



Erie County Opiate Epidemic Task Force  
Quarterly Meeting  
8.7.2023  
Agenda

1. Registration, sign in and networking – (9:30 – 10:00)
2. Welcome, housekeeping, introduction of agenda – (10:00 – 10:10)
3. Workgroup report out – 5 – 10 minutes each – (10:10 – 11:43)
  - Provider Education and Policy Reform – Dr. Gale Burstein – (10:10 – 10:25)
  - REAP– (10:25 – 10:30)
  - Treatment Providers – Jen Seib – (10:30 – 10:40)
  - Hospitals and Emergency Departments – Joshua Lynch (10:40 – 10:50)
  - Family and Consumers – Deb Smith (10:50 – 11:00)
  - Community Education – Barbara Burns (11:00 – 11:10)
  - Harm Reduction (Formerly Naloxone Distribution) – Cheryl Moore (11:00 – 11:20)
    - i. Data updates - Elizabeth Terranova
    - i. DHHS SAMHSA FR Cara award – first responder training and Narcan supply grant, linkage to MATTERS, virtual appointments expansion – Jennifer Garrigan
    - ii. Outreach and education updates – Taylor Winter
4. Probation Peer Project updates – Sheila Ruhland (11:20 – 11:30)
5. New projects – Worksites and SUD workgroup, conference on Oct 6, 2023 (11:30 – 11:35)
6. Settlement fund updates – (11:35 – 11:45)
  - Erie County – 2 RFP available for community application, approved contracts in process
  - NYS – 2025 budget recommendations being worked on, next meeting 9.15, report due to Governor on Nov 2

Thank you! – next meeting: **Monday November 13, 2023**



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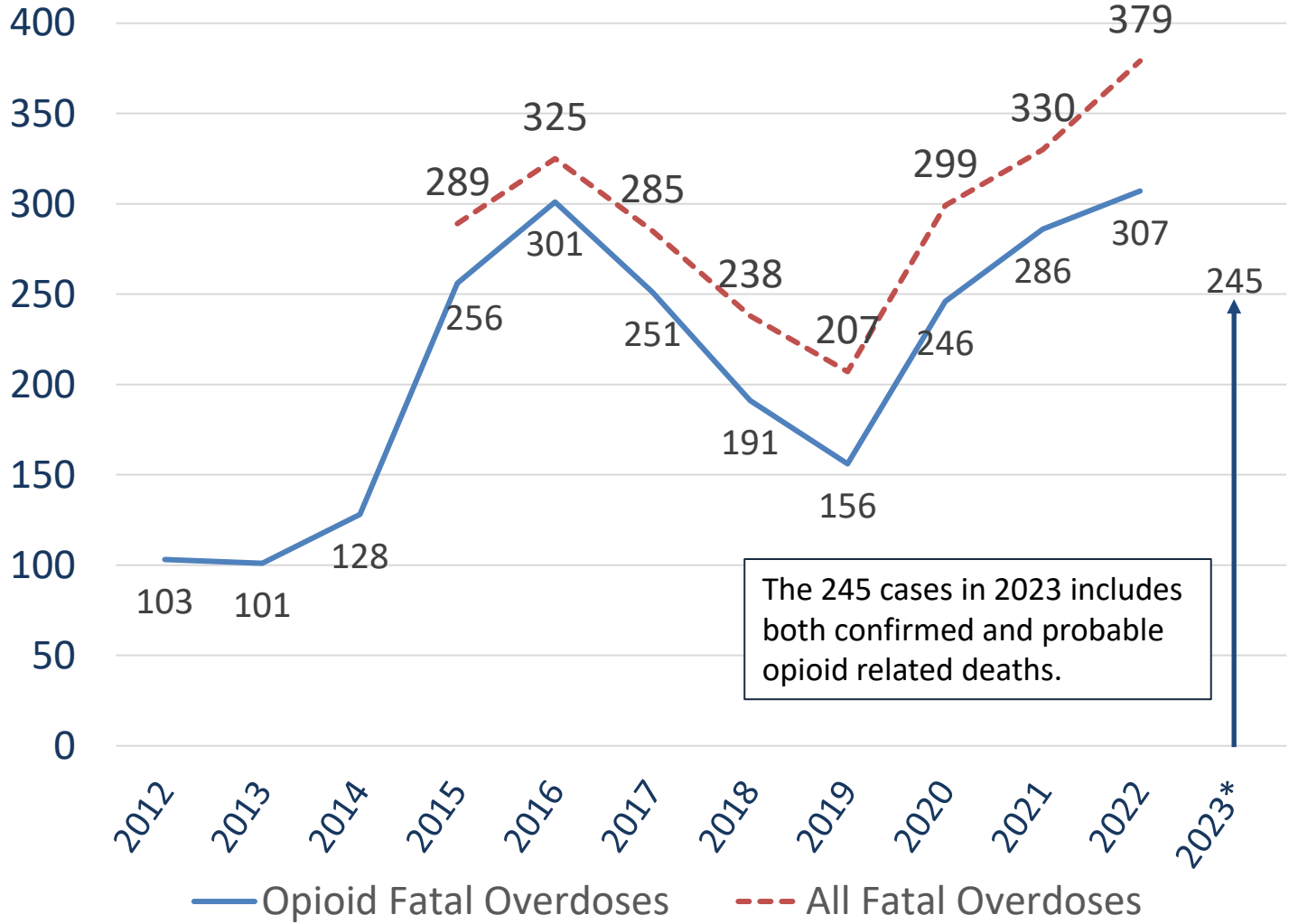


**Erie County  
Opiate Epidemic  
*Task Force***

# **OVERDOSE DEATHS ERIE COUNTY**

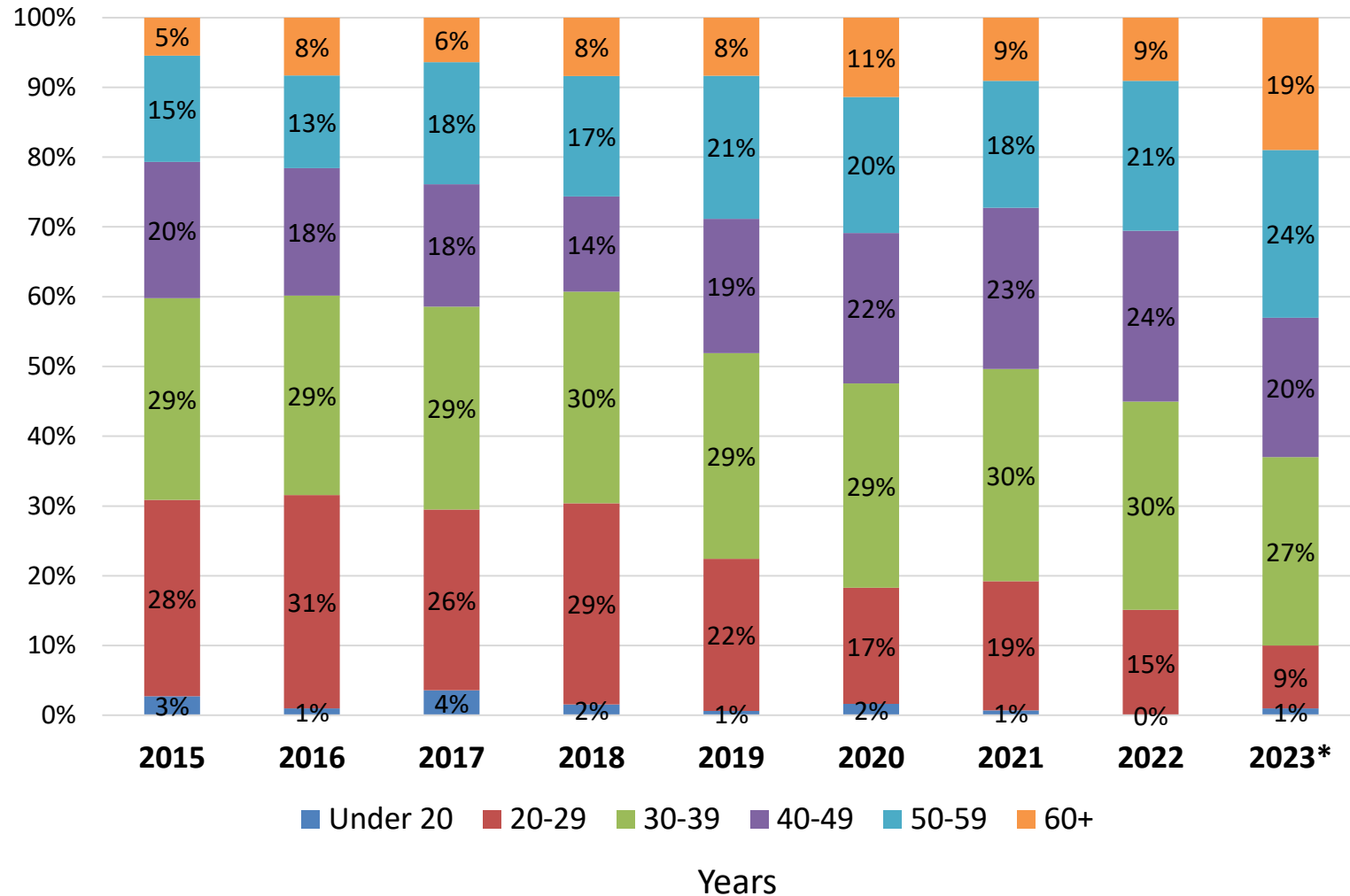
As of 7/28/2023

# 2012 – 2023\* OVERDOSE DEATHS ERIE COUNTY



SOURCE: ERIE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINERS OFFICE, \*CASES REPORTED THRU 7/28/2023

# 2015 – 2023\* PERCENT OF ERIE COUNTY OPIOID RELATED DEATHS BY AGE



SOURCE: ERIE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINERS OFFICE, \*CASES REPORTED THRU 7/28/2023

## Erie County Census Estimate

## Erie County Opioid Overdoses

	Population % (N=954,236) 2020 Census	2018 Overdose % (N=191)	2019 Overdose % (N=156)	2020 Overdose % (N=246)	2021 Overdose % (N=286)	2022 Overdose % (N=307)	2023* Overdose % (N=245 Confirmed & Probable)
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>							
White alone	79%	79%	78%	79%	73%	68%	70%
Black or African American alone	14%	10%	10%	19%	22%	28%	27%
Native Amer / Alaskan Native	.7%	N/A	N/A	2%	4%	2%	2%
Hispanic	6%	7%	8%	10%	9%	12%	11%
<b>Gender</b>							
Female	52%	30%	27%	30%	27%	31%	27%
Male	48%	70%	73%	70%	73%	69%	73%
<b>Age</b>							
20-29	14%	29%	22%	17%	19%	15%	9%
30-39	13%	30%	29%	29%	30%	30%	27%
40-49	11%	14%	19%	22%	23%	24%	20%
50-59	14%	17%	21%	19%	18%	22%	24%
60+	25%	8%	8%	12%	9%	10%	19%

# 2016 – 2023\* PERCENT OF ERIE COUNTY OPIOID RELATED DEATHS BY RESIDENCE



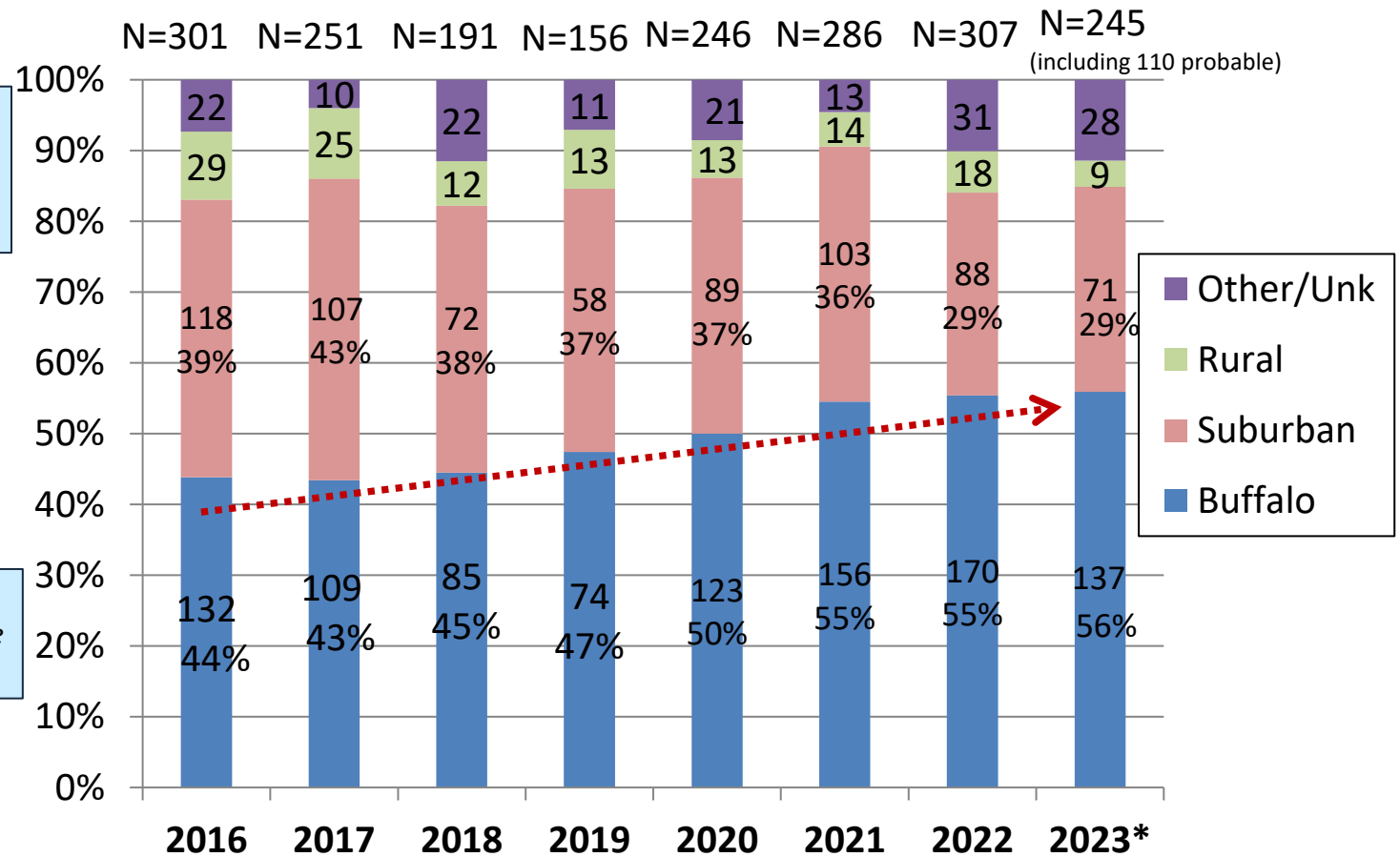
Buffalo  
29% of persons who live in Erie County reside in the City of Buffalo

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

Suburban Towns  
59% of persons live in the Suburban Towns

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

Rural Towns  
11% of persons live in the Rural Towns

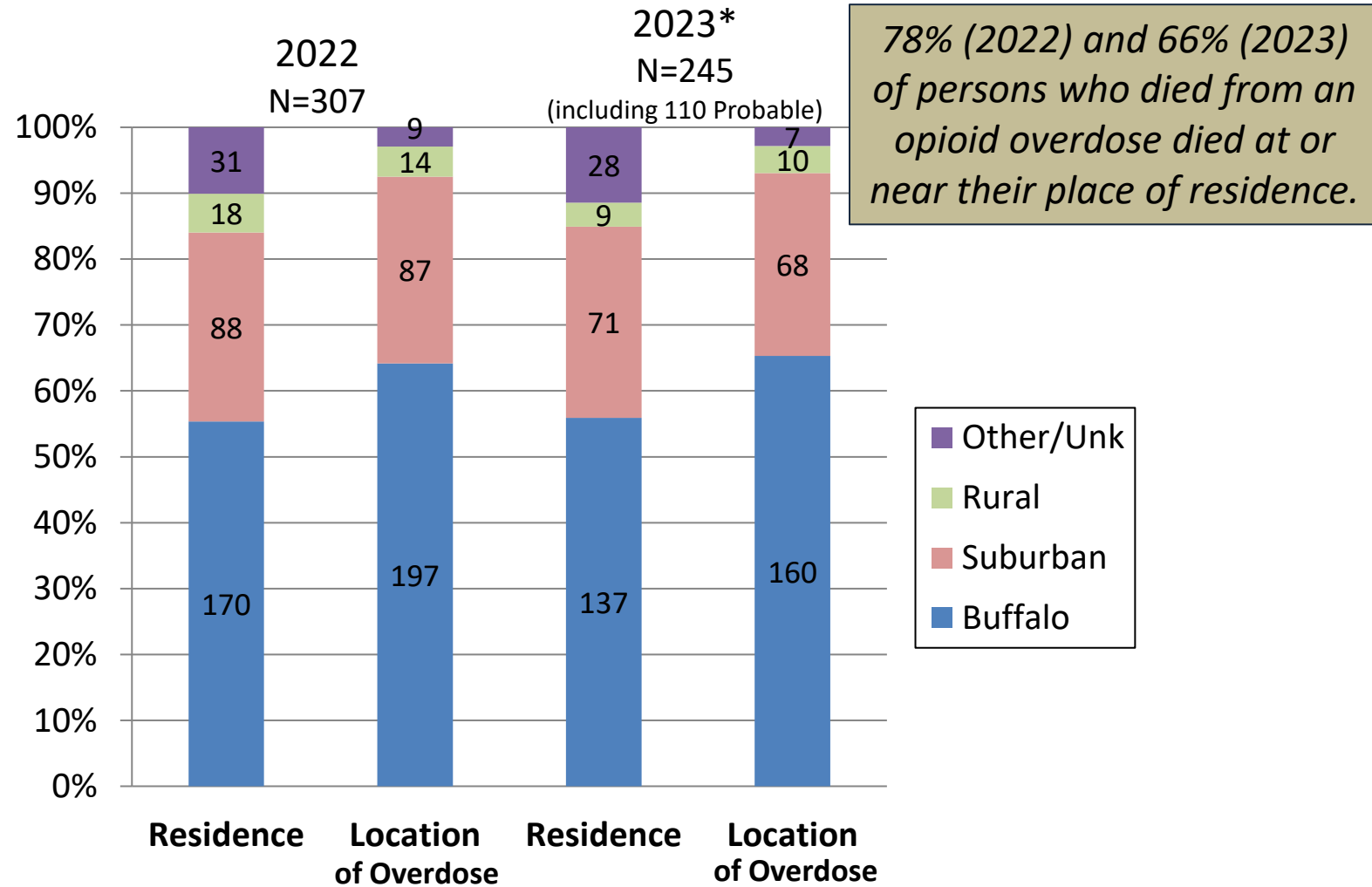


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# 2022 AND 2023\* PERCENT OF ERIE COUNTY

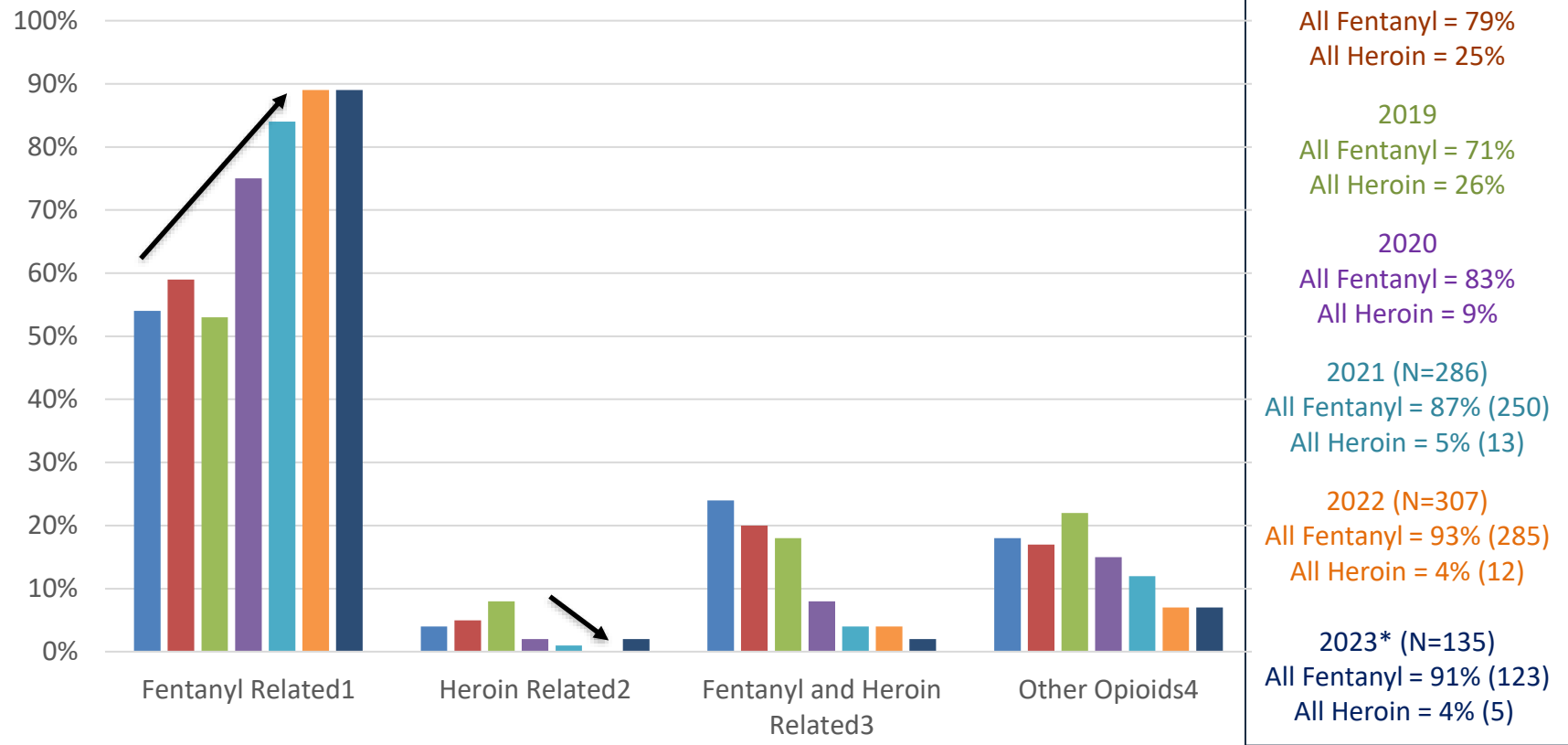
## OPIOID RELATED DEATHS

### BY RESIDENCE AND OVERDOSE LOCATION



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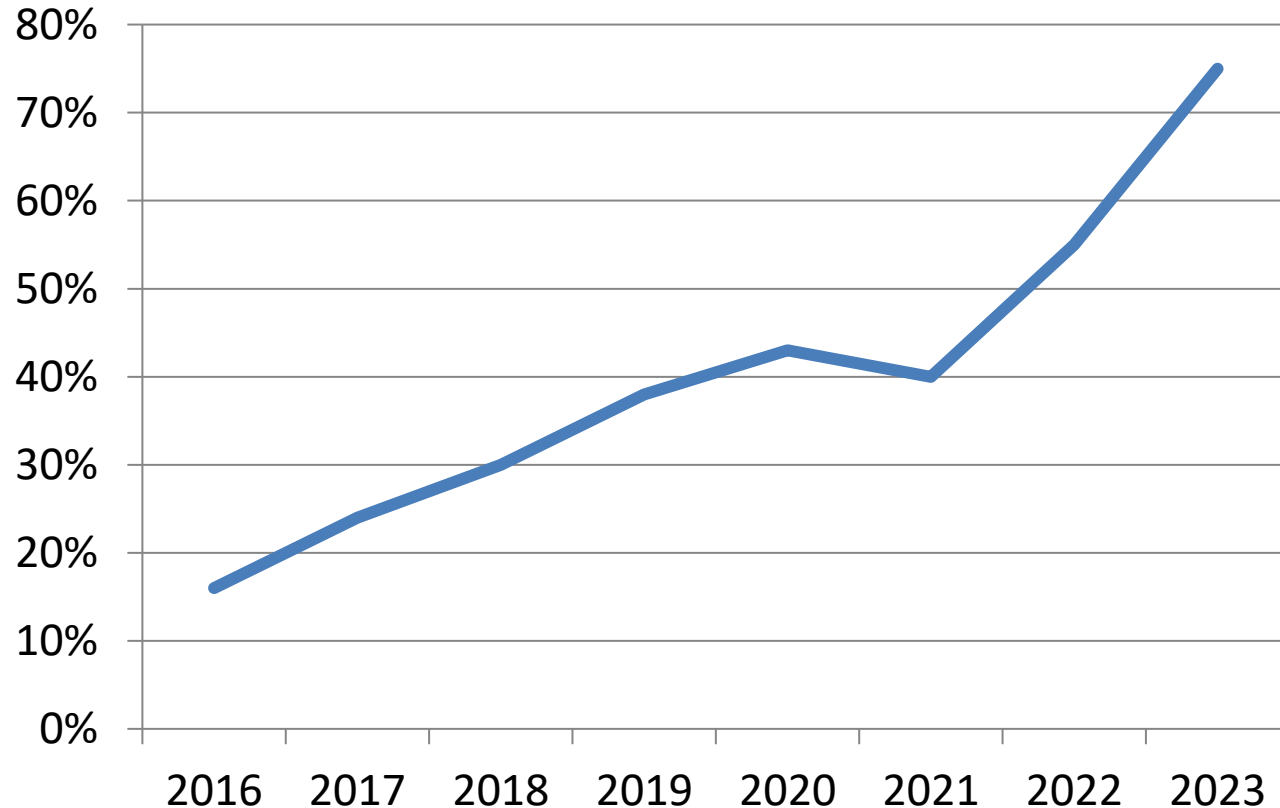
# 2017 – 2023\* PERCENT OF ERIE COUNTY OPIOID RELATED DEATHS BY TYPE OF OPIOID



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



# 2016 – 2022\* 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: 44% (125/286) of opioid related deaths involved cocaine**  
**2022: 57% (174/307) of opioid related deaths involved cocaine**  
**2023\*: 81% (109/135) of opioid related deaths involved cocaine**

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

# Xylazine (AKA Tranq)

- Xylazine is an animal tranquilizer used sedation/pain relief
- Xylazine is increasingly found added to drugs, especially fentanyl
- In humans, xylazine overdose causes major toxicity
  - Coma, low BP, cardio-respiratory arrest
  - Disfiguring skin ulcers after repeated injections that can lead to gangrene and limb amputations
- Treatment consists of supportive care. i.e., ICU admission, intubation, etc.
  - No rapid diagnostic testing or safe antidote available
  - Xylazine poisoning is not responsive to naloxone



# Opioid Related Death Updates

## Erie County


### Case and Demographic Updates

- Increase in opioid related deaths since 2019
- Increase in deaths in black persons from 10% to 27% from 2018 to 2023
- Decrease in deaths in white persons from 79% to 70% from 2018 to 2023
- Decrease in deaths in persons aged 20-29 years from 29% to 9% from 2018 to 2023
- Increase in deaths in persons aged 50-59 years from 17% to 24% from 2018 to 2023
- Increase in deaths in persons aged 60+ years from 8% to 19% from 2018 to 2023

# Opioid Related Death Updates

## Erie County

### Substance Updates

- Xylazine identified in 13 deaths in 2022 and 2 deaths in 2023\*.
- Methamphetamine identified in 28 deaths in 2022 and 9 in 2023\*.
-  • Cocaine identified in 174 (57%) opioid deaths in 2022 and 109 (81%) in 2023\*.



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# Comments and Questions



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Quarterly Meeting  
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**Treatment Workgroup**



**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 and typically via WebEx.



# Related Request for Proposal(RFP) Opportunities

- [Erie County Department of Health](#)
  - Seeking organizations to provide community-based programming to Erie County residents in response to the ongoing opioid crisis. [Programming can focus on prevention, education, harm reduction, and other aspects to combat the opioid crisis](#) and specific to a population that is trying to be reached or served.
  - [Each submission can receive up to \\$250,000 total and run for up to 5 years.](#) Submissions that include multiple community partners are highly encouraged.
  - Submissions due to by [September 1, 2023, 4:00 PM](#)
  - The [RFP can be located at Requests for Proposals & Construction Bids | Purchasing \(erie.gov\)](#)





## Sample of Related Request for Proposal(RFP) Opportunities (continued)

- **Erie County Department of Health**
  - Erie County and the Erie County Department of Health are seeking an organization or organizations to provide media and education services to promote harm reduction messages to Erie County residents.
  - A total up to \$1,000,000 (one million) over 24-month period is potentially available.
  - Submissions due to by [September 1, 2023, 4:00 PM](#)
  - The [RFP can be located at Requests for Proposals & Construction Bids | Purchasing \(erie.gov\)](#)



## Sample of Related Request for Proposal(RFP) Opportunities (continued)

- **NYS Office of Addiction Services and Supports (NYS OASAS)**
  - Through Opioid Settlement Funds, the Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) is seeking applications for the development of **Comprehensive Integrated Outpatient Treatment Programs** throughout the state of New York. A [Comprehensive Integrated Outpatient Treatment Program has co-located OASAS Part 822 Outpatient Services and OASAS Part 822 Opioid Treatment Programs \(OTP\) services](#) that are merged under one operating certificate and makes all services available to all enrolled patients (other than methadone).
  - Submissions due to NYS OASAS by [Application Deadline: August 29, 2023, 5:00 PM](#)
  - RFP can be located at <https://oasas.ny.gov/rfa/comprehensive-integrated-outpatient-programs>.
  - **Other OASAS procurement opportunities can be found at** [Search | Office of Addiction Services and Supports \(ny.gov\)](#)



# **Treatment Committee 3 current workgroups**

- **Increase access to SUD Housing**
- **Education and Training: Harm Reduction Education and Support for Families/Community**
- **Stimulant Use Disorder **\*\*New Committee\*\*****



# Committee Updates:

## Increase access to SUD Housing

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

- Last met May 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Next meeting via WebEx [September 25th](#) at 1:00.
- **Recent Updates:**
  - [West Side Homes](#) a larger affordable housing initiative within which is a collaboration between BestSelf Behavioral Health Services and PUSH Buffalo.
    - Offers [16 scattered site beds with supportive services which are dedicated to individuals/families with a Substance Use Disorder or a Serious Mental Illness](#). Serving individuals who are homeless/at risk of homelessness per the NYS Empire State Supportive Housing Initiative (ESSHI) definition and low income.
    - [Presently accepting applications](#)
    - Contact the Intake Specialist at [716-261-7879](tel:716-261-7879) for more information or to make a referral.
  - [Rebecca Rose Project](#): will house up to 14 women who are recovering from addiction through “tiny home” supportive housing in Dunkirk NY for women recovering from addiction.
    - Searching for property in Buffalo to build a similar 10-home tiny home village.
    - [Contact Pastor Al Robinson at buffalo2nite@icloud.com](mailto:buffalo2nite@icloud.com) for more information.



# Committee Updates:

## Harm Reduction Education and Support for Families/Community

**Facilitator: Julianna Everdyke, [Julianna.Everdyke@erie.gov](mailto:Julianna.Everdyke@erie.gov)**

Last met July 19, 2023

- **PAL (Parent of Addicted Loved Ones)** National networking support groups and resources [Resources | Parents of Addicted Loved Ones \(palgroup.org\)](#)
  - PAL's free weekly meetings follow evidence-based practices and the curriculum used is designed specifically for parents by professionals in the treatment and recovery industry.
  - Each meeting includes two important parts:
    - **1.** An educational component that offers tools for participants to use such as ways to help rather than enable.
    - **2.** A support component where participants interact, sharing what has worked – and has not worked – for them in their community.
- Guidance from the National Association of Drug Court Professionals soon to be disseminated which will include providing Narcan and test strips to court participants as well as referrals and resources to programs that support harm reduction
- Evergreen and Western New York Independent Living (WNYIL) are meeting to discuss how to connect family members of Evergreen clients to WNYIL services
- [Next meeting is scheduled for 8/16/23](#). Meetings are typically the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of Month 3-4p.



# Committee Updates:

## **Stimulant Use Disorder**

- **Facilitator: Jen Seib, LMHC, CASAC** [JSeib@bestselfwny.org](mailto:JSeib@bestselfwny.org)

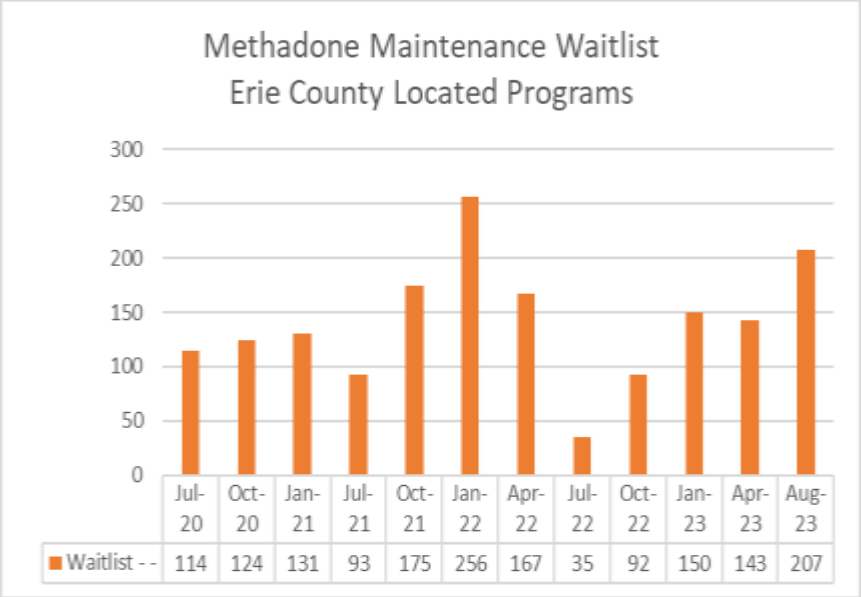
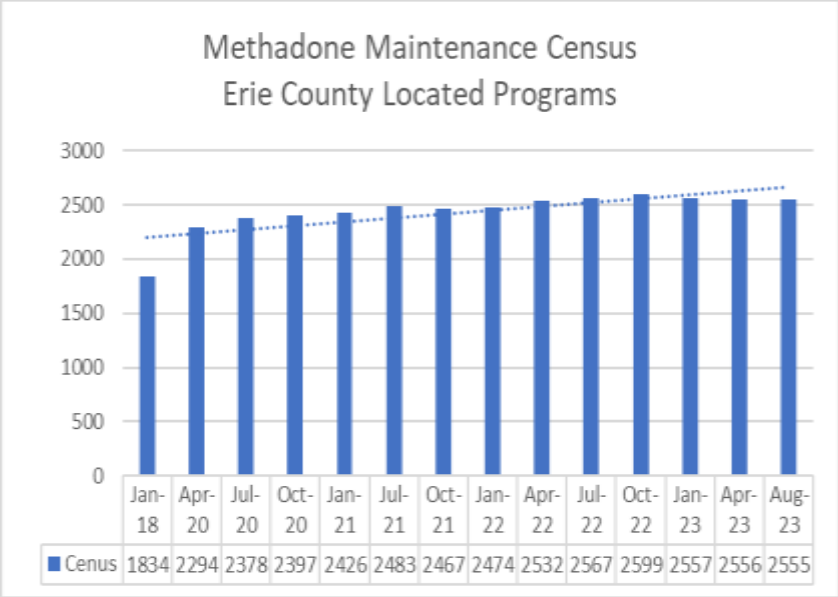
First Meeting Scheduled for Wednesday, August 23rd @ 2pm

### Focus for the Subcommittee:

- Elevate the conversation around Stimulant Use Disorder and Stimulant Use Disorder as it relates to opioid overdose
- Identifying emerging and promising practices for Stimulant Use Disorder treatment to share with the field
- Specific focus on Contingency Management
- Look to identify and bring/offer trainings to the field around findings/topic areas
  - Those interested in joining should email Jen



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





# Plans for Additional Access to Methadone Slots

- Hopewell Center continues planning efforts to open a location in Erie County.
  - Hopewell Center is presently in conversation with the NYS Office of Addiction Services and Supports
  - Services intended to be for those Native Americans who live on and off Territory as well as for the general community
  - More details to come as this further develops





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



**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: **158 YTD thru June 2023.**



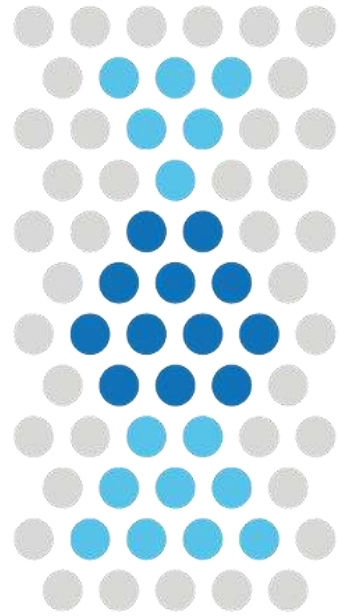
Next meeting:

8/28, 10:30-12 via WebEx



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& dedication





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**Medication for Addiction Treatment & Electronic Referrals**



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Harm Reduction  
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**Brian Clemency, DO,  
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Director of Research



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Community  
Engagement Specialist



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Specialist



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Graduate Public Health  
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Public Health Fellow



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Project Manager



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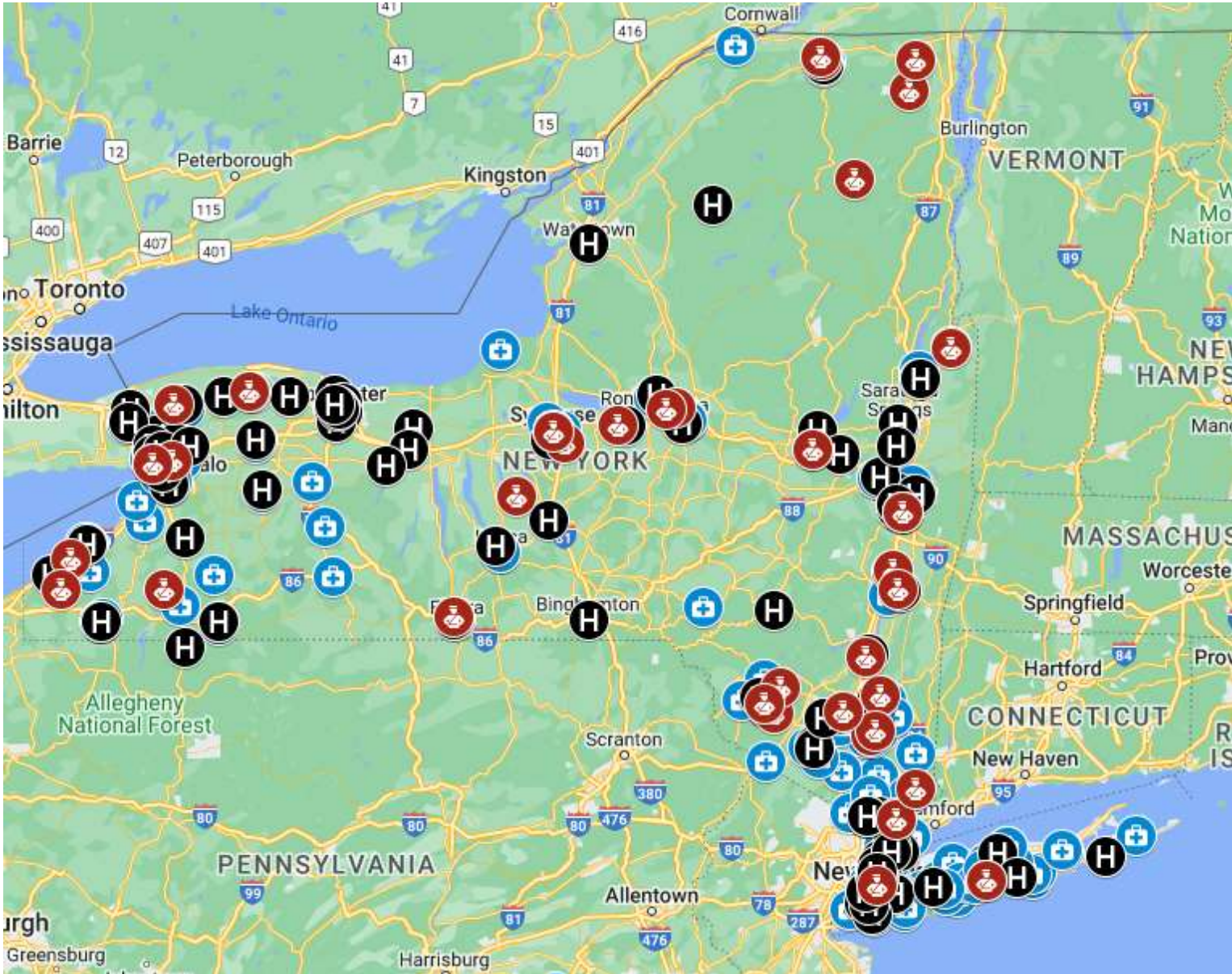


**Mila Pakhomova**  
Program Manager



**Katie Rossi, MS**  
Director of Operations

# Continued Network Growth



# New Network Partner Round Up

Welcome to the Network!



# Events and outreach



Monroe County Recovery Fair



One Clarence Podcast



MATTERS Onboarding Event



Opioid Overdose Response Training



# Harm Reduction Vending Machines

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Most Vending Machines have been ordered!  
Installation begins this fall!

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Vending machines will initially contain:



Fentanyl test strips

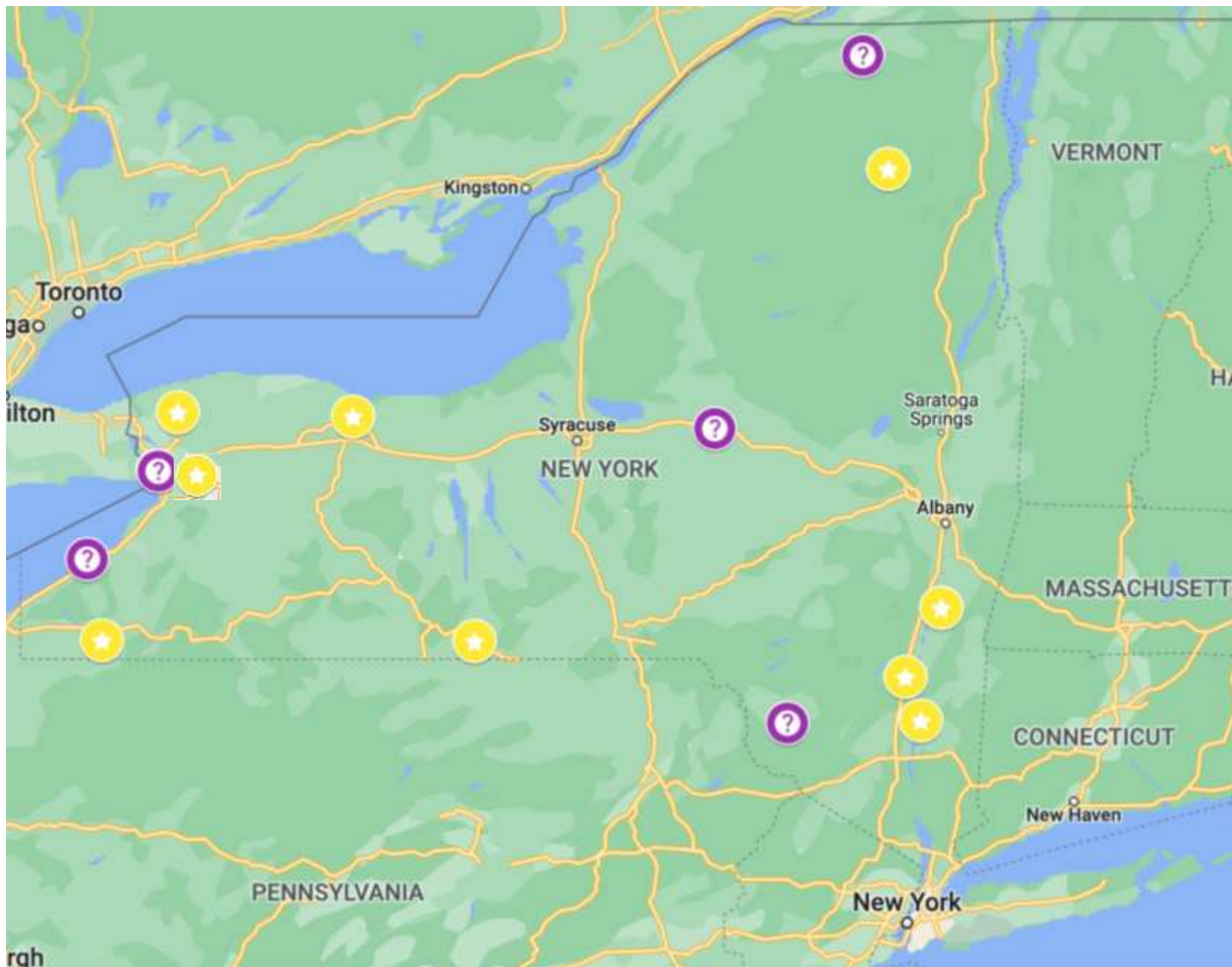


Naloxone



Xylazine test strips

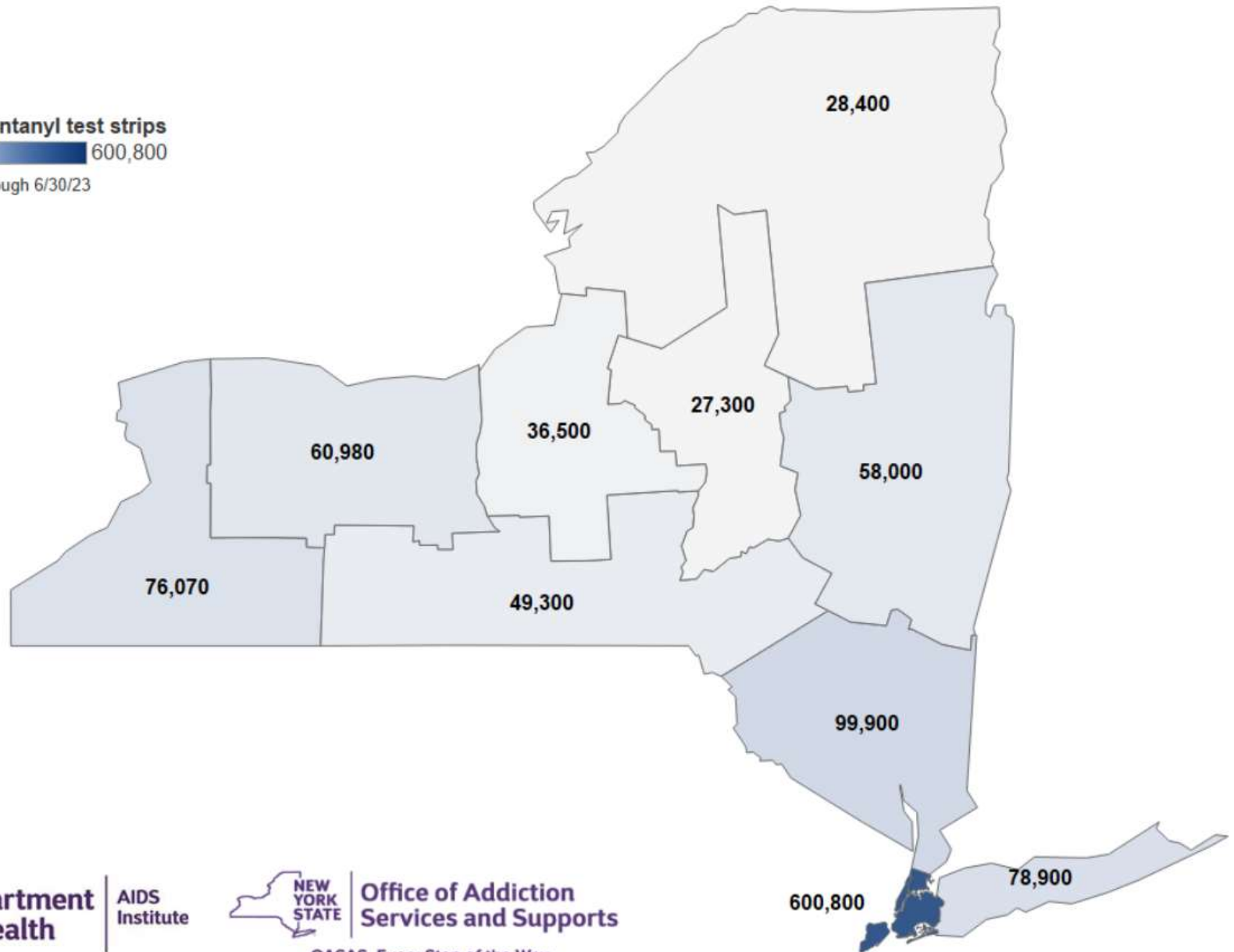
# Harm Reduction Vending Machine Locations



1,000,000+

Fentanyl Test Strips  
Distributed to Agencies as  
of  
June 2023

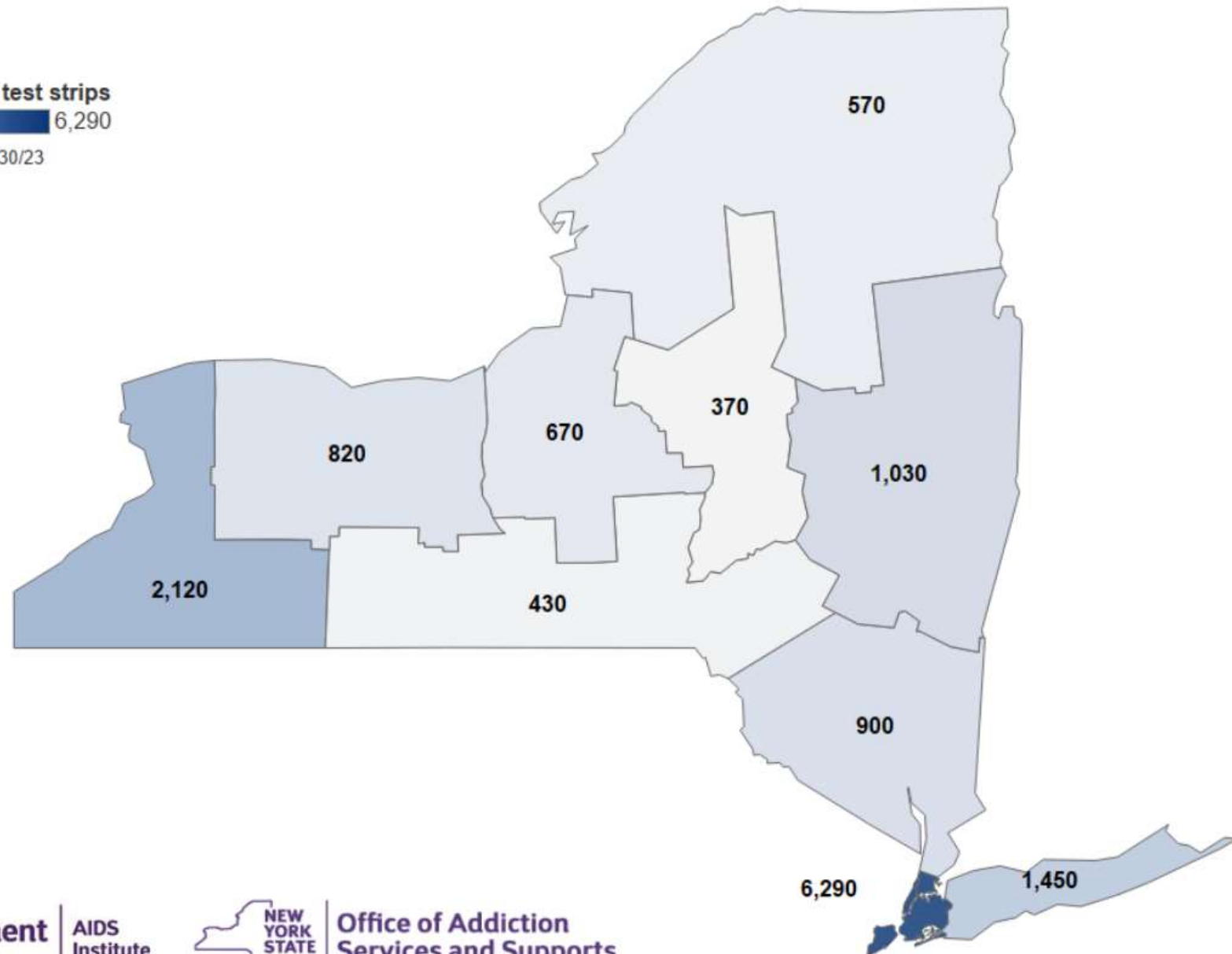
Number of fentanyl test strips  
27,300  600,800  
\*Data through 6/30/23



**15,000+**  
Fentanyl Test Strips  
Distributed to  
Individuals as of  
June 2023

Number of fentanyl test strips  
370  6,290

\*Data through 6/30/23



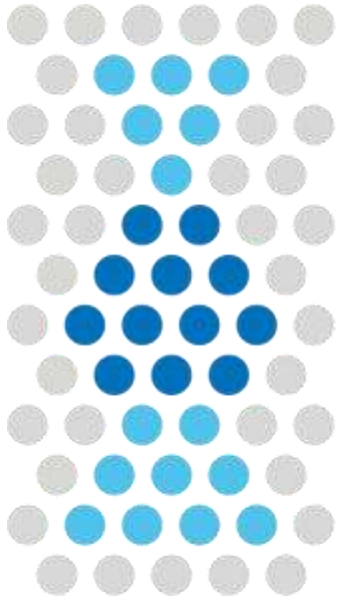
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(765) MATTERS (628-8377)



# Family and Consumer Support and Advocacy Group

Erie County Opiate Epidemic Task Force

Report August 7, 2023

Founded February 2016 by  
Executive Order #014 of Erie  
County Executive Mark Poloncarz



- That the Opioid Epidemic Task Force will include community experts from social service agencies, law enforcement, physicians, mental health and addictions providers, the health insurance industry, **and members of victims' families.**

# Our Purpose

- Advocate for compassionate treatment for our community members
- Identify gaps in services to ensure quality care and continuity of care
- Encourage
- Raise Awareness
- Educate



# Compassionate Interaction is Harm Reduction

- Every interaction is an opportunity to express low impact help and personal care
- In many cases, the person developing the problem doesn't know what is happening to them.
- Food, shelter, clothing and medical care are basic human needs

# We are all part of the solution

- Family members reach out in the community to speak at schools, health communities, social and public meetings
- Simple, educated interaction can change the trajectory of this problem within our community
- Support and kindness show strength

# Our kitchen table topics

- Death Rate - how can we improve messages to the two populations?
- Overcoming denial
- Settlement funds
- Need for state laws to prosecute predatory fentanyl dealers
- Response to Drug Cartels
- DEA Wall to Erie County NY

# DEA Faces of Fentanyl Wall Photos

- Can be submitted through email to

[fentanylawareness@dea.gov](mailto:fentanylawareness@dea.gov)

photo, name, age

- Raise Awareness by an Add Social Media  
photo #JustKNOW

# National Fentanyl Awareness and Prevention Day

## August 21

Grassroots effort by fentanyl awareness and families impacted by fentanyl to educate the public.

- #facingfentanylnow

# Upcoming- International Overdose Awareness Day



INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY  
THURSDAY – AUGUST 31, 2023  
DISPLAY 10AM – 6PM



REMEMBRANCE AT 6PM  
92 FRANKLIN STREET  
BUFFALO, NY 14202

PLEASE JOIN US IN REMEMBRANCE OF OUR LOVED ONES AND  
COMMUNITY MEMBERS TAKEN BY THIS EPIDEMIC

**EVERY OVERDOSE IS SOMEBODY'S SOMEBODY**



PLEASE USE THE QR CODE TO UPLOAD A PICTURE IN REMEMBRANCE OF YOUR LOVED ONE TAKEN BY THE OPIOID OVERDOSE EPIDEMIC  
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE LEADING UP TO THE EVENT IN ORDER TO MAKE ANY AND ALL ATTEMPTS TO FACILITATE YOUR REQUEST

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Opioid Epidemic Task Force:  
Family & Consumer Support  
and Advocacy Section



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# We are Grateful

- Thank you for all you do.



# 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

# What's Going On?

- PSA-complete!
- Spreading the word
- Copies available

## Currently...

- Revamping our brochure
- Round 2-Media visits
- Surveys/Panels

# Opiate Epidemic Task Force: Harm Reduction Workgroup (formerly naloxone)

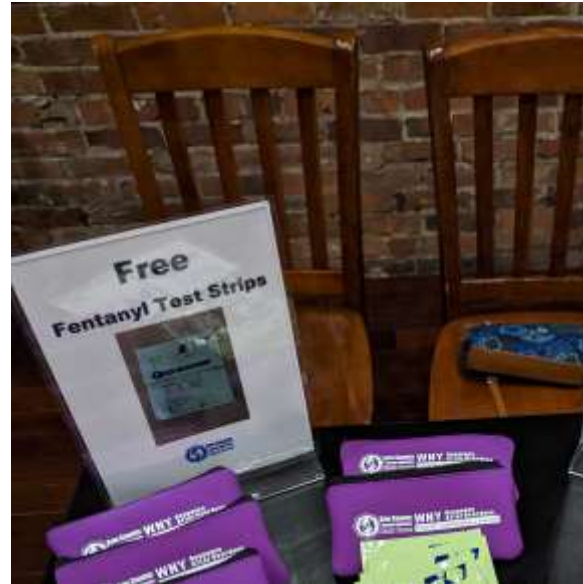
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# Workgroup Projects and Updates

- Continued naloxone trainings and medication deployment conducted by the department, many are virtual or on the spot, unique sites including bars, festivals, concert venues



# DATA AND REPORTING UPDATE

Elizabeth Terranova, MPH

Office of  
Harm  
Reduction



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# Data and reporting

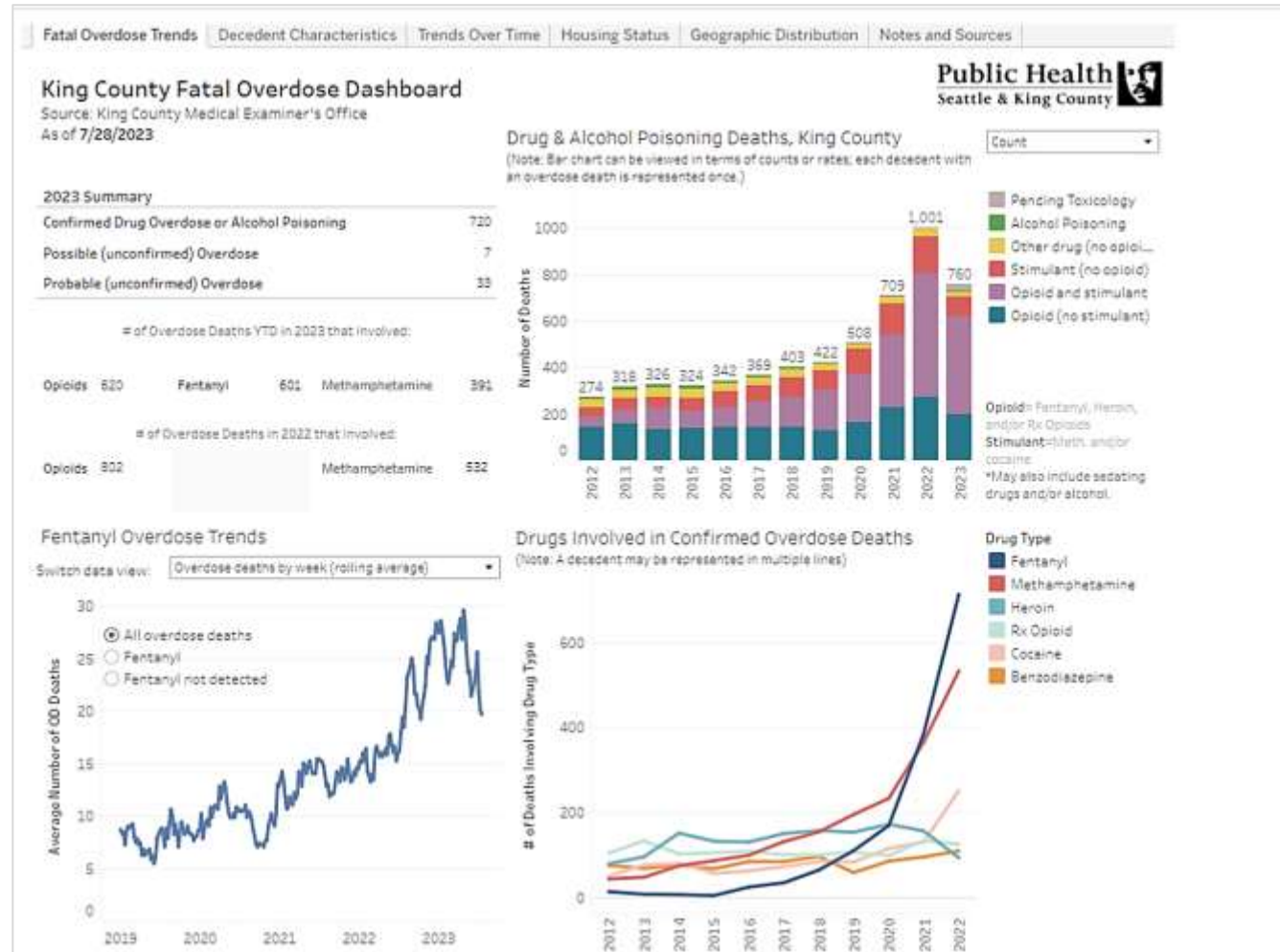
- Gather more data
- Visualize data
- Use data more strategically



# Gather more data

- Overdose Fatality Review (OFR), previously OMRB
  - Pull data measures for all overdoses (demographics, toxicology, social determinant of health factors, health care interactions)
  - In-depth review of sample with OFR team
- Comprehensive review of case management system and data

# Visualize data



# Use data more strategically

- OHR activities informed by data
- Share with partners and community

# **Erie County NY First Responder Opioid Epidemic Task Force Support Program**

## **FR-CARA Grant Update**

Jennifer Garrigan, MPH

# Programmatic Updates

- All project staff hired, trained, and are CRPA-P credentialed
- Supplies available for first responders and community
  - Naloxone
  - Wall boxes
  - Leave behind pouches
  - Leave behind care package
- Trainings continue, targeting first responder organizations and including community members
- We will be contacting a leadership team from the OETF leadership to begin meeting
- Preparing surveys to look at low-threshold buprenorphine along with provider perceptions

# Training and supply distribution

## 5/1/2023 - 7/31/2023

### TRAININGS

- Trainings conducted: 37
- Reported number of First Responders trained: 233
- Community members trained: 483

### DISTRIBUTIONS

- Narcan Kits: 842
- Wall Boxes (2 doses of naloxone each): 18 to first responder units
- Leave behind pouches (two doses naloxone and two fentanyl test strips): 366

# Future goals and events

- Presence at the Erie County Fair in the Sheriff's building and Fireman's building to engage more first responders with the program, expand the access to the pouches and leave behind care packages.
- Continue to reach out and work with first responder units – if you would like training or supplies, please reach out
  - Support surrounding communities and include in scheduled trainings
- The end of the first year of the grant is upcoming – reporting continues
- Contact: [Jennifer.Garrigan@erie.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Garrigan@erie.gov) 716-858-7945

# HARM REDUCTION TRAINING AND OUTREACH UPDATE

Taylor Winter

Project Coordinator, SUD

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# Narcan trainings

- April 1, 2023 – June 30, 2023



Type	# trainings	# Narcan kits
Community	54	940
Healthcare	11	429
School	1	10
Business	4	97
Train the trainer	1	12
Treatment Providers	1	144



# Outreach

- April 1, 2023 – June 30, 2023

Type	# outreach	# Narcan kits	# Safe Injection Kits
Outreach Events	55	2609	1170
Curbside	35		
Street/Walking	20		

# Narcan distribution, April 1, 2023 – June 30, 2023

## Text for Narcan

- 1,021 Narcan kits mailed
- 1,617 fentanyl test strips mailed
- Sent to over 679 people



## Narcan wall boxes

- 267 wall boxes distributed
- Lifetime – 2,187 boxes



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# Narcan OPEN stands, April 1, 2023 – June 30, 2023



- 13 stands distributed
- Reorder

## Included:

- Narcan
- Test strips
- Sharps containers
- Educational brochures

# Peer update

- Client management
  - Outreach & referral
  - MATTERS
  - Overdose reports
- Community of Peer Enrichment (COPE)
  - WNY peer group
  - Training and skills
  - Networking and support
  - Self-care



# Family Update

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**INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY**  
**THURSDAY – AUGUST 31, 2023**  
DISPLAY 10AM – 6PM  
REMEMBRANCE AT 6PM  
92 FRANKLIN STREET  
BUFFALO, NY 14202  
PLEASE JOIN US IN REMEMBRANCE OF OUR LOVED ONES AND  
COMMUNITY MEMBERS TAKEN BY THIS EPIDEMIC  
**EVERY OVERDOSE IS SOMEBODY'S SOMEBODY**

USE THE QR CODE TO UPLOAD A PICTURE OF YOUR LOVED ONE TAKEN BY THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC. WE ENCOURAGE FAMILIES AND FRIENDS TO SHARE A PICTURE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO WE CAN INCLUDE IT IN OUR EVENT.

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# Other related projects

- Outreach best practices
- Safe smoking kits
- Wound care kits & education
- Cannabis messaging & materials
- Community education
- Safe handling of sharps



# Expanded Syringe Access Program Update

## • 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 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.)



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# Totals Collected

## Sharps Collected

- 2023 – 9,846 lbs  
– 3146 lbs in Q2
- 2022 – 10,404 lbs
- 2021 – 11,676 lbs
- 2020 – 9,629 lbs
- 2019 – 8,809 lbs

## Drugs Destroyed

- 2023 – 4,220 lbs\*
- 2022 – 8,000 lbs
- 2021 – 7,160 lbs
- 2020 – 16,520 lbs
- 2019 – 34,720 lbs



# Drug Collection Changes

- Collected Materials are transferred to **Inmar** for final destruction
- All cost of shipping and destruction of collected materials covered by pharmaceutical industry
  - No cost for Pharmacies
  - Prior DEC programs transferred cost of disposal after 2 years to hats pharmacies
- Retention in Evidence Rooms no longer necessary – immediate shipping day of
- Most Police Departments have transitioned





# Erie County Probation Department

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OPIOID TASK FORCE MEETING

AUGUST 7, 2023



# Current Status of Opioid Unit

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- 28 Probationers on the Opioid Unit Caseload
- 76 Probationers paired with a Peer Navigator for support
- 1 Probationer rearrested multiple times
- 6 Active Violation of Probation (VOP)



# Opioid Grant General Information

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- 24 Boxes of Narcan distributed to probationers
- 4 Probationers at an inpatient facility
- 2 Probationers in jail
- 3 Fatal/6 non-fatal Opioid OD – follow up completed on all



# TCU Information

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- Completed 695 TCU's from January –June 2023.
- 35% (239 people) Identified some issue with a substance.
- 46% (119 people) scored a 6 or higher.



# TCU Information

<b>Substances Identified</b>		
<b>Drug</b>	<i># People</i>	<i>%</i>
Cocaine/Crack	60	25%
Opioids	55	23%
Alcohol	52	21%
MJ	38	16%
Other	20	8%
Meth	14	6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>100%</b>

<b>TCU Scores 6 or Higher</b>		
<b>Drug</b>	<i># People</i>	<i>%</i>
Cocaine/Crack	41	75%
Opioids	39	75%
Alcohol	20	38%
Meth	10	17%
Other	5	13%
MJ	4	20%
<b>Total</b>	<b>119</b>	

# *Thank You*

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## **Erie County Probation Opioid Unit**

Supervisor: Kim Stetz-Reese

Probation Officer: Melissa Mayhew

Peer Navigator: Kathryn Appenheimer

Peer Navigator: Stephanie Pamrow

Peer Navigator: Jeliaska Novkova



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# New Projects

- Worksites and SUD
- Educational conference for employers on Oct 6, 8 – noon
- Workgroup meets every other Monday at 3pm, next meeting 8.14.2023

# Erie County and NYS Settlement funds and updates

Community RFP link

[https://www3.erie.gov/purchasing/sites/www3.erie.gov/purchasing/files/2023-07/community resonse to opioid crisis.pdf](https://www3.erie.gov/purchasing/sites/www3.erie.gov/purchasing/files/2023-07/community_resonse_to_opioid_crisis.pdf)

Media and marketing RFP link

[https://www3.erie.gov/purchasing/sites/www3.erie.gov/purchasing/files/2023-07/media and education for harm reduction 2023-045vl.pdf](https://www3.erie.gov/purchasing/sites/www3.erie.gov/purchasing/files/2023-07/media_and_education_for_harm_reduction_2023-045vl.pdf)



# THANK YOU



**NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 13, 2023**