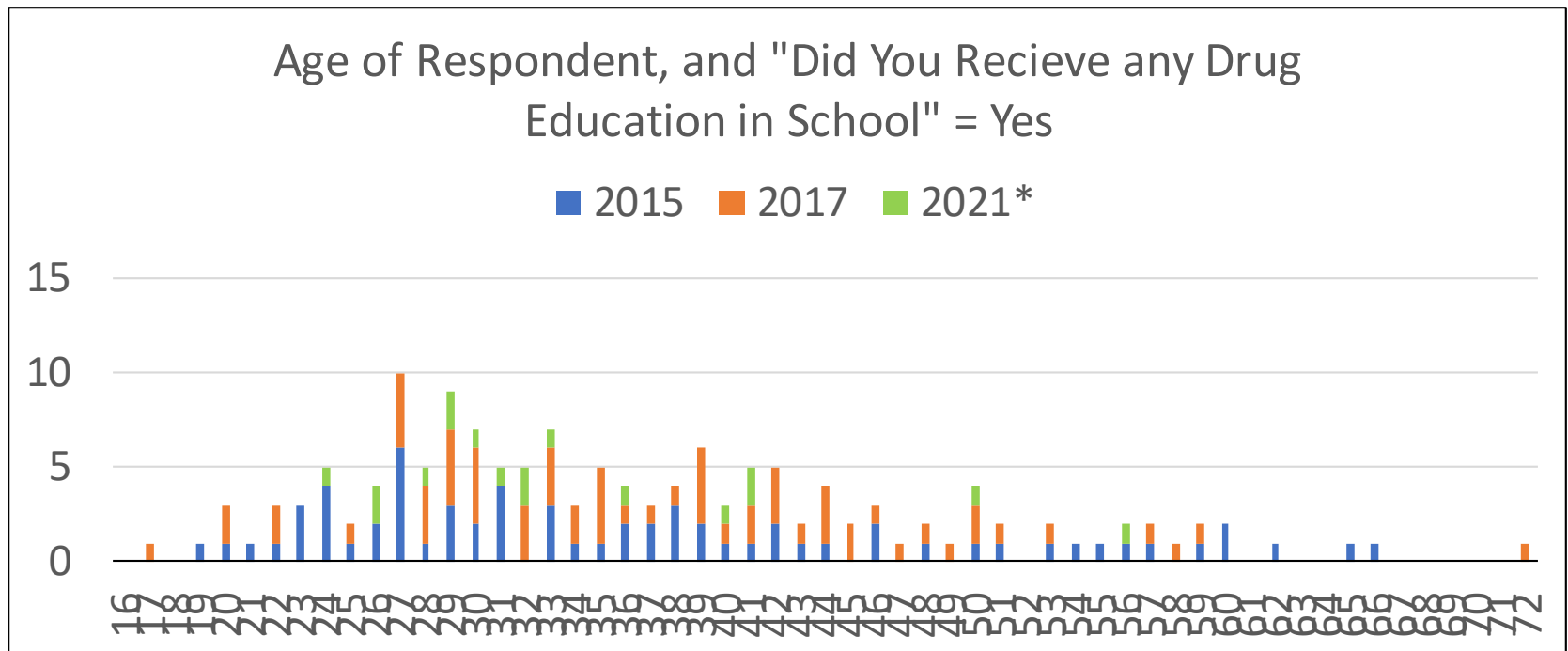
# Ever Received Drug Education in School



- Question not asked in the 2012 surveys.
- 2021 surveys still being collected and entered.

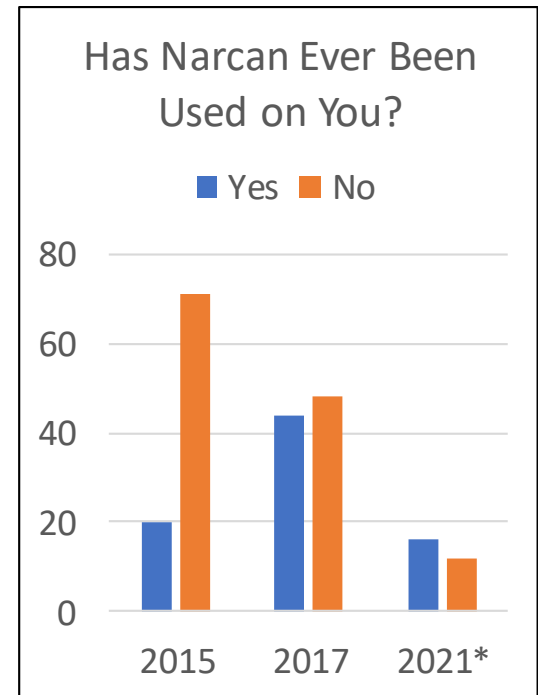
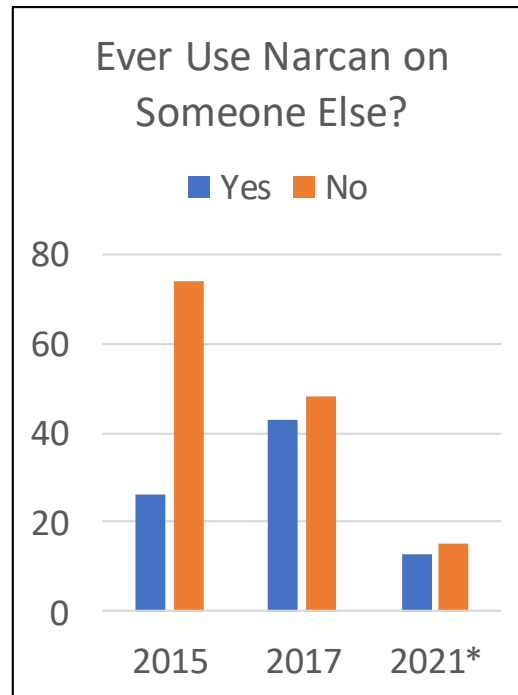
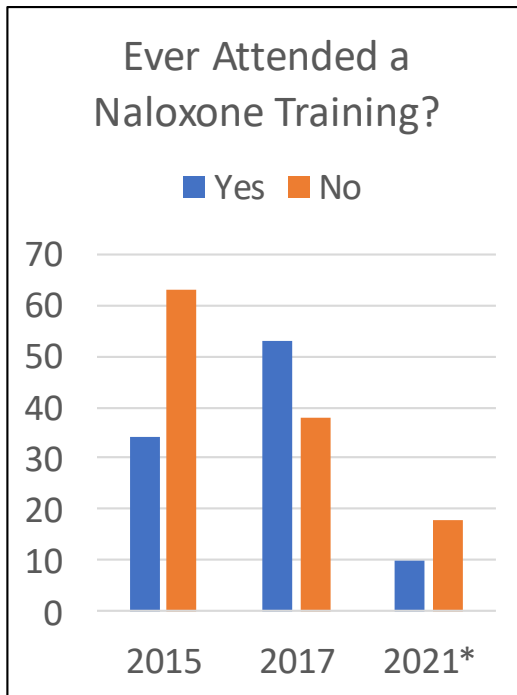


## Ever Receive Drug Education in School, by Respondent Age



- Youngest participant to say "Yes" was 17; oldest is 72.
- 2021 surveys are still being collected and entered.

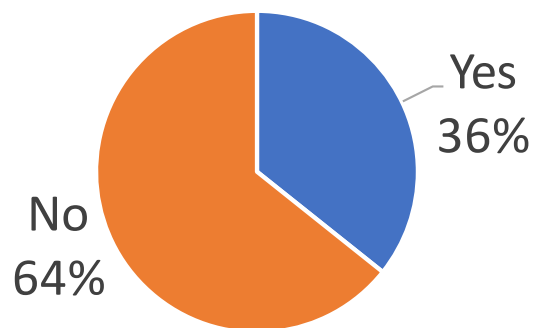
# Respondents' Experiences with Naloxone / Narcan



- These questions not collected in 2012 surveys.
- As time progresses, respondents have had more first-hand experiences with naloxone/Narcan: Using it on others, or it being used on them.
- 2021 surveys still being collected and entered.

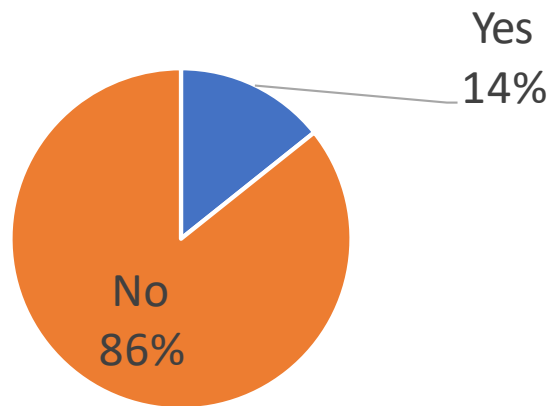
## Effects of COVID-19 Pandemic on Respondents (2021 Only)

Has COVID affected your  
access to drug  
treatment?



- These are new questions, added for the 2021 survey year.

Has COVID affected your  
substance use or who you  
use with?



\* 2021 data still being collected and entered.

# COVID 19 Response

## Narcan Outreach

- New outreach responses due to isolation, disconnection from public interactions
- Pop Up Community Events as requested by the community
- 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.





# **ERIE COUNTY OPIATE EPIDEMIC TASK FORCE**

## Family and Consumer, Support and Advocacy Section

Report: November 8, 2021

# WHO ARE WE?

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





**Allocation of funding to those in need is  
a major concern**

**We continue to ask for stabilization opportunities**



**Families continue to meet in smaller groups due to COVID**

**We know we need to do more to recognize this epidemic as a chronic disease – reduce stigma**

# OUR SHORT TERM GOALS

- Disseminate information about the disease
- Increase harm reduction information/access
- Encourage Health Professionals to offer Compassionate Care
- Change the language
- Continue to improve access to information
  - Families
  - Health care professionals
  - Treatment providers



**Stabilization and recovery are a long process, often punctuated by relapse**

**Disease management education and improvement of social supports are components of recovery**

**As well as compassionate care**

**These areas continue to be lacking**

# INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY

## AUGUST 31, 2021





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

**We are Grateful**

**Facebook: Opioid Epidemic Family Section**

**<https://www.facebook.com/groups/307727793001197>**

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





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

# WNY Response After Overdose

## WNY RESPONSE AFTER OVERDOSE PROJECT



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# Narcan trainings

- Trainings 10/2020 – 9/2021
  - 33 first responder depts
  - 380 first responders



Type	# departments trained	# people trained
Law enforcement	3	58
Fire	24	235
Other first responders	6	87
Community	8	141
Outreach/Case management		185



**WNY** Response  
After Overdose



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# Text for Narcan

- Over 1,900 kits mailed
- Sent to over 1,700 people



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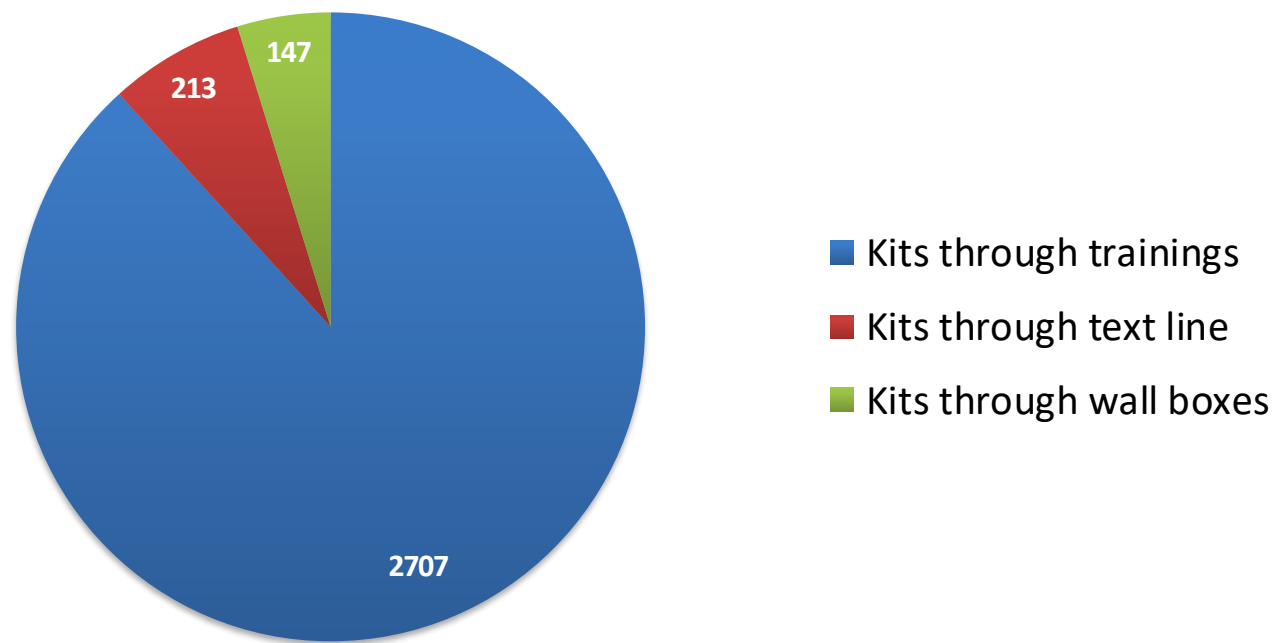
# Narcan wall boxes

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



# Narcan supplies, WNY outside Erie

10/2020 – 9/2021



3067 total kits distributed



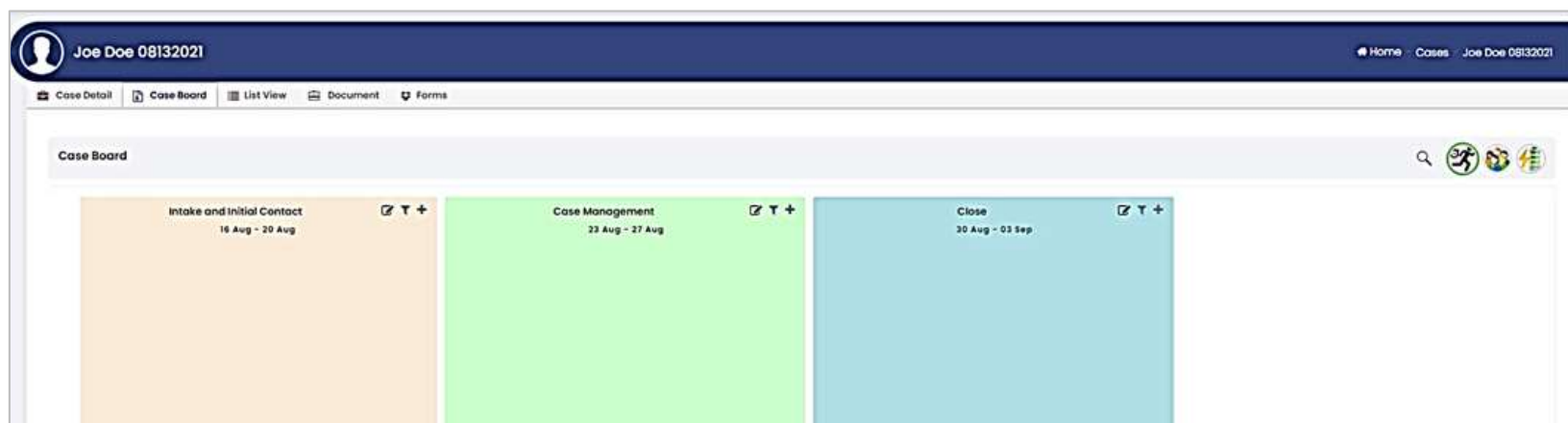
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# Peer support and connection to treatment

- Partnership with MATTERS
- Overdose reports/first responders
- Outreach/personal contacts



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# Community of Peer Enrichment (COPE)

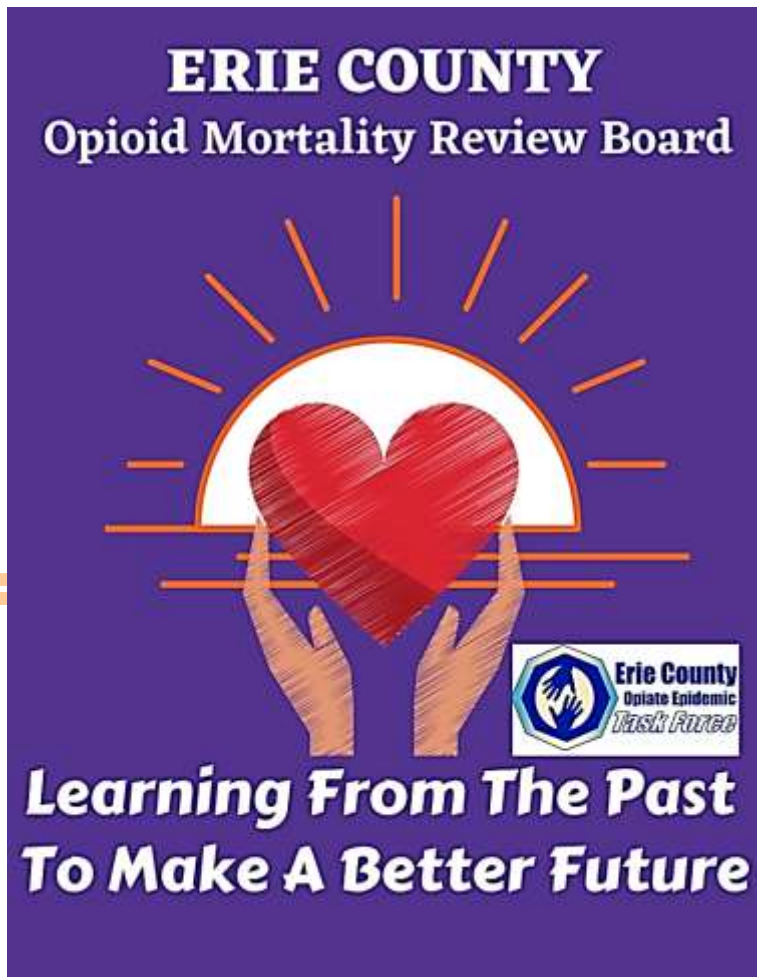
- WNY peer group
- Training and skills
- Networking and support
- Self-care



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## OMRB Update

ECOTF Meeting: November 8, 2021

# Recommendations based on these cases and actions to implement the recommendation include:

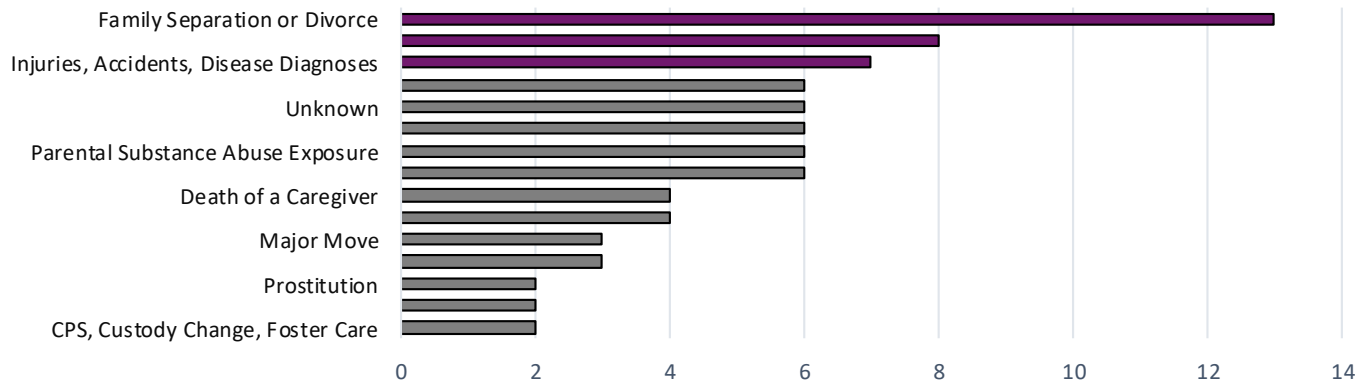
- 1) Reduce Stigma around addiction.
  - a. Widely promote the distribution of free Narcan kits and train people on their use.
  - b. Recognize substance use disorder (SUD) as a life-long chronic disease
  - c. Acknowledge Medication Assisted Therapy (MAT) as an evidence-based treatment for substance use disorder
- 2) Recognize and address Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)
  - a. Improve policies and linkages for reporting and addressing adverse childhood experiences
  - b. Create a comprehensive school-based system to recognize and intervene on ACEs by offering social service referrals, training for teachers and staff on motivational interviewing and behavioral intervention techniques, and designing and implementing a skill building curriculum for students
  - c. Reduce barriers (i.e., needing parental permission, lack of access) for children/teens to access services and supports
- 3) Improve Access to Treatment
  - a. Increase immediate access to and reduce stigma around Medication Assisted Therapy (MAT) by increasing flexibility with behavioral counseling timeframes, case load restrictions, and advocate for revision of medication restrictions at the federal level.
  - a. Expand access to mental health, substance use, and peer counseling services through workforce development and implementation of the ECHO model, and advocate for revision of reimbursement systems.
  - b. Provide MAT in jails

# Stigma Reduction Strategies

- ▶ One of the most effective ways the OMRB will engage with the community is by setting forth meetings with community stakeholders to forge collaboration with agencies.
- ▶ Community engagement is an essential component to the OMRB. It is important to bring awareness to the issue and reduce stigma around substance use disorder and its treatment.
- ▶ The community partners currently involved in stigma reduction strategies are:
  - ▶ ECDOH
  - ▶ Evergreen
  - ▶ Horizon
  - ▶ Spectrum
  - ▶ Endeavor Health
  - ▶ ECMC
  - ▶ St. Joes (Catholic Health)
  - ▶ Buffalo Matters

# Adverse Childhood Experiences (Childhood Trauma)

## Frequency of Types of Traumas Reported During Childhood and Adolescence



# Intervention Strategies for ACES

**Objective :** AWARENESS IN SCHOOL

**Data Source:** ECDOH, BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT NURSES.

**Timeline:** Ongoing – Mostly abiding by and following School Schedules

**Partners:** ECDOH, Board of Education, Police Departments, School Nurses, Pediatrician Office representative,

***Performance Measures:*** Inservice's prior to school year, holiday breaks, incorporate School Enrichment curriculum on teacher education days. Increase number of individuals trained as evidenced by signed forms, all training documentation and forms signed and updated for easy access on training websites etc. Focus on school nurses, and guidance counselors and Delegate those individuals as the trainers and teach SBIRT in the school setting.

<https://www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns/aces/index.html>

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7499813/>

(Guidance, EVB practices provided regarding ACES)

# Improve Access to Treatment in Jails

## What Types of prescriptions are we advocating for in the correctional setting?

- ▶ Buprenorphine (Suboxone) It can treat pain as well as addiction to narcotic pain relievers.
- ▶ Methadone: It can treat moderate to severe pain. It can also treat narcotic drug addiction.
- ▶ Naltrexone (Vivitrol) It can help prevent relapses into alcohol or drug abuse.

## Re Entry Planning

- ▶ Assistance with setting up primary appointment with treatment agency preferably day of release.
- ▶ Housing issues addressed
- ▶ Transportation to and from treatment agency
- ▶ Linkage with Peer from OMRB
- ▶ Social Services to set up for food, identification, SSI if applicable

**Evidence Based Fact:** Newly released prisoners having forced period of abstinence are 40 more times likely to die of an overdose within 30 days of release.

## Case Management:

- ▶ Connecting these Individuals and their families with the resources.
- ▶ Committing to collaborate with the targeted audience to retain these resources.
- ▶ Quickly identifying the individual, prescribing MAT and linkage to service
- ▶ This will significantly reduce re incarceration and overdose fatalities rates.



# The New OMRB Roles expanded

- ▶ OMRB will continue hosting Review Boards monthly Partnering with ECDOH, ME Office, HIDA, Evergreen Health services, Family advocate, Social Services, and any other group identified (Jail management, other treatment agencies, VA, Tribal Council etc.
- ▶ OMRB will facilitate peer linkage upon discharge of inpatient settings. By increasing and mounting Collaboration with Treatment agencies, discharge planners of inpatient settings, and correctional health the team
- ▶ OMRB will assist with the creation/curation of the Education and Training Modules for the school systems supporting EVB practices provided regarding ACES
- ▶ The first MAT support group will be hosted by the OMRB Peer.
- ▶ The OMRB will continue out reach support with the families.



# Erie County Probation Department

~~OPIOID TASK FORCE MEETING~~

11/08/21

# Current Status of Opioid Unit

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Currently, we have 28 probationers on the Opioid Unit Caseload

- PN Kathy has 27 probationers on the Opioid Unit caseload and 27 probationers are on other caseloads

1 probationer successfully completed their term of probation

1 probationer is doing well and we are requesting an Early Discharge for them.

1 probationer transferred to another specialty unit

1 active VOP

2 probationer at an inpatient facility

0 probationers in jail

1 Death (Not Opioid OD related)

0 Fatal/nonfatal Opioid OD

# Opioid Grant/Opioid Unit Data

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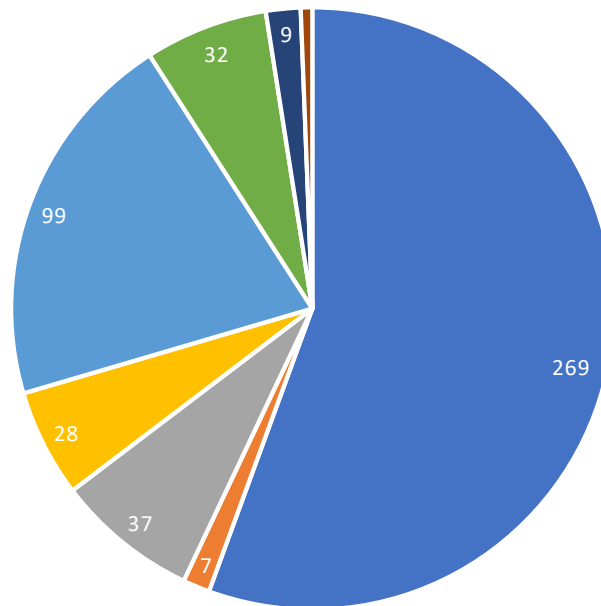


The unit saw 0 non-fatal Overdoses in last nine months. 3 people in the unit died (None appear to be Opioid Overdoses).

In the last three months the department has distributed 22 Narcan kits, bringing the total for this year to 70.

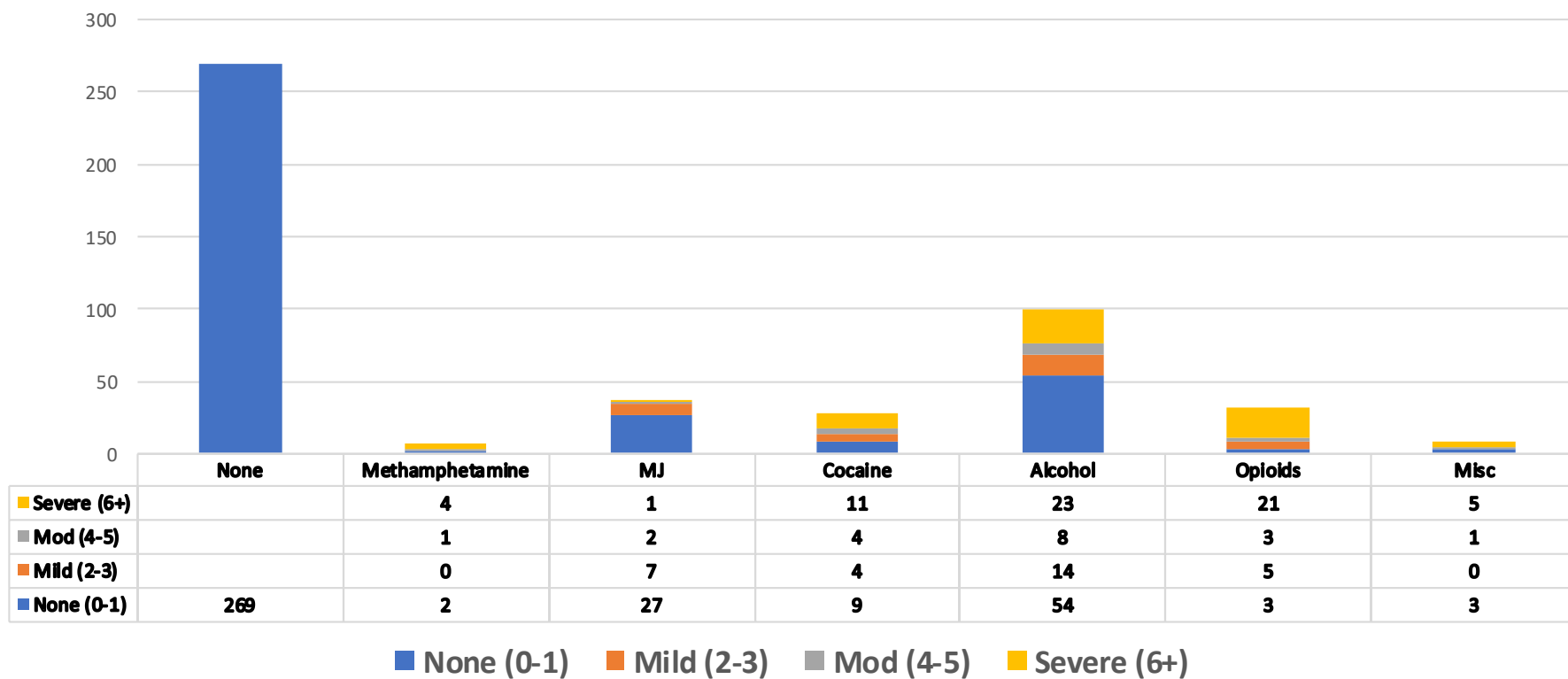
Since we began using the TCU V we have screened 2,974 individuals for possible SUD.

TCU V Drug type # Responses  
Jan - June 2021

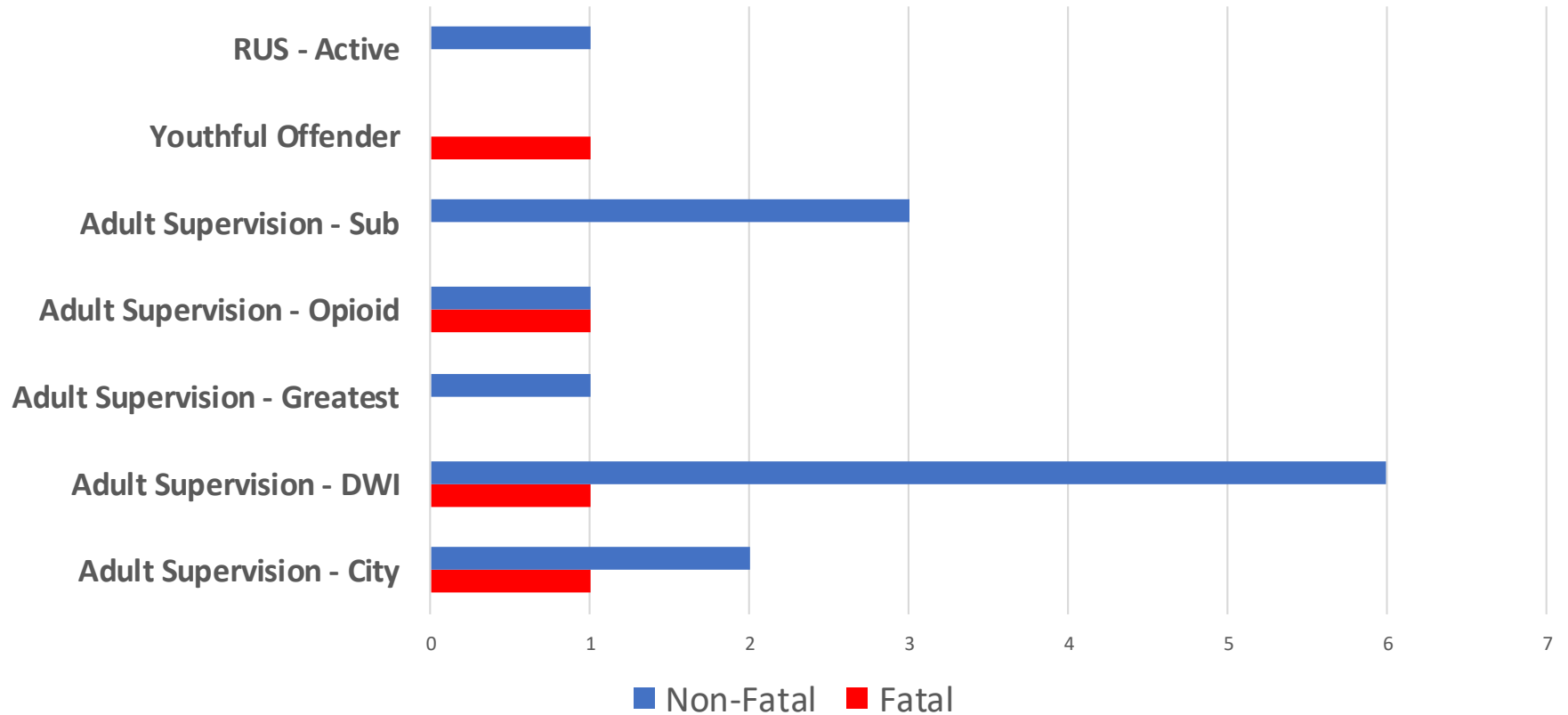


■ None ■ Methamphetamine ■ MJ ■ Cocaine ■ Alcohol ■ Opioids ■ Misc ■ Refused

## TCU V Drug type and Severity Jan - June 2021



**Jan - June 2021**  
**Type of Case with an OD**

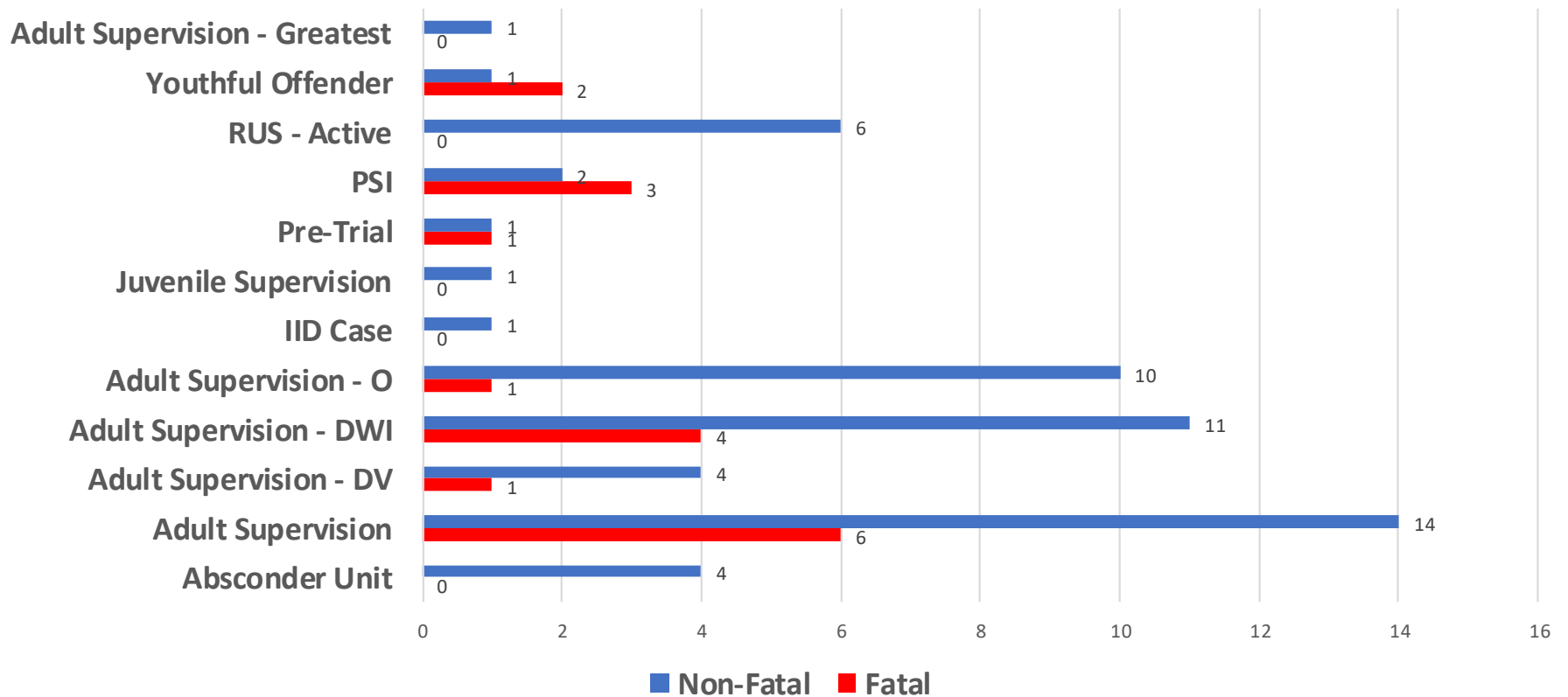




## Type of Probation Case with OD July 2019 - June 2021

Fatal = 18

Non-Fatal = 56



# Updates

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## New Grant Proposal:

- We are waiting to hear back. Hope to know by end of year at latest.

## Peer Navigator:

- We have been interviewing to fill our vacant Peer Navigator position.

# *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:

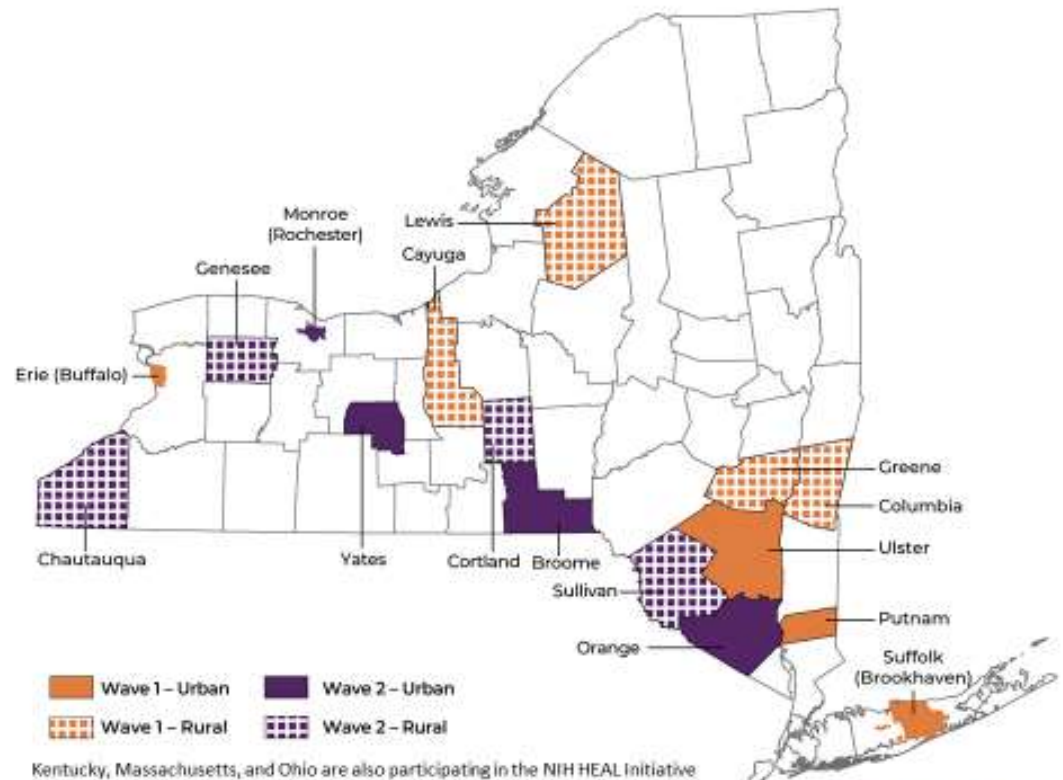


# HEALing Community Study



## 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>• Peer support, linkage and retention</li><li>• Expanding Rapid Access to MAT through telemedicine<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Law enforcement &amp; probation</li><li>• Peers</li></ul></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Family Support and education<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hard conversations video</li><li>• Narcan backpacks</li></ul></li><li>• Drug &amp; Needle Disposal Kiosks</li></ul>



# Public Dashboards



# 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:

978

Total Kits:

2,198

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

[Click Here for Opioid Information and Resources](#)

### Map Filters:

Date:

City/Town:

Zip Codes:

County:

[NaloxTrac Dashboard](#)

Opioid Overdoses in Buffalo NY Neighborhoods by Erie County Opiate Epidemic Task Force

Estimated Opioid Overdoses across Buffalo Neighborhoods  
From January 1, 2019 to October 29, 2021

Since 2019, neighborhoods in Buffalo have seen 972 opioid OEDs with the majority of them being reported in 2020 and 2021. Notable increases were seen in 2020 from April to July, with the most deaths reported in May 2020 and July 2021 so far.

Historically, most OEDs occur close to the coast and central parts of Buffalo. The dashboard first overlaid area data with year (2019 to 2021). In the first year, the French Park neighborhood was highlighted that had 10 OEDs reported in May to July 2020 (10).

Buffalo neighborhoods are also at greater risk because the most recent data from the year 2020 shows that 100% had at least one OED. From 2019 to 2021, the 100% and 100% markers occurred for French Park and the 100% in 2020.

From these OEDs, more up to 10% of all OEDs in Buffalo occur in 2020. Historically, these elevated rates were reported to the state and were in neighborhoods. You can see the most elevated OEDs are seen in the French Park and French Park neighborhoods.

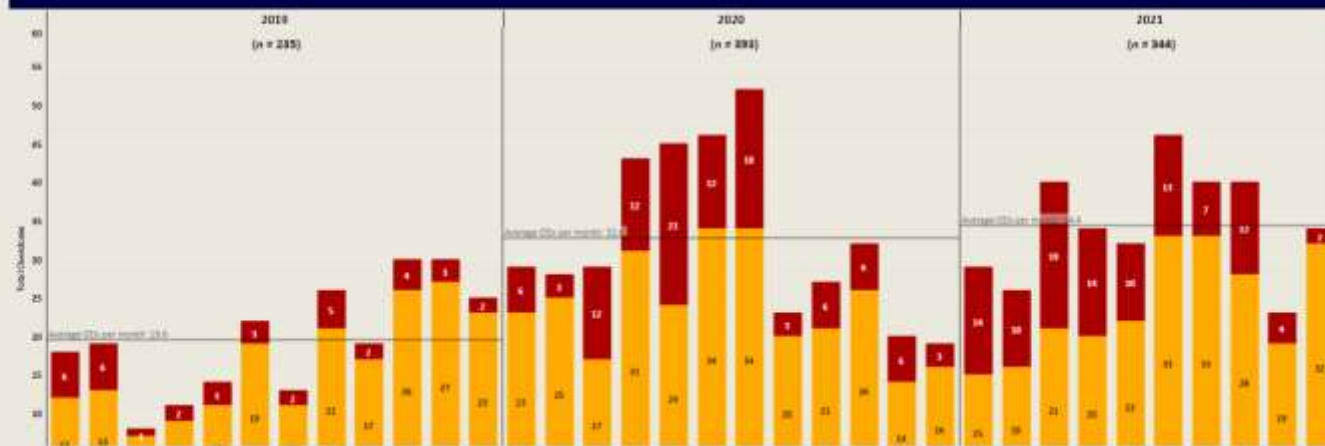
The neighborhoods that a lot of OEDs are reported are French Park and the central parts of Buffalo. The area near French Park is located in the neighborhoods of 144, French Park, Laramie, Laramie-Buena Vista, and French Park.

Most OEDs occur, mostly seen in the French Park area. Over time, elevated rates have occurred around central area. This area, most OEDs have been seen in the French Park and French Park so far.

Estimated Total Overdoses in Buffalo Neighborhoods (N = 972)  
From January 1, 2019 to October 29, 2021

**How to Use:**  
The estimated total of 972 OEDs and 100% markers across Buffalo neighborhoods from January 1, 2019 to October 29, 2021 is shown. Each bar represents a month in each specified year. Each year's average is calculated and displayed as a horizontal line across each year.

**Overdose Status**  
Fatal  
Non-Fatal



Buffalo Neighborhood Dashboard

# Narcan Materials



## Text for Narcan Window Decal



# Thank You

**Next Meeting**  
**Monday February 7, 2022**  
**10am – 12 noon**

International Overdose Awareness Day 2021 Video Link

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/1NQetwEAnRc4qrM7A>