

Erie County Opiate Epidemic Task Force Webex Quarterly Meeting 08.01.2022 Agenda

- 1. Sign on (9:50 10)
- Welcome, housekeeping, introduction of agenda (10 am 10:05)
- Introduction of Erie County Opioid Settlement Resolution Brian Bray (10:05 10:35)
- Workgroup report out 5 10 minutes each (10:35 11:40)
 - a. Providers Dr. Burstein (10:35 10:45)
 - b. Community Education and Prevention Barb Burns (10:45 10:55)
 - Treatment Providers John Grieco, Jen Seib (10:55 11:10)
 - REAP (Jen Seib will include jail updates in previous brief on behalf of Thomas Diina, Chief of Community Reintegration, ECSO)
 - e. Hospitals and Emergency Departments Dr. Lynch (11:10 11:20)
 - f. Harm Reduction (Formerly Naloxone Distribution) Cheryll Moore DHHS SAMHSA award with NYSDOH 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); 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); 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; Opioid Mortality Review Board (Kelly Sipolo, RN, Coordinator) (11:20 11:35)
 - g. Family and Consumers Deb Smith (11:35 11:40)
- 5. Updates (11:40 11:45)
 - a. COAP funding Category 3 Probation Opioid unit Anita Robillard
 - New DHHS SAMHSA FR Cara award to start 9.30.22 Erie County Specific first responder training and Narcan supply grant, linkage to MATTERS, virtual appointments
- 6. Response to questions in the Chat, (11:45 12noon)

Thank you! - next meeting: Monday, November 7, 2022



Opioid Settlement Fund Plan

AUGUST 1, 2022

Background – The Opioid Epidemic

- Irresponsible practices by the pharmaceutical industry resulted in significant deaths and incalculable harm to families across Erie County.
- Between 2012 and 2021, more than 2,000 Erie County residents died from an opioid-related overdose.
- ► Erie County's response is still considered a model for other communities battling in the Opioid Epidemic.
- Unfortunately, after 3 years of declining deaths and overdoses, deaths increased during 2020 and 2021.

Background - Filing of the Lawsuit

- In February, 2017, Erie County was one of the first counties in the United States to file a lawsuit against pharmaceutical companies and distributors for the harm they caused by creating the opioid epidemic.
- A national settlement of all lawsuits was recently entered into by most of the major pharmaceutical companies and distributors.
- As a result of the settlement of the lawsuit, Erie County is scheduled to receive a total of \$63,235,507.34 by 2038.
- ► That figure does <u>not</u> include the settlement from Purdue Pharma, the maker of OxyContin, who reached a deal in March with a group of attorneys general to pay up to \$6 billion in cash nationwide. We hope to learn more about the details of that settlement soon.

Settlement Fund Cheat Sheet

- ► Total Settlement Funds: \$63,235,507
- ► Total Received in 2022: \$19,209,475
- ► Total Received in 2023-2038: \$44,026,033
- ► Total Restricted in 2022: \$14,272,407
- Total Restricted in 2023-2038: \$22,013,016

Allowable uses for restricted funds

Treatment

- Treat opioid use disorder
- Support people in treatment and recovery
- Connections to care
- Address the needs of criminal-justice involved persons
- Address the needs of pregnant or parenting women and their families

Prevention

- Prevent over-prescribing and ensure appropriate prescribing and dispensing of opioids
- Prevent misuse of opioids
- Prevent overdose deaths and other harms

Other Strategies

- First Responders
- Leadership, Planning and Coordination
- Training
- Research
- Post-Mortem

2022 Opioid Settlement Funds

	2022 County Direct		2022 Attorney General	
	Restricted	Unrestricted	Restricted	Unrestricted
Big 3 Distributors: Cardinal Health, AmerisourceBergen, McKesson	\$3,094,297.65	\$661,597.42	\$1,317,786.06	\$661,597.41
Endo			\$975,533.80	
Janssen	\$3,395,508.65	\$921,394.31	\$1,294,077.07	\$1,294,077.07
Allergan	\$2,796,803.00		\$1,398,401.20	\$1,398,401.20
Totals	\$9,286,609.30	\$1,582,991.73	\$4,985,798.13	\$3,354,075.68

2022 Total: \$19,209,474.84

2023-38 Opioid Settlement Funds

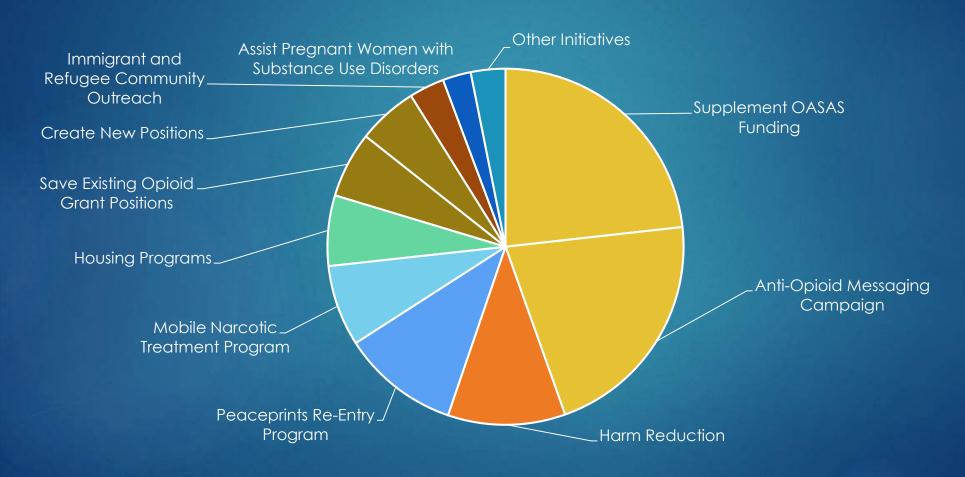
	2023-2038 County Direct		2023-2038 AG	
	Restricted	Combined	Restricted	Combined
Big 3 Distributors: Cardinal Health, AmerisourceBergen, McKesson	\$7,551,186.95	\$7,551,186.95	\$10,138,167.67	\$10,138,167.67
Janssen	\$1,735,507.50	\$1,735,507.50	\$2,588,154.14	\$2,588,154.14
Totals	\$9,286,694.45	\$9,286,694.45	\$12,726,321.81	\$12,726,321.81

2023-2038 Total: \$44,026,032.52

Resolution – Use of Settlement Funds Overview

- Total Received in 2022: \$19,209,475
- Total Restricted in 2022: \$14,272,407
- Resolution Total Cost in 2022: \$10,686,862
- Amount Designated on Specific Initiatives in Resolution: \$4,686,862
- Why doesn't the resolution spend the full \$14,272,407 in restricted funds or the \$19,209,475 in total received?
 - The amount we receive in future years is less than we are receiving 2022, and some initiatives will have re-occurring costs.
 - ▶ The harms of the epidemic do not have quick fixes and some new initiatives will need to be sustained to be effective.
 - Maintain flexibility in the future for dealing with the opioid crisis.

2022 Specific Initiative Breakdown (\$4,686,862)



Positions for opioid-related grants that are ending

- Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Use Program (ECDOH)
 - Peer Navigator (JG-3)
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- County Hub and Spoke Empowerment (ECDOH)
 - Project Coordinator Substance use Disorder (JG-11)
 - Data Entry Operator (JG-4)
- Naloxone Expansion and Emergency Department Care Coordination (ECDOH)
 - Project Coordinator-Substance Use Disorder (JG-11)
 - Peer Navigator-Substance Use Disorder (JG-3)

Positions for opioid-related grants that are ending (continued)

- Opioid Response Initiative (Probation)
 - Probation Officer (JG-11)
 - Peer Navigator (JG-3)
 - Peer Navigator (JG-3)

New County positions to be funded by settlement

Health

- ▶ Family Services Coordinator (JG-10): Position will coordinate activities of Family and Consumer Advocacy group. Current model is run by a retired parent volunteer. This will bring a neutral party to coordinate group, activities and advocacy.
- ▶ **Peer Navigator** (JG-3): Position will provide outreach and interim services to individuals with a substance use disorder and their families.
- ▶ Data Analyst (JG-12): Position will perform data analytics that was previously done by UB. Erie County will produce a dashboard on its website for real-time, public dissemination of substance use data trends and responses.
- ▶ Chief Account Clerk (JG-7): This position is needed to administer the funding requirements of the settlement funds (e.g., contracts, purchases, etc.).

New County positions to be funded by settlement (cont.)

Social Services

- ► Counsel Social Services (JG-14): This position will handle the cases in Family Treatment Court where children, parents and families involved in the child welfare system due to parental substance use as a contributing factor to child abuse or neglect.
- ▶ **Employment Counselor** (JG-9): This position will be part of the Multi-Abuse Assessment Team that helps individuals with substance abuse disorders gain employment and meet work requirements.
- ▶ Caseworker (JG-9): This position will be part of the Multi-Abuse Assessment Team and will be assigned to improve work readiness and soft-skills; promote compliance with personal decisions about medications, personal appearance, missed appointments with health and mental health practitioners, or other life challenging factors.
- Community Resource Technician (JG-6): This position will be part of the Multi-Abuse Assessment Team and will be assigned to build community partnerships that will foster collaboration with employers, not for profit organizations, etc. that will improve the individuals social determinates of health and opportunity for sustained employment.

New County positions to be funded by settlement (cont.)

Probation

Peer Navigator (Two Positions) (JG-3): Positions will provide outreach and interim services to at risk probationers and their families. The goal is to increase individuals ability to avoid overdose and/or death, access and remain connected to care and support services.

Position Totals

- ▶ Total Positions funded by the settlement: 19
 - Saved Positions: 9
 - ▶ New Positions: 10
- **2022 Cost: \$503,075.60**
- ► Annualized Cost: \$995,483

New Strategies

- Supplement OASAS Funding
- Anti-Opioid Media Campaign
- Harm Reduction
- PeacePrints Re-Entry Program
- Mobile Narcotic Treatment Programs
- Expansion of Housing Programs for Individuals with Substance Use Disorders
- Immigrant and Refugee Community Engagement
- Assist Pregnant Women with Substance Use Disorders
- Open Request-for-Proposal

Supplement OASAS Funding (1)

- ▶ **Department Administering Funds:** Department of Mental Health
- Explanation: NYS Office of Addiction Services and Supports provides significant funding to many local substance use disorder service providers. However, these agencies have not been able to afford the increasing wages needed to attract and retain workers in this job market. This resolution would provide a 10% supplement (or \$20,000, whichever is more) to Erie County substance use disorder service providers who receive OASAS funding so that they can afford to increase employee wages.
- ▶ Initial Cost: \$1,088,786
- Duration: Five-Year Commitment
- Request to waive Section 26.08 of the Erie County Administrative Code.

Supplement OASAS Funding (2)

AGENCY	AMOUNT
BestSelf Behavior Health	\$ 388,007
Cazenovia Recovery Systems, Inc.	\$ 202,067
EPIC - Every Person Influences Children	\$ 20,000
Mid-Erie Counseling and Treatment Services	\$ 20,000
Native American Community Services	\$ 20,000
The Prevention Council of Erie County, Inc.	\$ 77,502
Preventionfocus, Inc.	\$ 67,725
Renaissance Addiction Services, Inc.	\$ 57,049
Restoration Society, Inc.	\$ 26,469
Save the Michaels of the World	\$ 55,258
WNY Independent Living Project, Inc.	\$ 26,647
WNY United Against Drug & Alcohol Abuse, Inc.	\$ 108,062
West Side Community Services	\$ 20,000

Anti-Opioid Messaging Campaign

- Department Administering Funds: Department of Health
- **Explanation:** ECDOH will conduct a multi-year media campaign to tell the stories of people whose lives were impacted by opioids. The goals of the campaign are to increase awareness that prescription opioids can be addictive and dangerous, to reinforce that help is available for those suffering from an opioid use disorder, and to encourage those struggling with prescription opioids to visit the campaign website to locate help and resources.
- ► Initial Cost: \$1,000,000
- Duration: One-Time Cost
- Professional services contract requires legislative approval.

Harm Reduction

- Department Administering Funds: Department of Health and Office of Sheriff
 Correctional Health
- ▶ **Explanation:** Harm reduction is a set of practical strategies and ideas aimed at reducing negative consequences associated with substance use. The Health Department and Office of the Sheriff Correctional Health will purchase and distribute Narcan and other harm reduction supplies to released prisoners, individuals with a substance use disorder, and the greater community.
- ▶ Initial Cost: \$500,000
- Duration: Indeterminate length of time. Funding will change based on need.
- Medical supplies would be purchased through Division of Purchasing to Lowest Responsible Bidder.

Harm Reduction (continued)

Department	Account Name	Description	Amount
Correctional Health	Medical and Health Supplies	Harm Reduction Supplies for Released Prisoners	\$150,000
Health	Medical and Health Supplies	Narcan purchase at MMCAP rate	\$250,000
Health	Medical and Health Supplies	Other Harm Reduction Supplies (HIV, HEP C Rapid test kits, syringes, alcohol wipes, etc.)	\$100,000

Peaceprints Re-Entry Program

- Department Administering Funds: Department of Health
- Explanation: Peaceprints of WNY has a comprehensive pre and post release reentry program that could be expanded with sufficient funding. The cost for the program is \$2,500 per person, with 200 persons expected to be part of the program.
- Initial Cost: \$500,000
- Duration: Indeterminate length of time. Funding will change based on need.
- Request to waive Section 26.08 of the Erie County Administrative Code.

Mobile Narcotic Treatment Programs

- Department Administering Funds: Department of Mental Health
- ▶ **Explanation:** Two agencies (BestSelf Behavior Health and Promesa Inc.) have plans to create Mobile Narcotic Treatment Programs but need funds for start-up costs. BestSelf Behavioral Health has secured funding for a vehicle, but needs start-up funds to launch the service. Promesa needs funds for both the vehicle and the start-up costs.
- Initial Cost: \$345,000 (BestSelf Behavioral Health: \$120,000; and Promesa Inc: \$225,000)
- Duration: One-Time Cost
- Request to waive Section 26.08 of the Erie County Administrative Code.

Housing Programs for Individuals with Substance Use Disorders

- Department Administering Funds: Department of Health
- **Explanation:** Erie County will contract with two agencies, Rebecca Rose Recovery House of WNY (\$200,000) and Group Ministries (\$100,000), to expand their programs for individuals with substance use disorders.
- ▶ Initial Cost: \$300,000
- Duration: One-Time Cost
- Request to waive Section 26.08 of the Erie County Administrative Code.

Immigrant and Refugee Community Engagement

- Department Administering Funds: Department of Health
- Explanation: ECDOH will contract with the four resettlement agencies (Catholic Charities, International Institute, Jewish Family Services, and Journey's End) and Jericho Road Community Health Center to provide training to members of immigrant and refugee communities. These communities tend to be unfamiliar with the substance use signs and treatment options available.
- ▶ Initial Cost: \$150,000
- Duration: One-Time Cost
- Request to waive Section 26.08 of the Erie County Administrative Code.

Assist Pregnant Women with Substance Use Disorders

- Department Administering Funds: Department of Health
- Explanation: ECDOH will contract with Positive Direction & Associates to assist women with a substance use disorder. They will provide Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) training to local Obstetrician-Gynecologists, and case management for women identified with substance use disorders.
- ▶ Initial Cost: \$120,000
- **Duration:** Indeterminate length of time. Funding will change based on need. Out-years should not total more than \$100,000.
- Request to waive Section 26.08 of the Erie County Administrative Code.

Additional Initiatives

- Training for pharmacists and health care providers on substance use disorder. (\$30,000)
- Telehealth unit for Live Well Erie Mobile Services Unit (\$25,000)
- Training for private sector employers on their role and responsibilities when they have an employee with substance use disorder. (\$20,000)
- Supplies for drug disposal program (\$20,000)

Open Request-for-Proposal

- ► The Opioid Epidemic Task Force will issue a request-for-proposal to fund initiatives totaling \$6 million to solicit proposals on ways to address this public health crisis.
- ► The Task Force began in 2016 as a result of an Executive Order to coordinate a community-wide response to the crisis.
- The Task Force will review proposals and provide recommendations on how to allocate these resources to stop the epidemic.
- Future contracts would require legislative approval.

Questions?





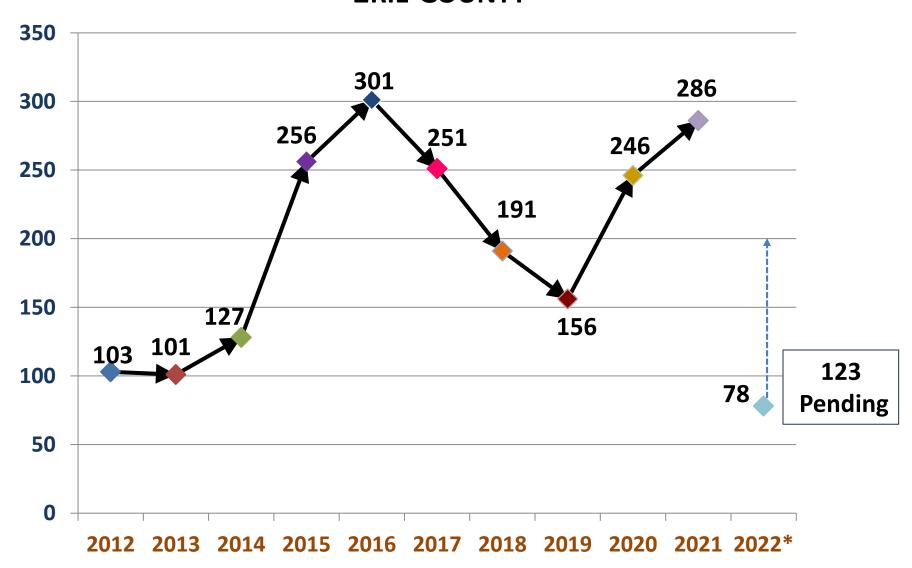
ERIE COUNTY OPIOID OVERDOSE DATA

HEALTH CARE PROVIDER EDUCATION AND POLICY REFORM ACTIVITIES UPDATE

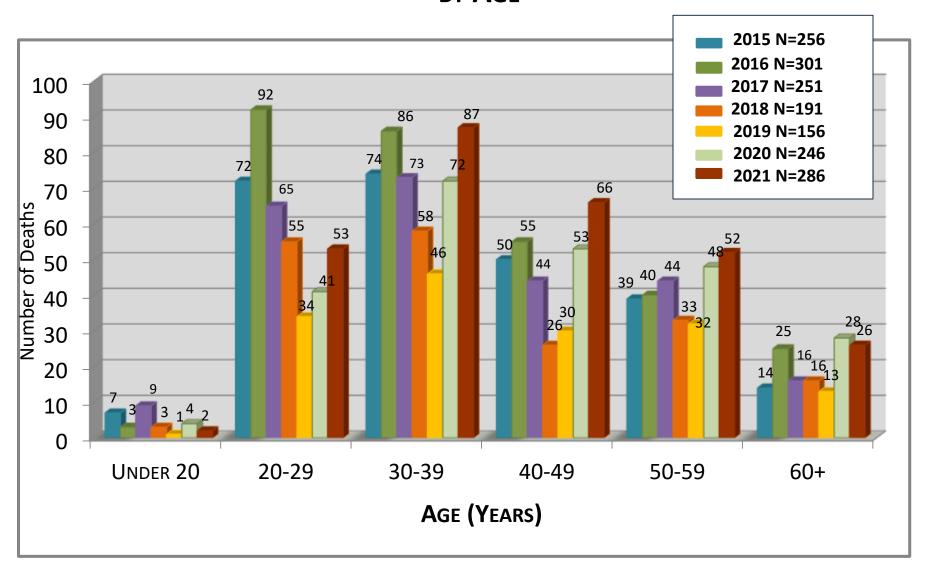


OPIOID RELATED DEATHS ERIE COUNTY

2012 – 2022* OPIOID RELATED DEATHS ERIE COUNTY



2015 – 2021 ERIE COUNTY OPIOID RELATED DEATHS BY AGE



Erie County Census Estimate		Erie County Opioid Overdoses			
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Hispanic	6%	7%	8%	10%	9%
Gender					
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2016 - 2021 PERCENT OF ERIE COUNTY

OPIOID RELATED DEATHS

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

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

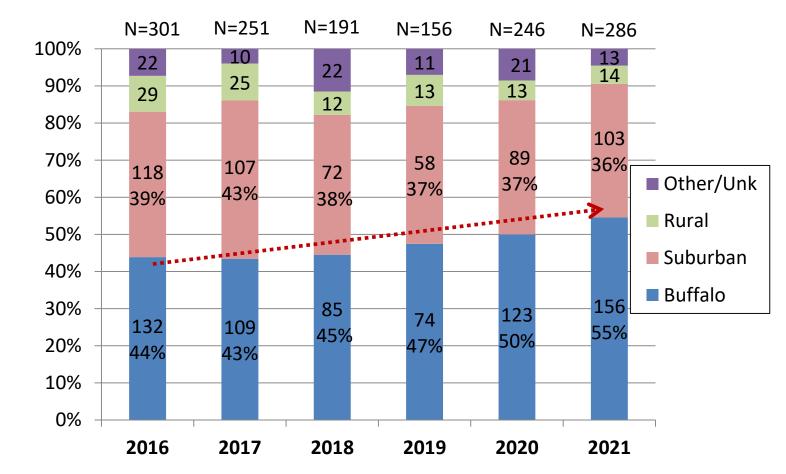
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MARILLA

NEWSTEAD

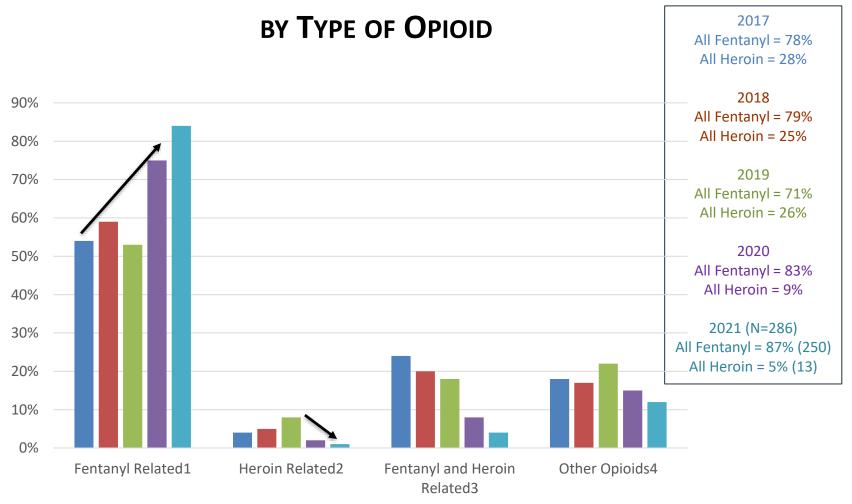
NORTH COLLINS

SARDINIA



Source: Erie County Medical Examiners Office

2017 - 2021 PERCENT OF ERIE COUNTY OPIOID RELATED DEATHS



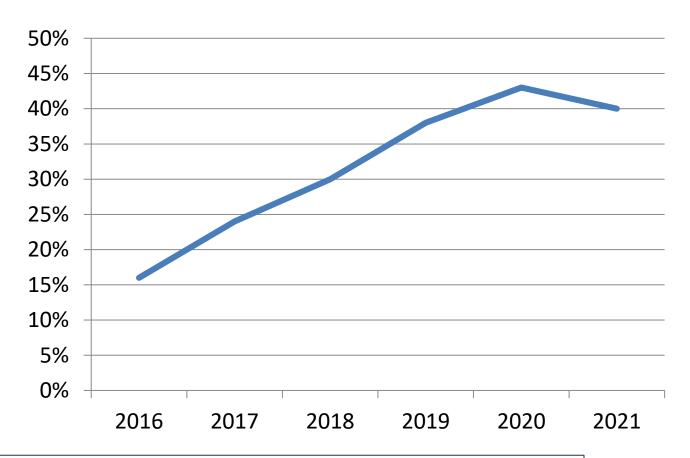
¹ No Heroin; possible other drugs involved

² No Fentanyl; possible other drugs involved

³ Possible other drugs involved

⁴ NO FENTANYL OR HEROIN; POSSIBLE OTHER DRUGS INVOLVED

2016 – 2021 PERCENT OF ERIE COUNTY OPIOID RELATED DEATHS ASSOCIATED WITH FENTANYL¹ AND COCAINE



2020: 48% (118/246) of opioid related deaths involved cocaine 2021: 44% (125/286) of opioid related deaths involved cocaine

Source: Erie County Medical Examiners Office

¹Includes all Fentanyl related deaths.

HEALTH CARE PROVIDER EDUCATION AND POLICY REFORM ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Changing acute pain management prescribing practices

- Reviewing opioid prescribing data by provider type and office
- Reviewing acute pain management strategies and prescribing standards
- Planning academic detailing initiative

Expanding PCP Buprenorphine prescribing

- Experienced community PCPs working with other community providers to mentor buprenorphine prescribing
- Considering how to expand these efforts
 - Address reimbursement barriers
 - Increase nursing and administrative support

Recommended Terminology for SUDs in Care of Children, Adolescents, Young Adults, and Families

- US government and major scientific and journalism organizations issued statements guiding use of appropriate language in the discussion of substance use and SUDs:
 - American Academy of Pediatrics
 - American Society of Addiction Medicine
 - Association for Multidisciplinary Education and Research in Substance Use and Addiction
 - American Medical Association
 - International Society for Addiction Journal Editors
 - The White House
 - National Institutes of Health
 - Associated Press
 - Columbia Journalism Review
 - National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine

Recommended Terminology for Substance Use Disorders in the Care of Children, Adolescents, Young Adults, and Families FREE

Rachel H. Alinsky, MD, MPH, FAAP; Scott E. Hadland, MD, MPH, MS, FAAP; Joanna Quigley, MD, FAAP; Stephen W. Patrick, MD, MPH, MS, FAAP; COMMITTEE ON SUBSTANCE USE AND PREVENTION

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https://doi.org/10.1542/peds.2022-057529

- Substance use historically viewed as moral failing for which individuals themselves are to blame
- Victim blaming
 - Judging people who use substances, particularly individuals of color
 - Decades of legislation targeting communities of color with a carceral response to substance use, such as War on Drugs
- Addiction is chronic illness that has the potential for recurrence similar to other medical conditions
 - NOT a moral failing!!

AAP recommendations: Words matter

- Use medically accurate terminology as opposed to stigmatizing jargon
 - Drug test results clean/dirty
 - Implies is person dirty? Moral judgement
 - Urine tox was neg/pos medical accurate rather than apply "good or bad" terms
 - Getting high fails to recognize that person using just to feel normal
 - Try to be accurate about the situation
- Use correct terminology for SUD treatment
 - Current terminology for medical treatment of opioid use disorder is Medication Assisted Treatment
 - Most accurate to refer to medication as treatment rather than to "assisting" other treatment or being used as "substitution" or "replacement" therapy
 - Use: Treatment, pharmacotherapy, Medication for addiction treatment (MAT)
 Medication for opioid use disorder (MOUD)

Use "person-first" language

- Use "person-first" language that recognizes patient as a person and not define them as their medical condition, i.e., substance use
 - Person who uses substances
 - 0 #1: patient is a person/#2 patient uses substances
- Use terms: Person with a substance use disorder, Person who uses xxx [opioid, cocaine, alcohol, etc]
- Do NOT use terms: drug abuser, addict, junkie, druggie, stoner, alcoholic, drunk
- Special circumstance for talking to new parents about infants
 - Problematic stigmatizing language used to describe infants who are born substance-exposed
 - Referred to as "born addicted"
 - Medically accurate terminology for infants who have withdrawal after birth is neonatal withdrawal
 - Infants cannot display behavioral patterns necessary to be classified as "addicted" to drugs
 - Experiencing physiologic dependence or withdrawal
 - Syndromes Neonatal Opioid Withdrawal Syndrome (NOWS)

WORDS MATTER

Terms to use, terms to avoid and why

Adapted from: Words Matter, National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)

Talking About Yourself or Others with Substance

Use Disorder USE use disorder alcohol use screen) remission

INSTEAD OF Addict

User

Junkie

abuser

Alcoholic

· Former addict

· Reformed addict

· Failing a drug test

Drunk

· Clean

- · Person with a substance use disorder
 - Person with opioid use . Substance or drug disorder (OUD) - Person with alcohol
- · Person who misuses alcohol / has unhealthy
- · Person in recovery - Person who previously used drugs
- · Testing positive (on a drug
- · Being in recovery or
 - Not drinking or taking drugs, except as medically ordered
- · Newborn exposed to substances
 - Baby with neonatal abstinence syndrome
- · Addicted baby
- → Using person-first language shows that SUD is an illness and the person with SUD "has" an illness, rather than "is" the problem/illness
- → The terms avoid negative associations, punitive attitudes, and individual blame
- → Use medically accurate terminology as we would for other medical conditions
- → Using stigmatizing language may decrease a person's sense of hope and self-efficacy for change

Talking About Using Substances

USE INSTEAD OF Substance use disorder Habit (SUD) Addiction Opioid use disorder (OUD) Alcohol use disorder Use Abuse · Overuse (for prescription medications)

- → "Habit" implies that a person is choosing to use substances or can choose to stop, this is inaccurate
- → Describing SUD as a habit makes the illness seem less serious than it is
- -> The term "abuse" was found to have a high association with negative judgments and punishment

Talking About Treatment

USE

Medication assisted treatment (MAT)

- for OUD
- Medication for a SUD

INSTEAD OF

- · Opioid substitution
- · Replacement therapy
- Medication treatment . Substituting one drug for another
- -> It is a misconception that medications merely "substitute" one drug or "one addiction" for another, it is replacing missing chemicals in the body







Comments and Questions







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.

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!

Increase access to SUD Housing

Facilitator: John Grieco, john.grieco@erie.gov

Next meeting via WebEx October 24th at 1:00.

Recent Updates:

- Community projects discussed at the last quarterly meeting continue to be in in process and we will provide additional updates as progress warrants.
- Two recent increases in SUD bed availability:
 - BestSelf Behavioral Health indicated that they have recently begun to accept individuals into their Mt. Aaron Project with 18 units of SUD Housing.
 - Evergreen Health Services has begun to accept individuals into their 12 transitional Supported Housing beds. This is funded by the Erie County Department of Mental Health.

Training and Education

Facilitator: Julianna Everdyke, Julianna.Everdyke@erie.gov

We have determined **two primary areas of focus:**

- Develop and disperse resources, education, and support avenues to communities.
- Engage providers to include families in treatment planning

Harm reduction training was provided as part of the ECMDH monthly WebEx training series.

Some of the tasks that are in the works:

- Evergreen Health are starting a monthly community education forum starting at the end of August (this was in the works prior to the start of these meetings).
- Creating outreach material (fact and resource sheets, bathroom pull tabs, palm cards)
- Master resource guide of harm reduction support and education options

Training and Education

Facilitator: Julianna Everdyke, <u>Julianna.Everdyke@erie.gov</u>

In the works (cont.):

- Specific attention to the 40-60 age group data showing more overdoses recently
- List of "asks" for providers about engagement of family members
- Normalizing/de-stigmatizing having Narcan in first aid kits and harm reduction practices overall. This outreach/attention in the form of video snippets (30 sec) that can be on social media, county to reels, college dining halls, etc.
- Desire to have an app that provides quick access to harm reduction resources- also potentially putting this on DMH and DOH websites
- We also identified collaboration with the other workgroups is needed Primary Care group,
 Court/Tx provider group
- Also need to think about what harm reduction looks like for substances other than opioids cannabis, alcohol

- Improve access to Medication Assisted Treatment in the Community
 - Facilitator: Jennifer Seib, <u>JSeib@bestselfwny.org</u>

On going challenges to improve collaboration with Primary Care remain. Some of which includes:

- Lack of funding to develop an "outreach/resource team" that would provide inreach education to primary care and serve as a resource for those seeking consultation. - Possible opportunity with opioid settlement funds
- System challenges exist at a higher level.

Group is focusing on how to better support primary care in being able to assess and identify substance use concerns and how to easily be able to partner substance use providers, who are providing medication for substance use disorders.

The group wants to provide support to primary care and their patients without adding more work that they are not able take on given their own system constraints

Meets Monthly

Medication for Opioid Use Disorder in Erie County: Methadone Maintenance Access Trends

Census Trends:

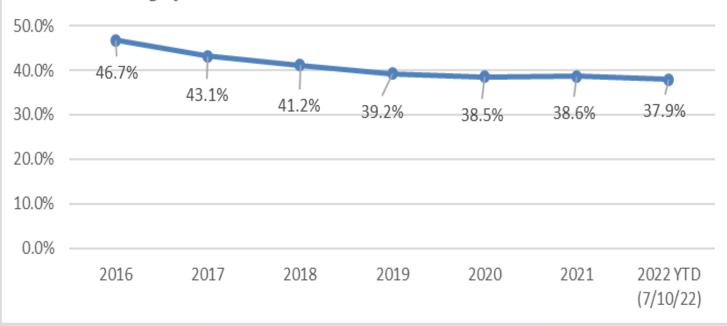
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•	January 2018:	1834
•	April 28, 2020:	2544
•	July 29, 2020:	2378
•	October 29, 2020:	2397
•	January 26-28, 2021	: 2426
•	July, 2021:	2483
•	October 2021:	2467
•	January 2022:	2474
•	April 2022:	2532
•	July 2022:	2567

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
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•	April 2022:	167
•	July 2022:	35

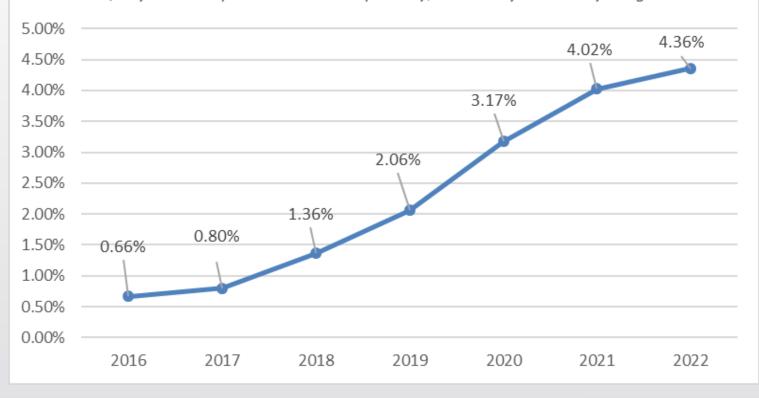
Any Opioid as a % of Total Admissions

EC resident admitted to any OASAS certfied facility located anywhere with any opioid as the primary, secondary or tertiary drug of choice



Any Methamphetamine as a % of Total Admissions

EC resident admitted to any OASAS certified facility located anywhere w/any Methamphetamine as the primary, secondary or tertiary drug



WNY Opioid Addiction Treatment 24/7 Virtual Medication Assisted Treatment Center

716-463-6222

- Available to anyone in WNY
- Call to be linked to a MAT Provider for evaluation, prescription, and linkage to ongoing care at location of choice
- Opened May 16th

WNY Opioid Addiction Treatment 24/7 Virtual Medication Assisted Treatment Center

- 30 Unique Individuals have received medication via the program (as of July 25th)
- 14 Erie County
- 13 Niagara County
- 2 Cattaraugus County
- 1 Orleans County
- People have been referred to: Spectrum, Horizon, BestSelf, Beacon, ECMC Outpatient, Brooks/TLC, Evergreen, and Northpointe for ongoing care

Erie County Sherriff's Office – Medication for Opioid Use Disorder

- Started July 25th, ECSO is providing MAT, in the jail, for individuals who are receiving MAT at the time of their arrest, buprenorphine and methadone.
- People in the MAT program will not only receive medication, but will also receive counseling services provided by BestSelf and peer services provided by Save The Michaels

Erie County Sherriff's Office – Medication for Opioid Use Disorder

- People who are linked with methadone services at time of arrest and incarceration will be continued on methadone provided by BestSelf OTP
- Phase 1 is to provide MAT to newly arrested individuals
- Phase 2 will be to reach out to current jail population to identify those with a history of MAT and to restart the medication and engage in the program

WNY Regional Maternal SUD Taskforce

- Focus on bringing together medical and behavioral health care professionals to improve care and outcomes for pregnant women and their newborns
- Meeting takes place monthly.
- If interested, email Jen Seib <u>iseib@bestselfwny.org</u>

ERIE COUNTY ADDICTION HOTLINE 831-7007

Operated by Crisis Services 24/7

- □ Provides information, referral, linkage to treatment and support.
- □ Education on MOUDs & Motivational Interviewing is woven into phone counselor script to facilitate referrals for callers.
- □Integrate into Substance Use Disorder Treatment system
- ☐ Year to Date Call Volume: 503 thru June 2022

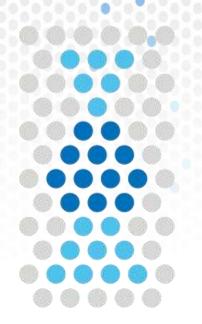
Next meeting:

9/26,10:30-12 via WebEx



Thank you for your support & dedication





MATTERS

Medication for Addiction Treatment & Electronic Referrals

CALEIGH LOUGHRAN, BA

PROGRAM MANAGER | NEW YORK MATTERS

CHANTAZIA BRONSON, MPH

PROGRAM COORDINATOR I NEW YORK MATTERS

Expansion Efforts

MATTERS Network

MAP LEGEND:

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

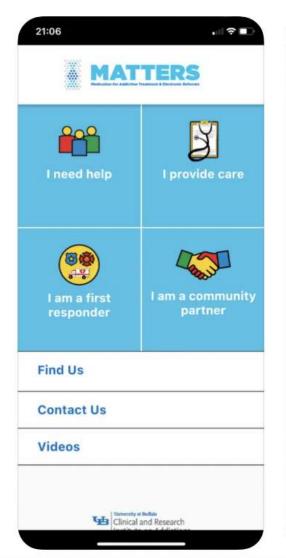


WNY Regional Care Coordinator



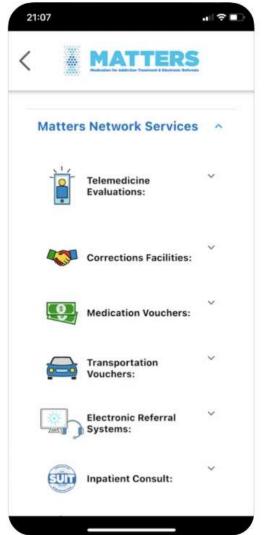
Nakia Fears is the Referral Coordinator at Evergreen Health. The Referral Coordinator is responsible for comprehensive coordination of lowthreshold access to medication assisted treatment at Evergreen Health to increase the amount of individuals linked to the program and provide the necessary support to keep them engaged. They collaborate with and support team members to ensure a low-threshold, patient focused approach to care. As part of the essential functions of the role. She has years of experience working with people who use drugs. She has been with Evergreen Health for 6 years. In her various roles she has worked with the homeless, HIV positive, LGBTQ population.

iPhone Screenshots











Medication for Addiction Treatment & Electronic Referrals









Clinic Partner Protocol



Receive Referral Via Email Or Fax

This contains patient contact info & the date of appointment - check page 2 of the referral paperwork.



Contact The Patient

Within 24 hours, call the patient to determine the exact time of appointment.



Schedule Appointment

Once you find a time that works for your clinic and the patient, schedule them an appointment with a MAT prescriber.



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



Make referring patients
to OUD care as simple as
possible! QR code
stickers available to
participating referral
sites

Interested?
Contact Caleigh
cloughran@mattersnetwork.org

Telemedicine Initiatives



MAT-PDOA is LIVE

What?

- WNY Opioid Addiction Treatment
- 24/7 Virtual Medication Assisted Treatment Center

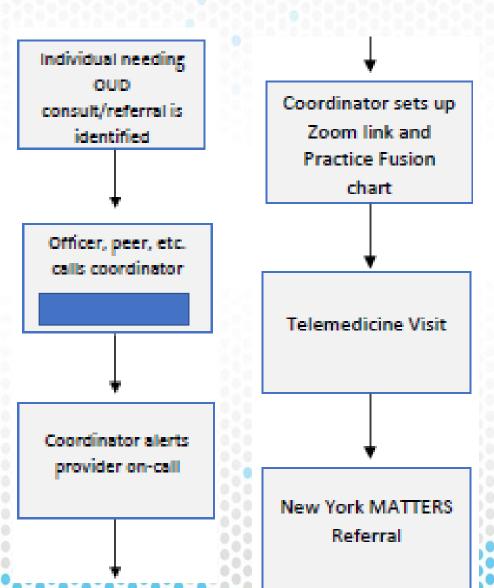
When?

• 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

How?

• Patients can simply call **716-463-6222** to request an immediate telemedicine consult

Direct Referrals to Telemedicine Update



Is your police department interested in participating??

Contact Caleigh cloughran@mattersnetwork.org



www.newyorkmatters.org

Feel free to reach out with any further questions!

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Opiate Epidemic Task Force: Harm Reduction Workgroup

Erie County Health Department August 1, 2022





Narcan Trainings and deployment this quarter (4.1.2022 – 6.30.2022)

- Continued naloxone trainings and medication deployment conducted by the department, many are virtual or on the spot:
 - Law enforcement 21
 - Fire fighters 34
 - EMS/Healthcare Providers 76
 - School Personnel 61
 - Business Staff 15
 - Individuals released from prison 350
 - Community members 411
 - Total kits distributed this quarter not including mailing, virtual trainings and refills – 3514 kits





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 Curbside Care, 158 Pearl St, 11am 5pm
 - Thursdays 12 4pm, St. John Kanty, corner of Broadway and Swinburne St.
 - Fridays 12 4pm, Various sites including Spirit of Truth Ministry, Riverside Park, Grant/Ferry and others as requested
 - Rath Building Doorway Bags Narcan and test strips, no questions asked







Curbside Care

Health & Harm Reduction Services, Screenings & Supplies Every Tuesday, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. 158 Pearl Street, Buffalo (Rath Building, East Side)

Clean Syringes Hep C Testing COVID-19 Vaccines

Free Condoms

STI Testing

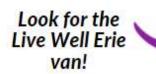
Flu Vaccines

Sexual Health Services

Smoking Cessation

HIV Testing

Free Narcan & On-the-Spot Training











CURBSIDE CARE

Services and supplies provided at events:

COVID Vaccines
Flu Vaccines
Narcan Kits
Condoms
Treatment Referrals
Safe Injection Kits
Smoking Cessation
STI Screening



STIGMA -Words Matter

WORDS MATTER

Terms to use, terms to avoid, and why

Talking About Yourself or Others with Substance

US	E	INSTEAD OF
•	Person with a substance use disorder — Person with opioid use disorder (OUD) — Person with alcohol use disorder	Addict User Substance or drug abuser Junkie
٠	Person who misuses alcohol / has unhealthy alcohol use	Alcoholic Drunk
•	Person in recovery — Person who previously used drugs	Former addict Reformed addict
•	Testing positive (on a drug screen)	Dirty Failing a drug test
•	Being in recovery or remission Not drinking or taking drugs, except as medically ordered	• Clean
•	Newborn exposed to substances - Baby with neonatal abstinence syndrome	Addicted baby
7	Using person-first language	

- illness and the person with SUD "has" an illness, rather than "is" the problem/illness
- -> The terms avoid negative associations, punitive attitudes, and Individual blame
- -> Use medically accurate terminology as we would for other medical conditions
- -> Using stigmatizing language may decrease a person's sense of hope and self-efficacy for change

Adapted from: Words Matter, National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)

US	Ε	INSTEAD OF	
•	Substance use disorder (SUD) Opioid use disorder (OUD) Alcohol use disorder	Habit Addiction	
•	Use	Abuse	
•	Overuse (for prescription medications)		
→	"Habit" implies that a person is choosing to use substances or can choose to stop, this is inaccurate		
→	Describing SUD as a habit makes the illness seem less serious than it is		
→	The term "abuse" was found to have a high association with negative judgments and punishment		

USE		IN	INSTEAD OF	
treatmer - Med for 0	ication treatment		Opioid substitution Replacement therapy Substituting one drug for another	

"substitute" one drug or "one addiction" for another, it is replacing missing chemicals in the body





ESAP Drug and SHARPs Drop Off Kiosks

Sherriff 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 Sherriff'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
- 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.)
- Evergreen Jamestown (Chautauqua County)



Totals Collected

Drugs Destroyed

- 2022 7,740 lbs (5,880 this ¼)
- 2021 12,220 lbs
- 2020 16520 lbs
- 2019 34720 lbs

Sharps Collected

- 2022 3030 lbs
- 2021 6006 lbs
- 2020 9629 lbs
- 2019 8809 lbs
- 5 SHARPs kiosks installed (2 Rath, 1 Lovejoy, 1 EC Health Mall, 1 Evergreen in Jamestown)



Visit thepointny.org

to find a location near you to:

Scan this code:

- Obtain hypodermic needles and syringes without a prescription
- Safely dispose of syringes and needles in secure, anonymous kiosks
- Safely dispose of unwanted prescription and over-the-counter medications





Erie County Opiate Epidemic Task Force WNY Response After Overdose

WNY RESPONSE

AFTER

OVERDOSE

PROJECT





Narcan trainings

- Trainings: Oct 2021 Jul 2022
 - 16 first responder depts
 - 188 first responders



Туре	# departments trained	# people trained
Law enforcement	1	6
Fire	18	125
Other first responders	4	57
Community	11	144
Outreach/Case management		73



Erie County Opiate Epidemic Tasks Forces WNY Response After Overdose



Text for Narcan

- Over 3,000 kits mailed
- Sent to over 2,600 people







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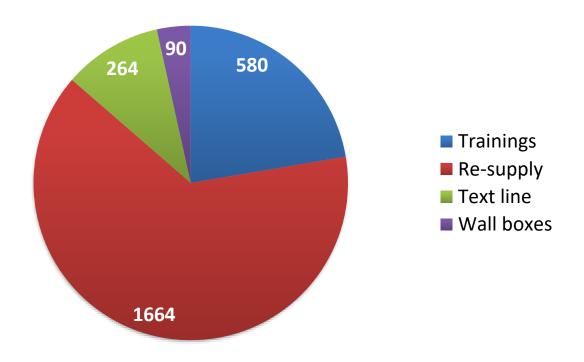
Narcan wall boxes

- Over 1,200 wall boxes distributed in community
- Refills are mailed
- Central pickup established in several counties
- Over 3,200 Narcan kits



Narcan supplies, WNY outside Erie

10/2021 - 7/2022



2,598 total kits distributed



Erie County Opiate Epidemic Tasa Force WNY Response After Overdose



Peer support and connection to treatment

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





Erie County Opiate Epidemic Tasa Force WNY Response After Overdose



Community of Peer Enrichment (COPE)

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





Erie County Opiate Epidemic Task Force WNY Response After Overdose





Jul 21

Tips to become an NYS Opioid Overdose Prevention Program: Webinar

by Erie County Department of Health 149 followers Follow

Free

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Register

Join us for a webinar for WNY organizations on becoming a registered opioid overdose prevention program through NYS

About this event

Tips to become an NYS Opioid Overdose Prevention Program: Webinar for WNY organizations

Become a registered NYS Opioid Overdose Prevention Program -• Get Narcan at no cost• Train community members, para professionals, professionals, clients, patients, and families

■ Date and time

Thu, July 21, 2022 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM EDT

Q Location

Online event
Already have a ticket?

Access the event



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HEALing Communities Study

Erie County DOH



MATTERS TELEMEDICINE REFERRALS

BUFFALO ONLY

15
REFERRALS MADE

11

BUP PRESCRIPTIONS

13

TELEMEDICINE VISITS COMPLETED

*2 no-shows

10

FOLLOW UPS APPOINTMENTS SCHEDULED





NARCAN as first aid & harm reduction

response to growing average age, the unknowingness to respond, and lack of preparedness

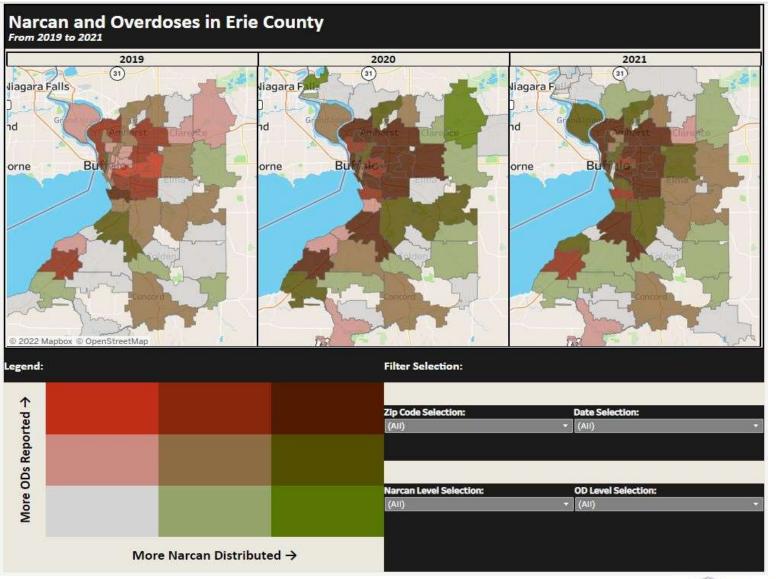


Curbside Care



- NARCAN KITS 1535First Aid Kits 2067
- Fentanyl Test Strips 854
- Safer Injection Supplies -6180
- Number of Events 36







Updates

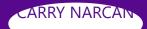
- Environmental Health trainings
- Fentanyl Awareness and Overdose Prevention Campaign, a Locally Owned Bar and Restaurant Initiative







COCAINE MAY BE MIXED WITH FENTANYL





SUPPLIES



Take Out Bags

13" x 13" x 9"

The perfect size to send customers with take out orders or leftovers in.



as available



Coasters

Fentanyl may unknowingly be found in other drugs including cocaine. This is extremely risky as those that use cocaine are likely to not have Narcan which will reverse an opioid (fentanyl) overdose.

FREE packs of 50

as available



Wall Box

7-3/4"h x 7"w x 3-5/8"d

Similar to an AED, Narcan can be a lifesaving tool. Wall box can hang in any public space, we recommend restrooms to encourage anyone who may need to be able to take.

as available



Narcan

Lifesaving medicine that may reverse an opioid-related overdose. Narcan is not harmful if opioids are not present. Can be used on children if opioids are suspected.

as available



Window Decal

Two-sided removeable decal. For use in waiting areas, bathroom mirrors, and building windows.

FREE packs of 10

as available



Condoms

Prevent the spread of sexually transmitted infections and unplanned pregnancy with the proper use of a condom. Safer sex is better sex.

FREE condom bowl

as available

OTHER RESOURCES

Narcan Training

For community, or staff. Trainings include an overview of WNY data, how to recognize and respond to an overdose.

Toilet Talk Messages

Fun health tips on the toilet. Flyers will be laminated and can be hung in bathroom stalls. Tips will be rotated and delivered by health department staff.



Updates

- Environmental Health trainings
- Fentanyl Awareness and Overdose Prevention Campaign, a Locally Owned Bar and Restaurant Initiative
 - 36 responses
 - 45 Narcan wall units requested



June/July - Buffalo based

August - first ring suburbs + around Bills Stadium

September - southtowns, Clarence,Grand Island +

coordinated outreach to sites

—— exploring ways to measure impact



OPIATE MORTALITY REVIEW BOARD

Kelly Sipolo, RN BSN Project Lead; Kelly.sipolo@erie.gov RoseAnn Valenti, CRPA Peer Navigator; cell 716-220-2847 Tamra Stefaniak, Data Entry; Tamra.Stefaniak@erie.gov

CHANGES MADE

2016-2020

- Deficiencies identified.
- Areas Targeted
- **□**Lack of MAT in Jails
- □Treatment Agencies Access
- **□**Hospitalizations
- **∃ACES**(adverse childhood events)

2021-2022

- MAT in Jails commenced
- Collaboration with more members for the review board process.
- Access for mental health and substance use disorders

OMRB NOW

- 2021- 286 Opioid Deaths
- Next of kin for 2021 and 2022 invitation's sent out for International Over Dose awareness Day.
- * cases for 2021 are in the process of being deidentified
- Invitations to community members to participate on the board are in process. Please contact Cheryll.Moore @erie.gov if you are interested.
- Proposed Wednesday 0900 monthly review of at least 8 cases virtually

OMRB TEAM

- Engaging families sooner than later. (funeral homes)
- Assist families with questions or facilitate record releases
- Recognizing potential clients and referring them to peers. (on scene)
- Taking the information, de identify and collaborate with a national data base
- Ensuring our evidence based practices are being implemented
- Pinpointing where there still may be deficiencies. (what are we missing overall here in EC and nationally)

OMRB PEER

- Transitioning our peer into the community outreach
- RoseAnn is our first peer to become a trainer of peers
- Currently working on a recovery month event (Sept.) stay tuned.
- MAT support group @ Sparks of Hope Mondays at noon.
- Continuing to link clients to Matters

International Overdose Awareness Day

Wednesday – August 31, 2022 10am – 6pm

Memorial Display of Loved Ones Lost

> 92 Franklin Street Buffalo, NY 14202

(Front Lawn of Old County Hall

Corner of Franklin and Church Streets)

International Overdose Awareness Day



Please join us to remember and respect our Loved Ones lost to this epidemic. A closing prayer will be offered at 6pm.





Erie County Opiate Epidemic Task Force Family & Consumer, Support & Advocacy Section

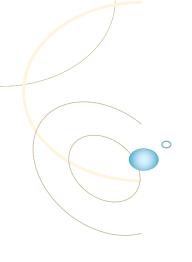
CURBSIDE CARE



DID YOU KNOW?

The Erie County Dept. of Health has been helping us stay safe and healthy since 1947.





Family and Consumer Advocacy and Support Group

August 1, 2022



Strength Hope Compassion



Perspective Changes

- •Gains we made prior to the pandemic were slowed and changed
- •Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder have seen increases
- Illegal fentanyl derivatives are invasive



Identification of fentanyl is key

•Families are now exposed to immediate death with little or no notice of the problem

•We need Your help on spreading the message to our community that an unrestricted drug is here



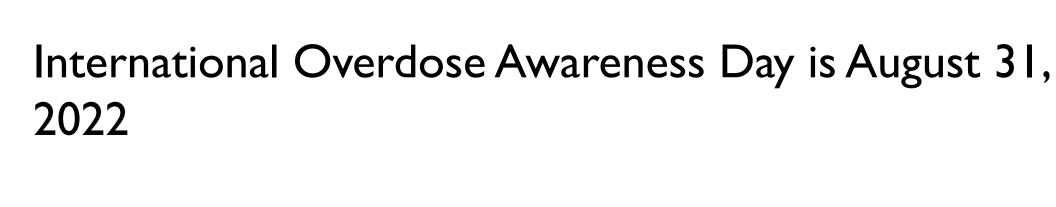
As Family members we are furthering the collaborative efforts to save lives

- •Every interaction can be an opportunity to express low impact help and personal care
- In many cases, they don't know what is happening to them



Families are not the Victims

- In traditional Substance Use Disorder the people affected are confused, scared and hurting.
- •We have the ability to identify their symptoms and biological response.
- •We need to expand resources to include Disease Management.



- •Erie County Hall, 92 Franklin Street Buffalo, NY 14202
- •Awareness event to show the faces of our community members that were taken by this national epidemic
- •Educational opportunity to find what community members can do to save the lives of our family friends and neighbors



Our Goals

- Collaborative efforts to save lives
- No one who asks for treatment should be turned away or delayed
- Humane Treatment for Addiction/ Mental Health
- Consequences for convicted drug dealers
- •Encourage 'good medicine' research standards



Grief/Support Groups

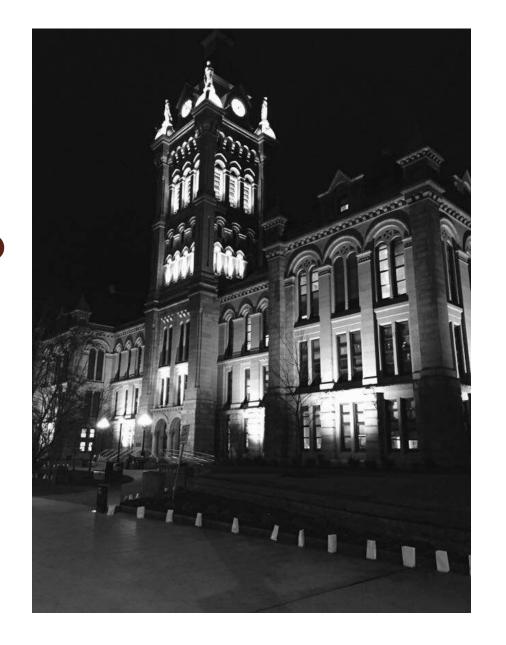
Stutzman Treatment Center

- •360 Forrest Ave. Buffalo, NY
- every 4th Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm

Hope Group Hamburg

- Senior Citizens Center
- Southwestern Blvd. Hamburg, NY
- •3rd Tuesday of the Month at 6:00pm

We have a long way to go in this crisis.





Erie County Probation Department

OPIOID TASK FORCE MEETING 08/01/22





Currently, we have 29 probationers on the Opioid Unit Caseload

- Our PNs are providing extra support to 62 probationers
- 2 probationers rearrested
- 2 probationer recently transferred to absconder unit
- 7 active VOP
- 5 probationers at an inpatient facility
- 3 probationers in jail
- O Fatal/2 non-fatal Opioid OD



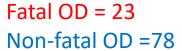
Opioid Grant General Information

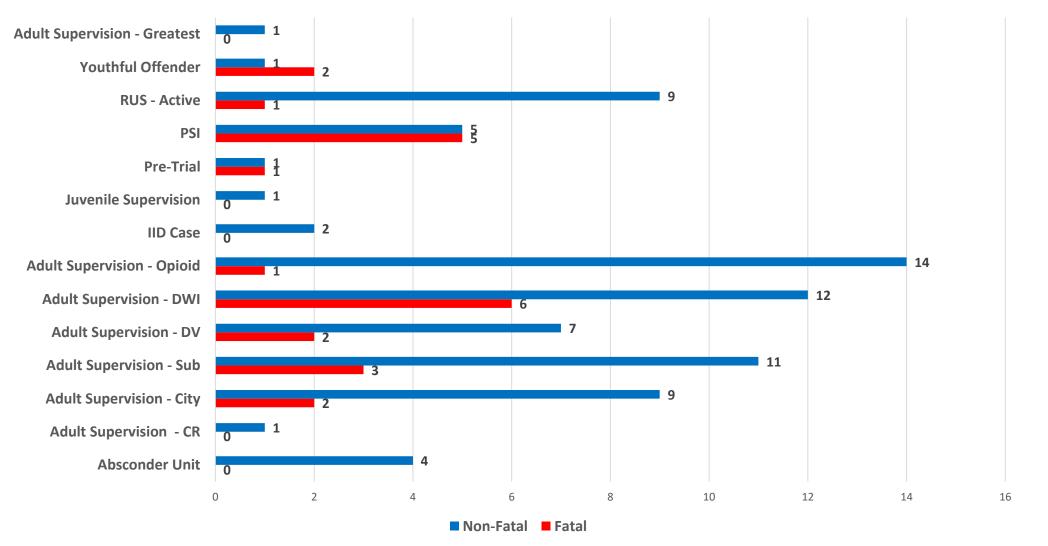
The department distributed 51 Narcan kits to probationers and their families so far this year. We have also added Fentanyl testing strips to the kits.

Additionally, we have begun providing Narcan kits at Victim Impact Panels as well as trending information regarding dangerous drugs.

Our Release Under Supervision Probation Officers have referred two at risk defendants for an in person meeting with a PN. The PN shared information, resources, and offered linkage to treatment if they wanted.









Updates

Sustainability:

Erie County Legislative Resolution dated 07/21/22 authorized funding for several initiatives throughout the County inclusive of the department's opioid related positions. All these County initiatives will be funded over the next several years via the County's Opioid Settlement.

The two Peer Navigator & Probation Officer positions currently funded by the opioid grant which expires on 09/30/22 will be funded effective 10/1/22. The Probation Department also secured funding for two additional Peer Navigators.

Thank You

Erie County Probation Opioid Unit

Supervisor: Kim Reese

Program Coordinator: Anita Robillard

Probation Officer: Melissa Mayhew

Peer Navigator: Kathryn Appenheimer

Peer Navigator: Stephanie Pamrow



Questions, Comments, & Concerns please contact: Anita.Robillard@erie.gov