

Erie County Opiate Epidemic Task Force

Quarterly Meeting

11.13.2023





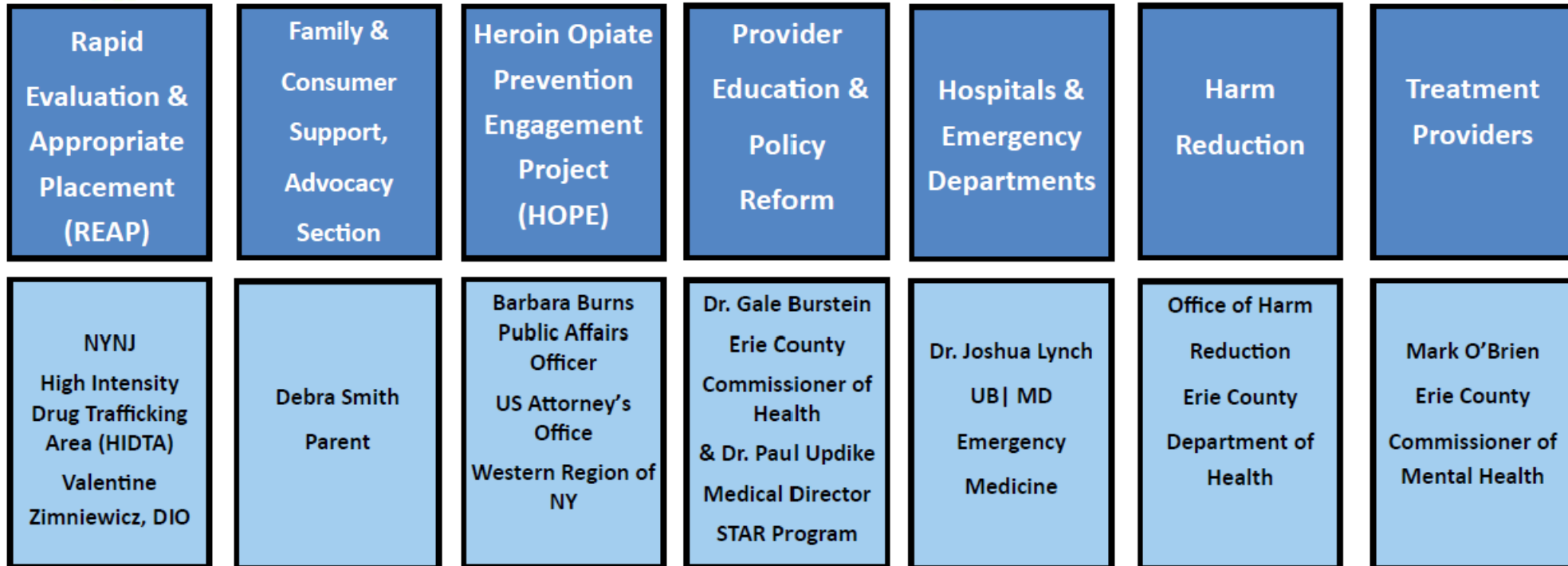
Erie County
Opiate Epidemic Task Force:
Family & Consumer Support
and Advocacy Section



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Task Force Mission:

To provide a framework for organizations and individuals from across the opiate overdose continuum to collaborate, develop, and share best practices through timely sharing of information to assist individuals and their loved ones fighting the disease of addiction and to undertake prevention efforts that educate the community on the dangers of addiction.



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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 – 11:15)
 - Provider Education and Policy Reform – Dr. Gale Burstein – (10:10 – 10:25)
 - REAP – Valentine Zimniewicz, DIO (10:25 – 10:30)
 - Treatment Providers – Jen Seib – (10:30 – 10:40)
 - Hospitals and Emergency Departments – MATTERS staff (10:40 – 10:50)
 - Family and Consumers – Deb Smith (10:50 – 11:00)
 - Community Education – Barbara Burns (11:00 – 11:10)
 - Harm Reduction – (11:00 – 11:15)
 - i. Office of Harm Reduction – Taylor Winter, Stephen White
 - ii. DHHS SAMHSA FR Cara award – first responder training and Narcan supply grant, linkage to MATTERS, virtual appointments expansion – Jennifer Garrigan
4. Probation Peer Project updates – Sheila Ruhland (11:15– 11:25)
5. Task Force Yearly Reports (11:25 – 11:30)
6. Settlement fund updates – (11:30 – 11:45)
 - Erie County – RFP updates
 - NYS – 2025 budget recommendations submitted
7. Questions, feedback – (11:45 – 12:00)

Thank you!

2024 Meeting Schedule

Monday February 5, 2023 10am – 12noon

Monday May 6, 2023 10am – 12noon

Monday August 5, 2023 10am – 12noon

TUESDAY November 12, 2023 10am – 12noon



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ERIE COUNTY OPIOID OVERDOSE DATA

HEALTH CARE PROVIDER EDUCATION AND POLICY REFORM ACTIVITIES ACTIVITIES UPDATE



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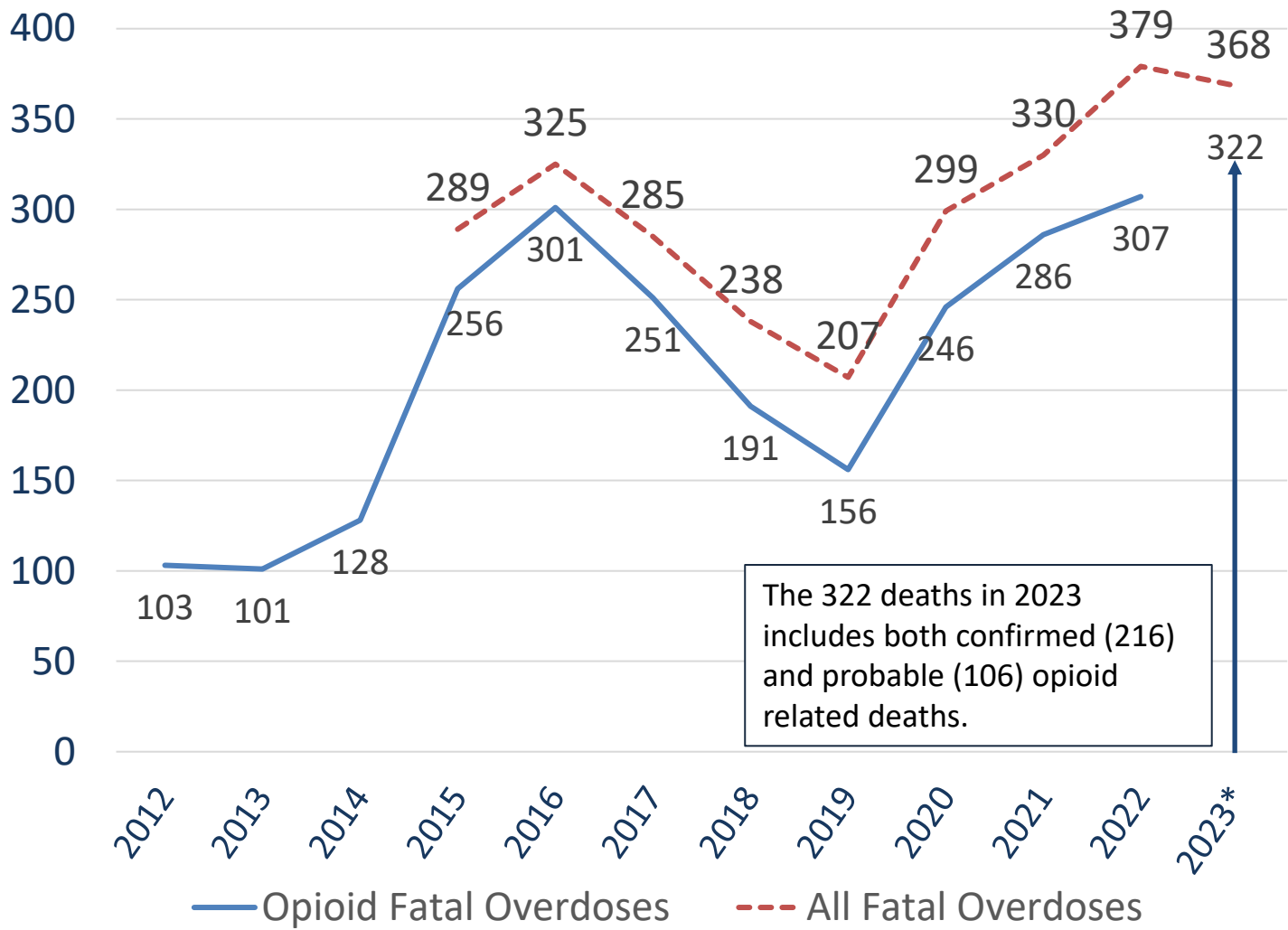
OPIOID OVERDOSE DEATHS

ERIE COUNTY

As of 11/8/2023

2012 – 2023* NUMBER OF OVERDOSE RELATED DEATHS

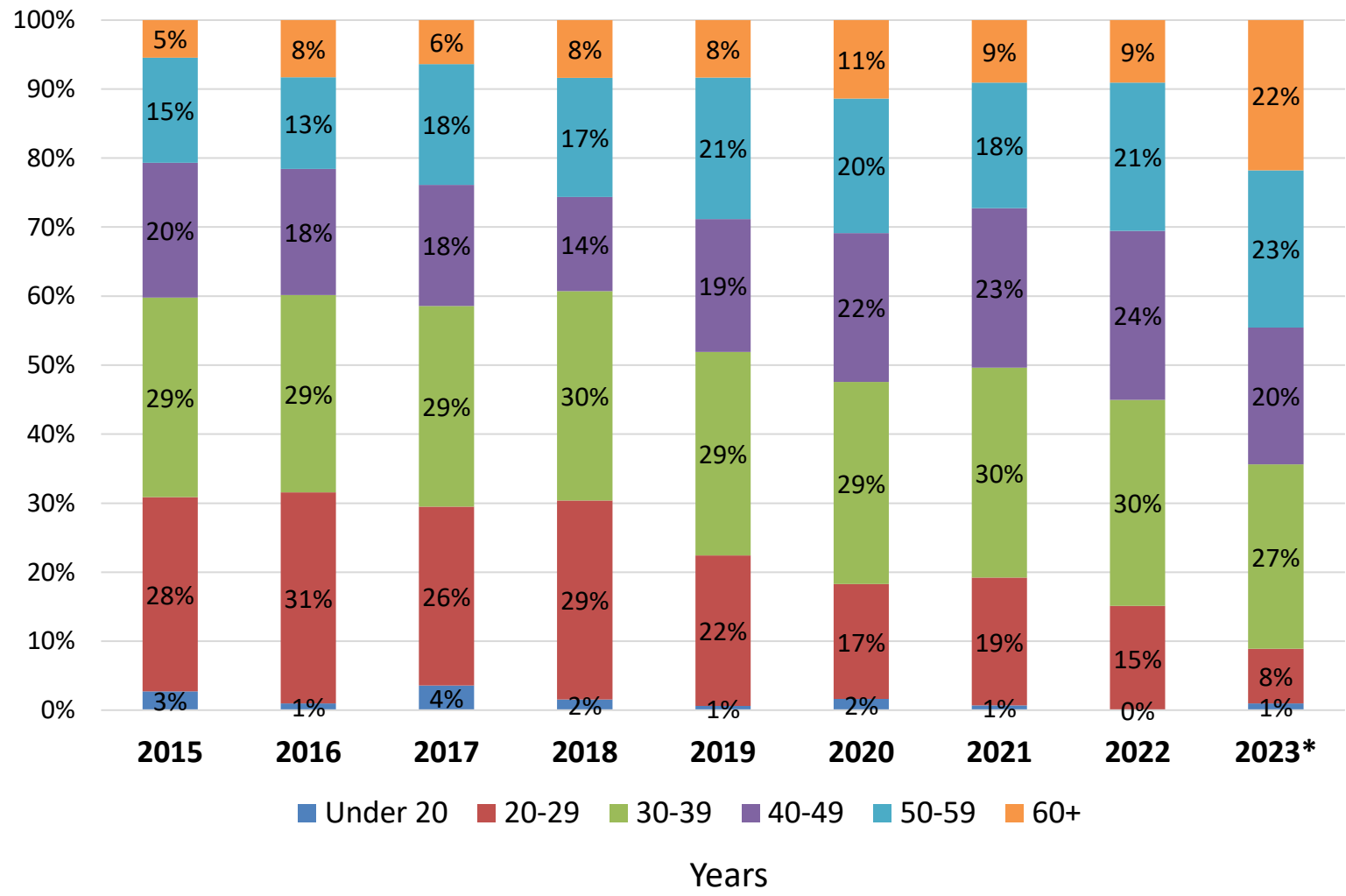
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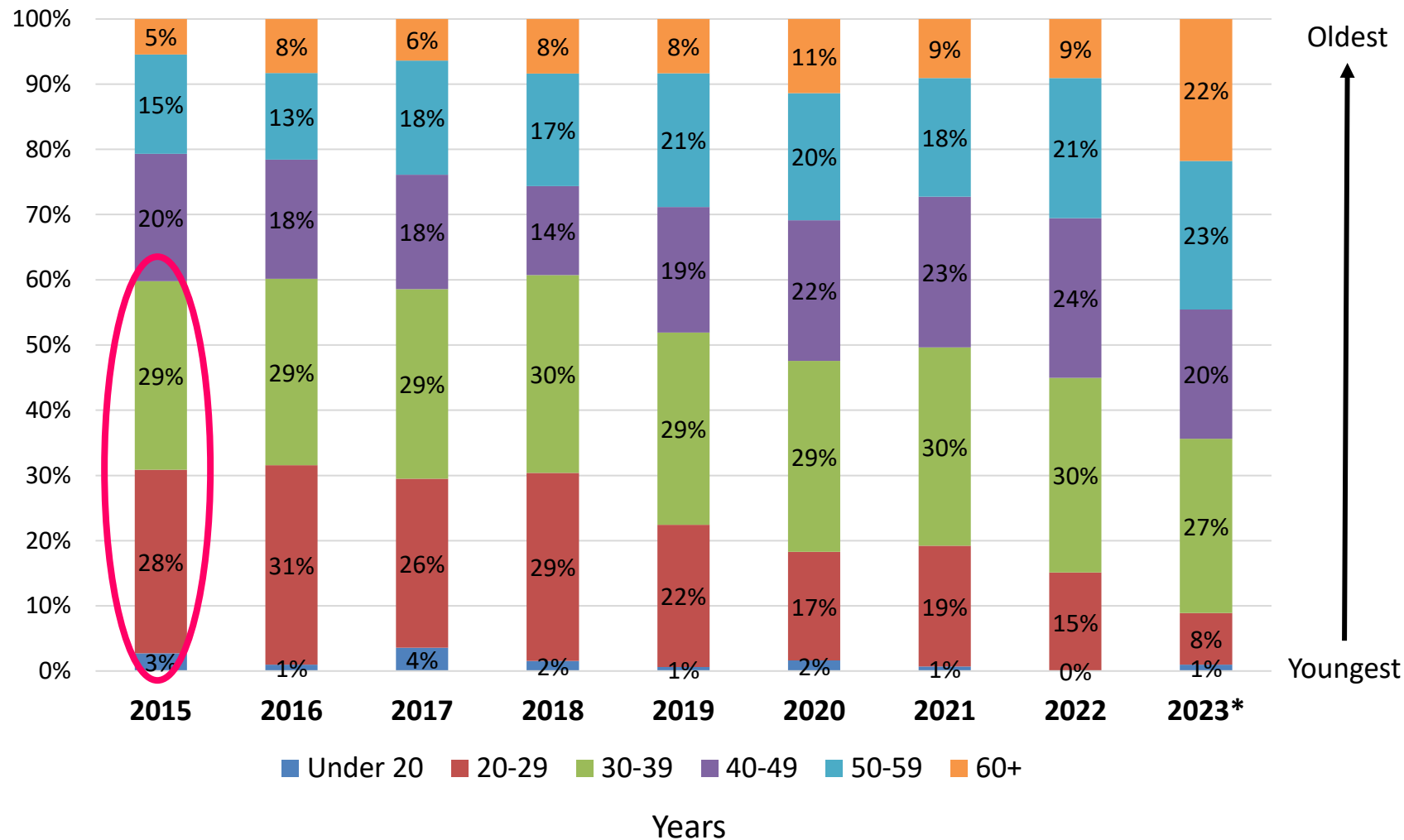
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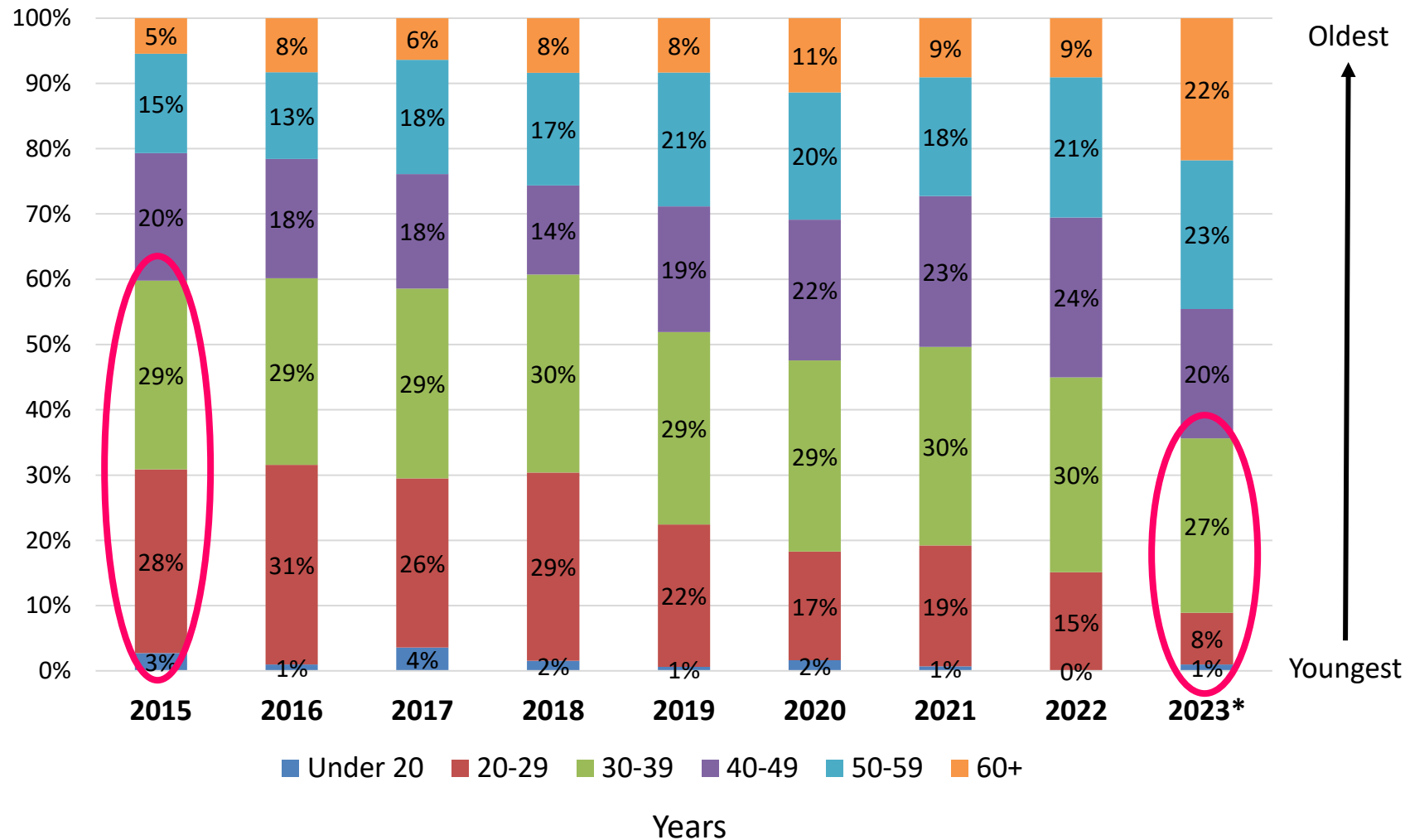
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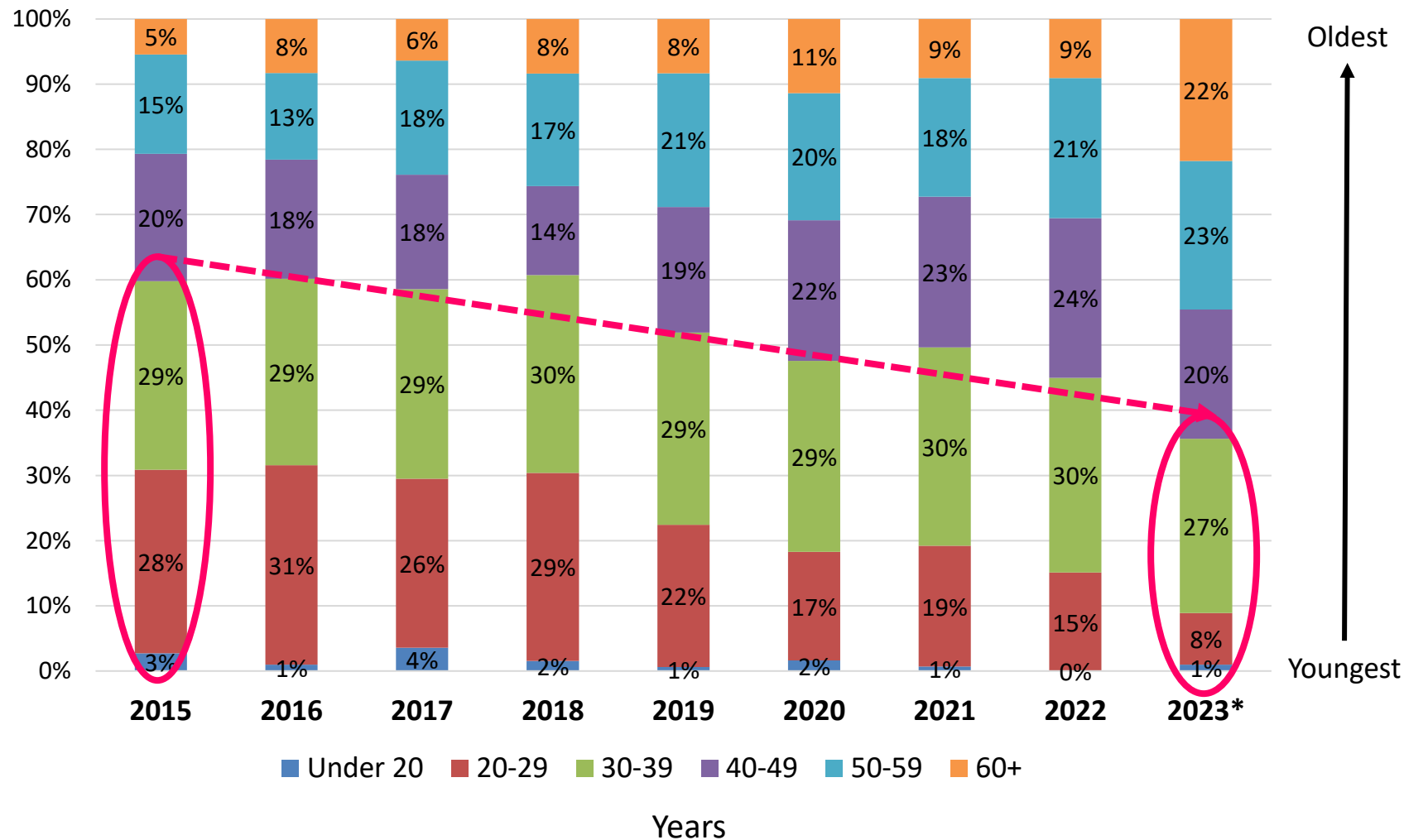
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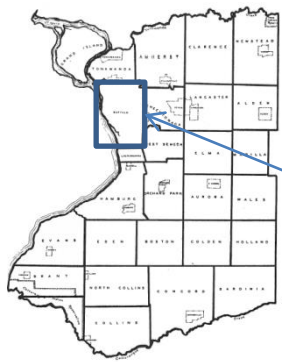


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Erie County Census Estimate

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=322 Confirmed & Probable)
Race/Ethnicity							
White alone	79%	79%	78%	79%	73%	68%	69%
Black or African American alone	14%	10%	10%	19%	22%	28%	28%
Native Amer / Alaskan Native	.7%	N/A	N/A	2%	4%	2%	2%
Hispanic	6%	7%	8%	10%	9%	12%	13%
Gender							
Female	52%	30%	27%	30%	27%	31%	29%
Male	48%	70%	73%	70%	73%	69%	71%
Age							
20-29	14%	29%	22%	17%	19%	15%	8%
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%	23%
60+	25%	8%	8%	12%	9%	10%	22%



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

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

SUBURBAN TOWNS:

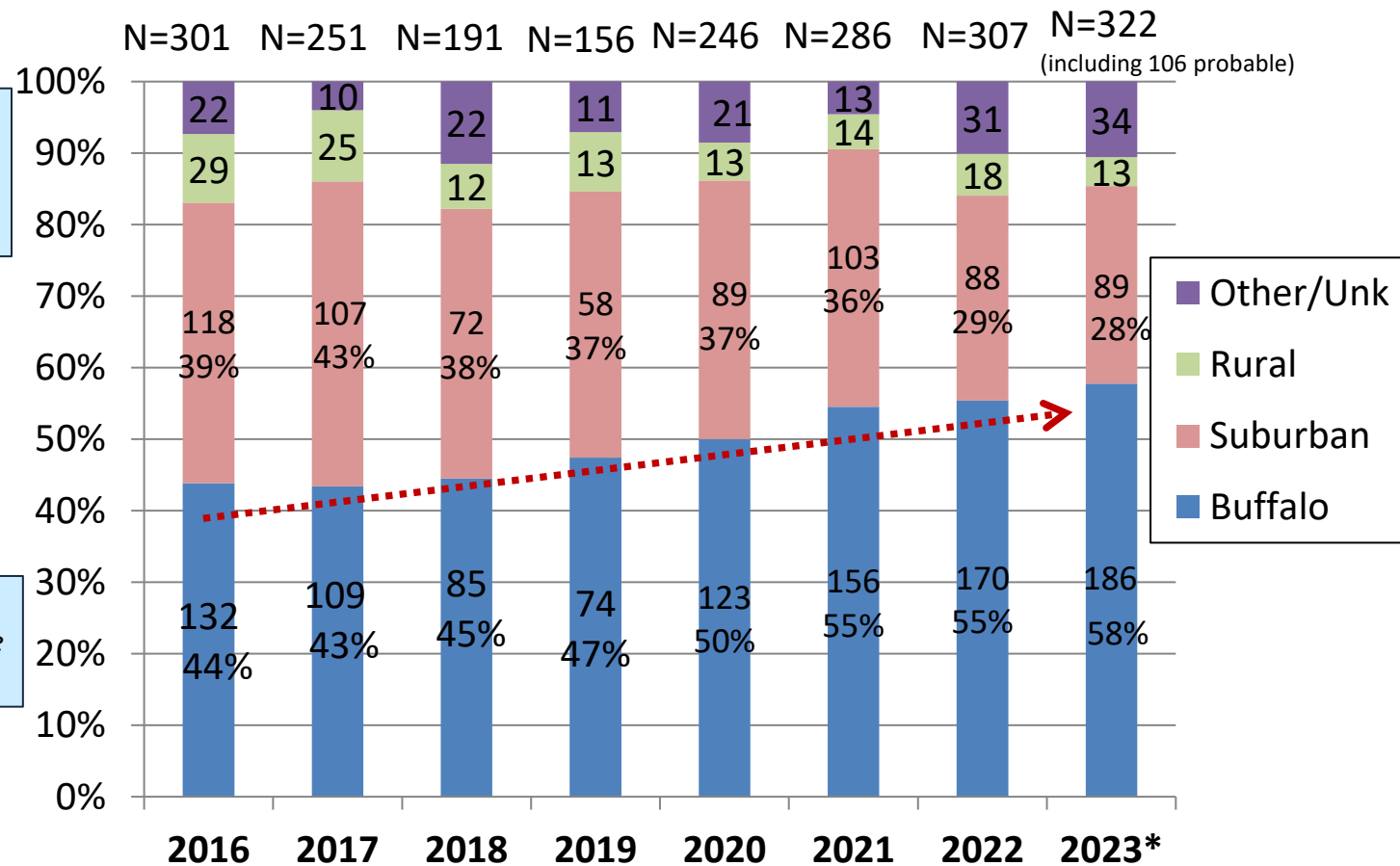
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GRAND ISLAND
HAMBURG
LACKAWANNA
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Suburban Towns
59% of persons
live in the
Suburban Towns

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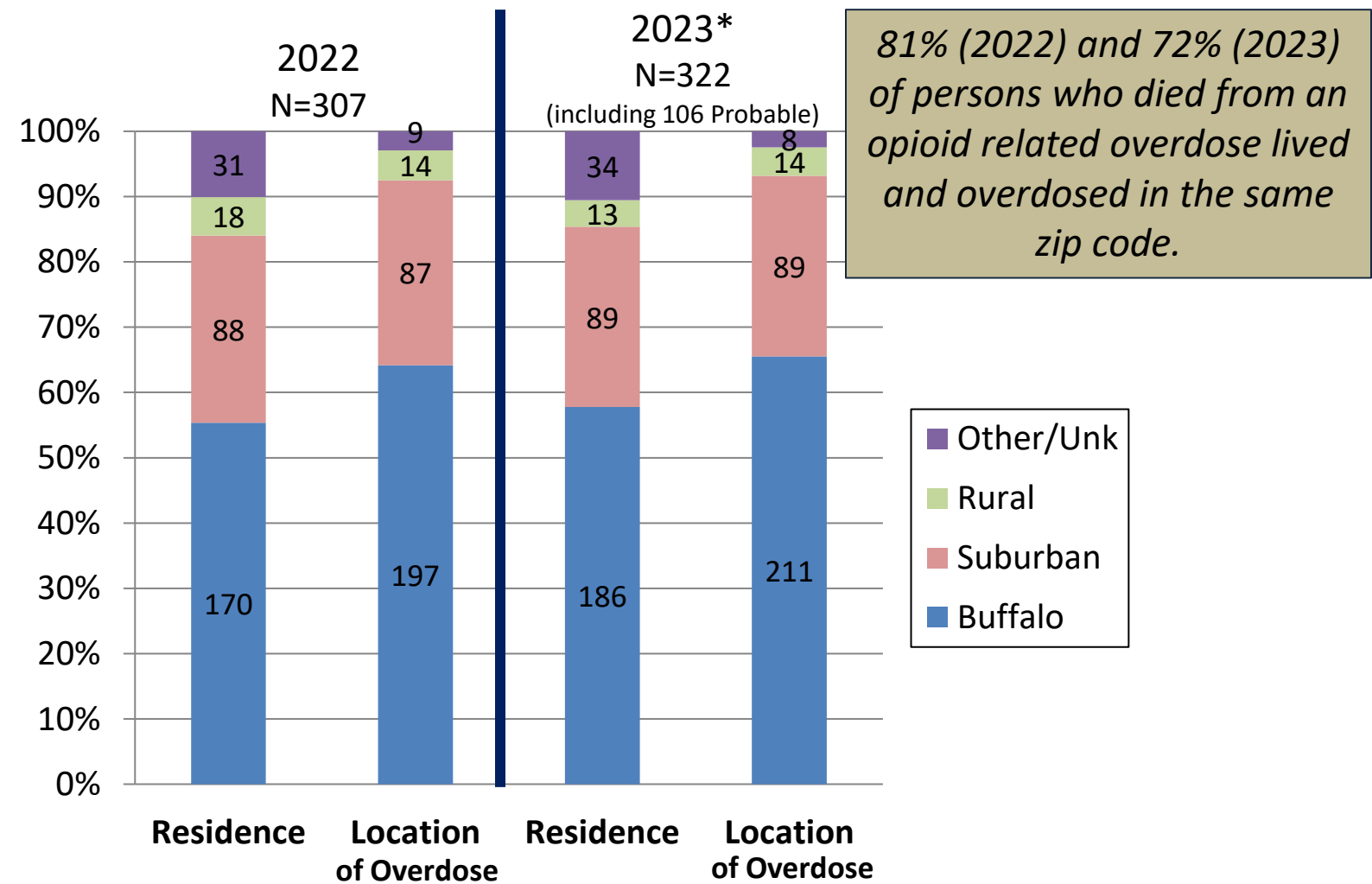
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Rural Towns
11% of persons live
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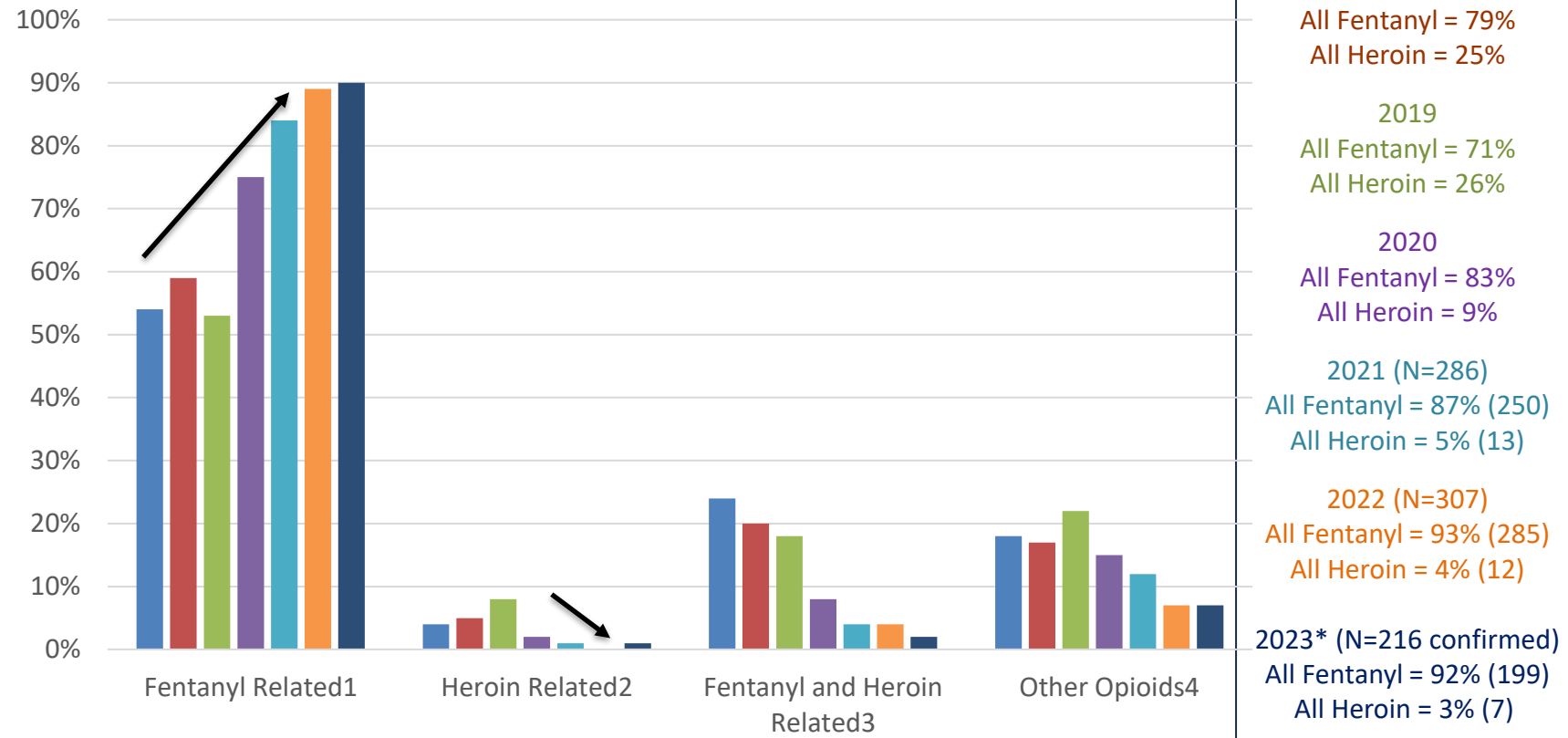
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2022 AND 2023* PERCENT OF OPIOID RELATED DEATHS
BY RESIDENCE AND OVERDOSE LOCATION
ERIE COUNTY



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



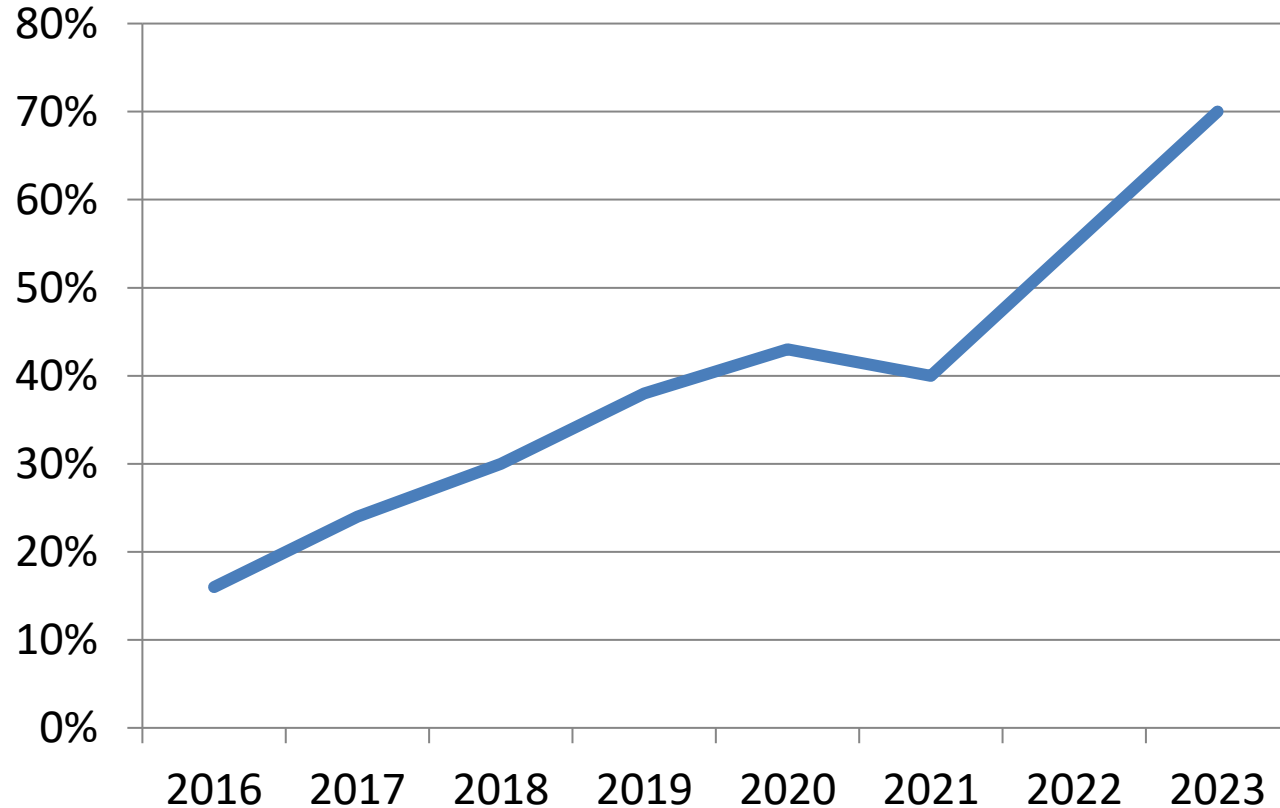
¹ NO HEROIN; POSSIBLE OTHER DRUGS INVOLVED

² NO FENTANYL; POSSIBLE OTHER DRUGS INVOLVED

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⁴ NO FENTANYL OR HEROIN; POSSIBLE OTHER DRUGS INVOLVED

2016 – 2022* PERCENT OF OPIOID RELATED DEATHS ASSOCIATED WITH FENTANYL¹ AND COCAINE ERIE COUNTY



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*: 75% (161/216) of opioid related deaths involved cocaine

¹Includes all Fentanyl related deaths.

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Opioid Related Death Updates

Erie County

Case and Demographic Updates

- ↑↑ in opioid related deaths since 2019
- ↑↑ in deaths in black persons from 10% to 28% from 2018 to 2023
- ↓↓ in deaths in white persons from 79% to 69% from 2018 to 2023
- ↓↓ in deaths in persons aged 20-29 years from 29% to 8% from 2018 to 2023
- ↑↑ in deaths in persons aged 50-59 years from 17% to 23% from 2018 to 2023
- ↑↑ in deaths in persons aged 60+ years from 8% to 22% from 2018 to 2023

Opioid Related Death Updates

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Substance Updates

- Xylazine identified in 13 deaths in 2022 and 8 deaths in 2023*.
- Methamphetamine identified in 28 deaths in 2022 and 21 in 2023*.
- Cocaine identified in 174 (57%) opioid deaths in 2022 and 161 (75%) in 2023*.

OVERDOSE DASHBOARD PREVIEW

Overdoses Affect Everyone

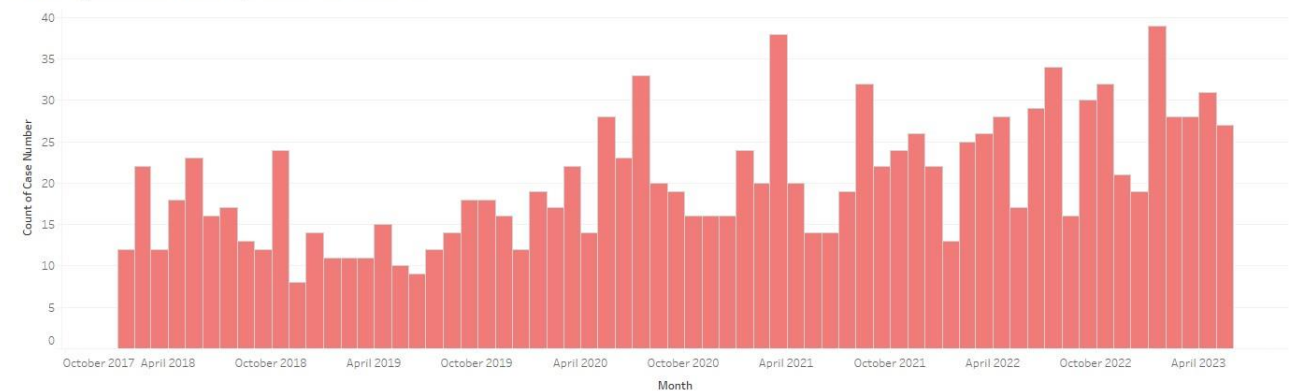
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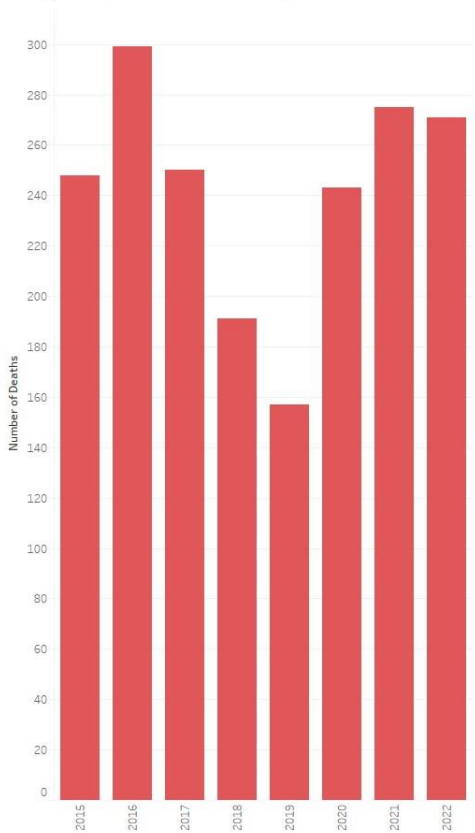
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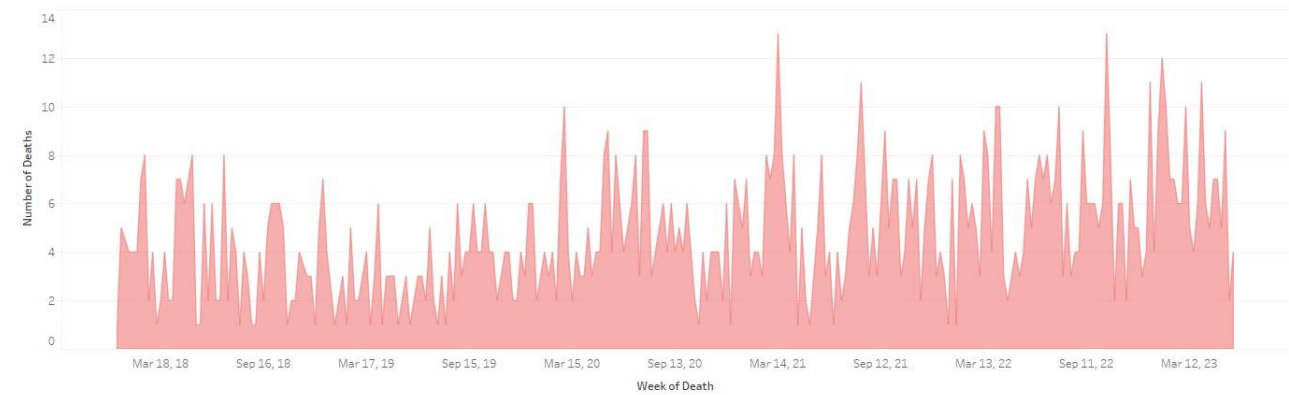
Monthly Overdose Deaths, 2018 to June 2023



Yearly Total of Overdose Deaths, 2015 to 2022



Weekly Overdose Deaths, 2018 to June 2023



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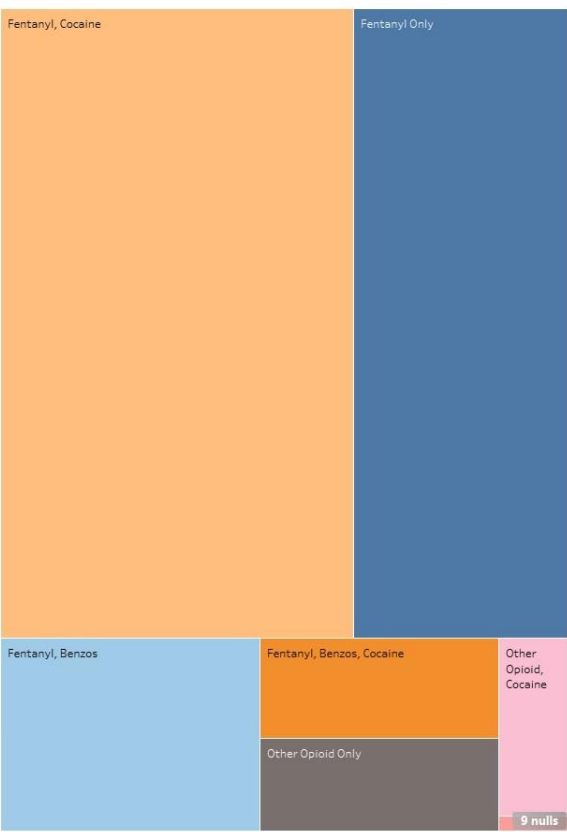
Drugs Found in Fatal Overdoses, 2014 to 2016



Drugs Found in Fatal Overdoses, 2017 to 2019



Drugs Found in Fatal Overdoses, 2020 to 2023



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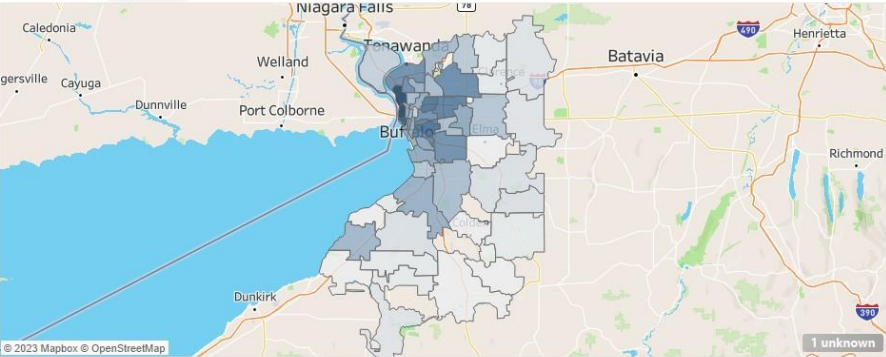
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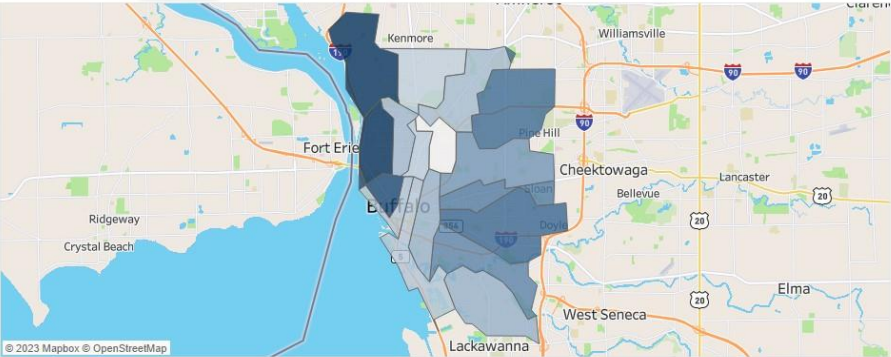
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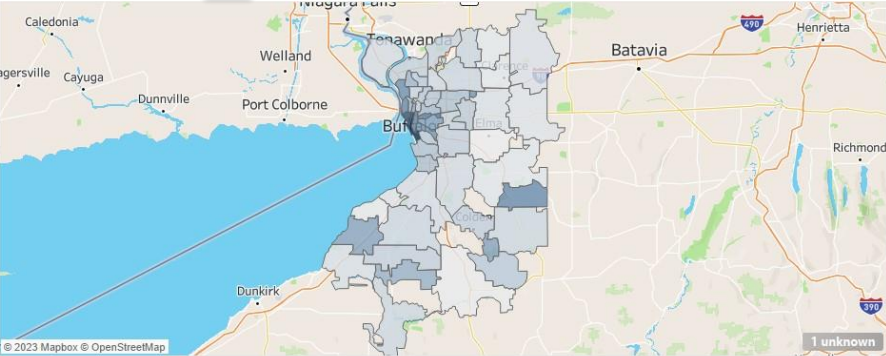
Erie County, Number of Overdoses Reported in 2023



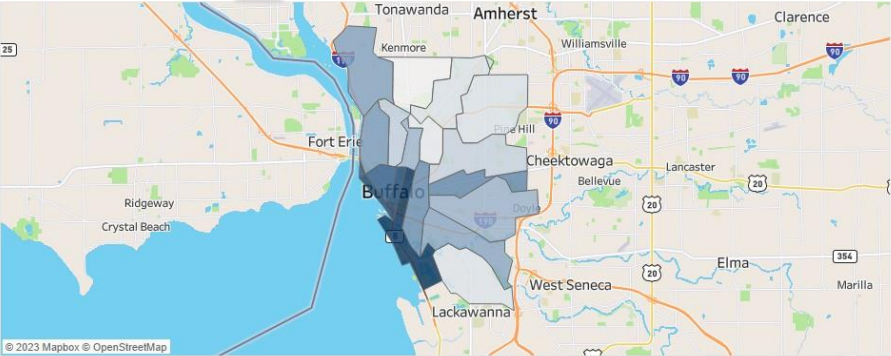
City of Buffalo, Number of Overdoses Reported in 2023



Erie County, Overdose Rate per 1,000 Zip Code Residents



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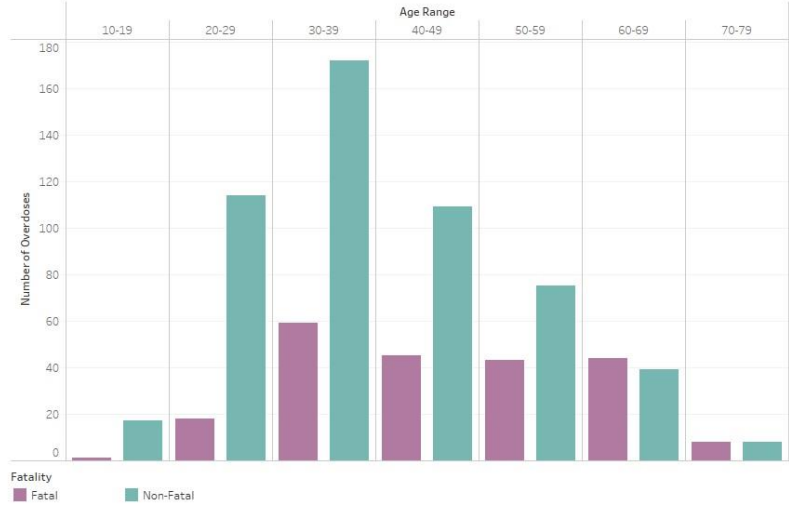
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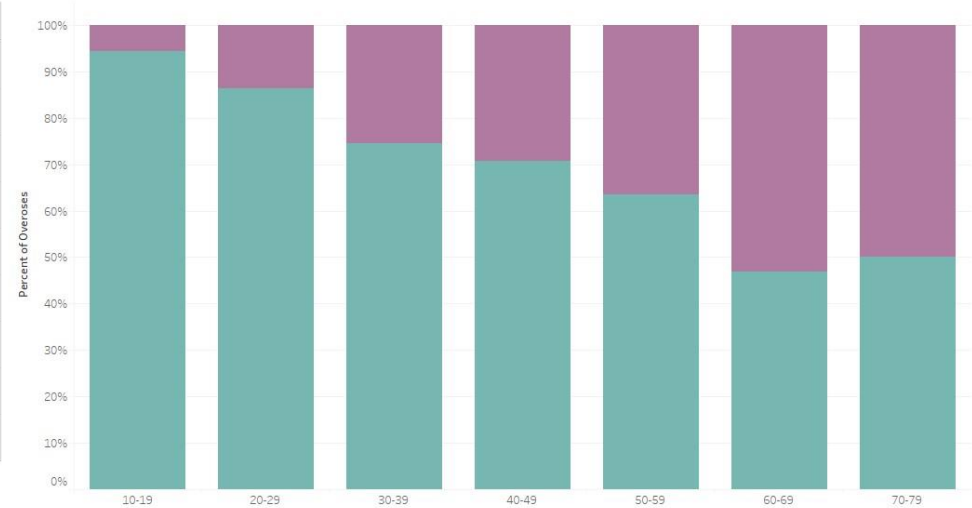
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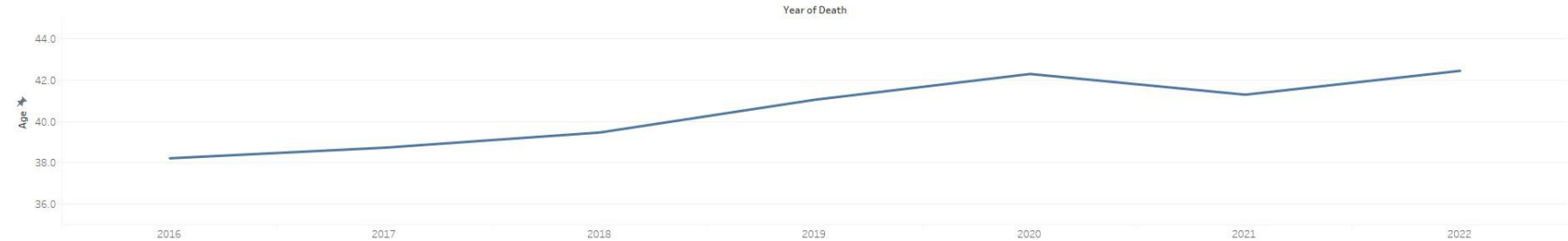
Age Range of All Overdoses Reported in 2023 (as of June)



Fatality Rate of Overdoses in 2023 by Age Group (as of June)



Average Age of Fatal Overdoses, 2016 to 2022



HEALTH CARE PROVIDER EDUCATION AND POLICY REFORM ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Advocacy

- Meeting with NYS American Academy of Pediatrics and NYSDOH Health Commissioner
- Advocacy to increase PPC buprenorphine prescribers
- ↑ Reimbursement rates
- Provide start up cost coverage for
 - Behavioral health care manager
 - Access to on call addictions medicine specialist for consults
 - Project TEACH model
 - Include SBIRT and MAT training in Project TEACH curriculum



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Comments and Questions



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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
Senior Vice President of Strategic Initiatives
BestSelf Behavioral Health, Inc.

Treatment Provider Workgroup

The workgroup 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.

Tx Provider Workgroup - Where We Have Come

- **Over the years this workgroup has focused on:**
 - **Increasing access to Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD)**
 - **Increasing Harm Reduction strategies**
 - **Increasing access to SUD Housing**
- **This Work Continues And...**

Tx Provider Workgroup - Where We Are Going

- **New Focus / New Face of Opioid Overdose:**
 - **Stimulant Use and Stimulant Use Disorder**
 - How do we better reach and treat those who are using stimulants or have a stimulant use disorder, who are at an increased risk of overdose and overdose death
 - Will be working together to explore what may be available in terms of:
 - Program Models
 - Best Practices
 - Educational Resources
 - Training

Committee
Updates:
**Harm Reduction
Education and
Support for
Families/
Community**

Facilitator:
**Julianna
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**Two family/community/support system
forums:**

- **WNYIL – had a forum on Nov 6th - Let's Get Families Back Into Recovery**
- **Endeavor – coming up 12/6/23 5:30-6:30pm – Family Awareness and Finding Support**
- **The Committee created a list with topics and presenters that was shared with WNYIL, who used that to guide some of the curriculum and agendas for the forums.**
- **Next meeting is scheduled for 11/15/23. Meetings are typically the 3rd Wednesday of Month 3-4p.**

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**Family Awareness
and Finding Support**

Join this informative session for family members and loved ones of people using substances

**Ask Questions
and Get Support**

This session will answer questions about substance use and help loved ones find support and resources.

NEXT SESSION REGISTRATION
12/6/2023 5:30-6:30 p.m. Call ahead or walk in day of!

ADDRESS PHONE
1526 Walden Avenue 716-895-6700 ext. 4061 or 4605

ENDEAVOR HEALTH SERVICES
One Wellness One Mission



**ADDICT2ADDICT & FAMILY2FAMILY PRESENTS A
FAMILY FORUM
LET'S GET
FAMILIES BACK
INTO RECOVERY**

MOST OF THE TIME WE ARE TOO BUSY FOCUSING ON OUR LOVED ONE'S ADDICTION WE FORGET ABOUT OURSELVES AND WHAT A TOLL THIS TAKES ON OUR OWN WELL BEING. LET'S TRY AND BRIDGE THE GAP TO END THE DISCONNECT WITH FAMILIES AND THEIR LOVED ONES IN RECOVERY.

HAVING A SAFE SPACE FOR SUPPORTIVE AND INVOLVED FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IS CRUCIAL FOR AN INDIVIDUAL IN RECOVERY - THEY NEED YOUR SUPPORT - BUT WHO IS YOUR SUPPORT?

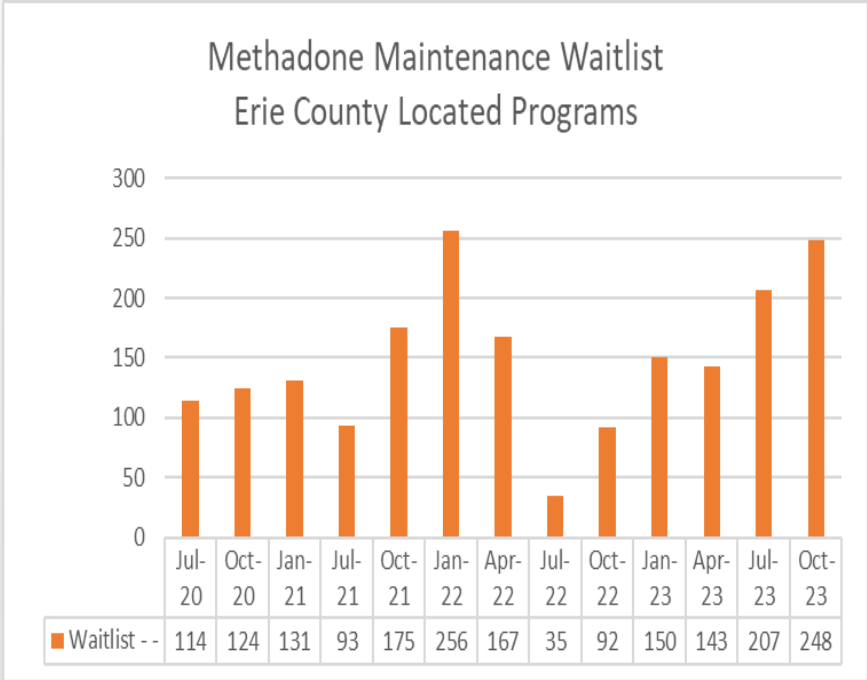
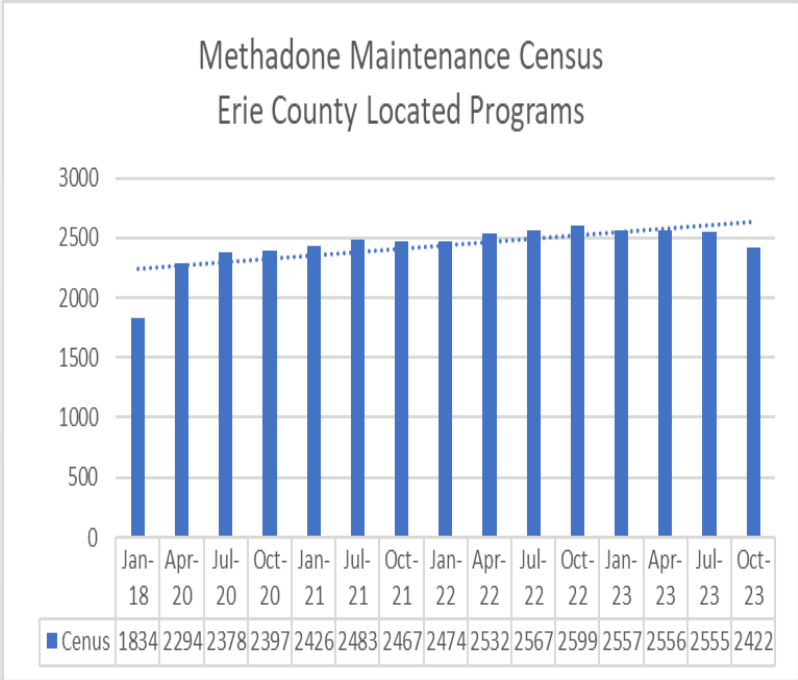
COME GET SOME QUESTIONS ANSWERED, SHARE SOME OF YOUR THOUGHTS, OR JUST COME AND GET EDUCATED ABOUT ADDICTION.

WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!
NOVEMBER 6TH 2023
1:00 PM
CLEARFIELD LIBRARY
770 HOPKINS ROAD, WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221

PLEASE CONTACT JESSICA FOR ANY INQUIRIES
(716) 895-6722

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



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

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

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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: 224 YTD thru September 2023.



Changes for the Workgroup

- John Grieco is stepping down from his role as co-chair
- Julianna Everdyke, Director of Dual Recovery and Community Integration will be stepping in as the new co-chair

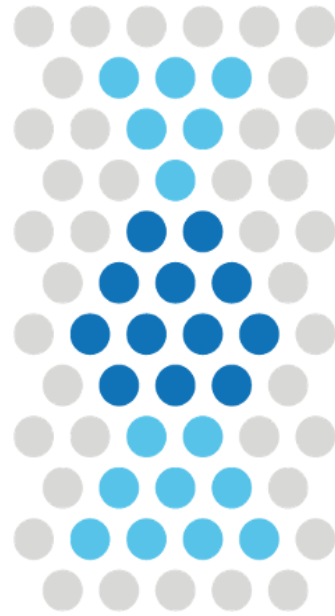


Next meeting:

9/2, 10:30-12 via WebEx

Thank you for
your support
& dedication





MATTERS

Medication for Addiction Treatment & Electronic Referrals



Shelby Arena
Harm Reduction
Coordinator



Elizabeth Crawford, MPH
Harm Reduction
Assistant



Lucy Connery, MPH
Marketing Coordinator



Mia Dickinson
Harm Reduction
Specialist



Brigid Keane, MPH
Outreach Coordinator



Lauren Lennett
Public Health Fellow



Phil McNamara
Outreach Manager



**Joshua Lynch, DO,
EMT-P, FACEP**
Chief Medical Officer



Mila Pakhomova
Program Manager



Katie Rossi, MS
Director of Operations

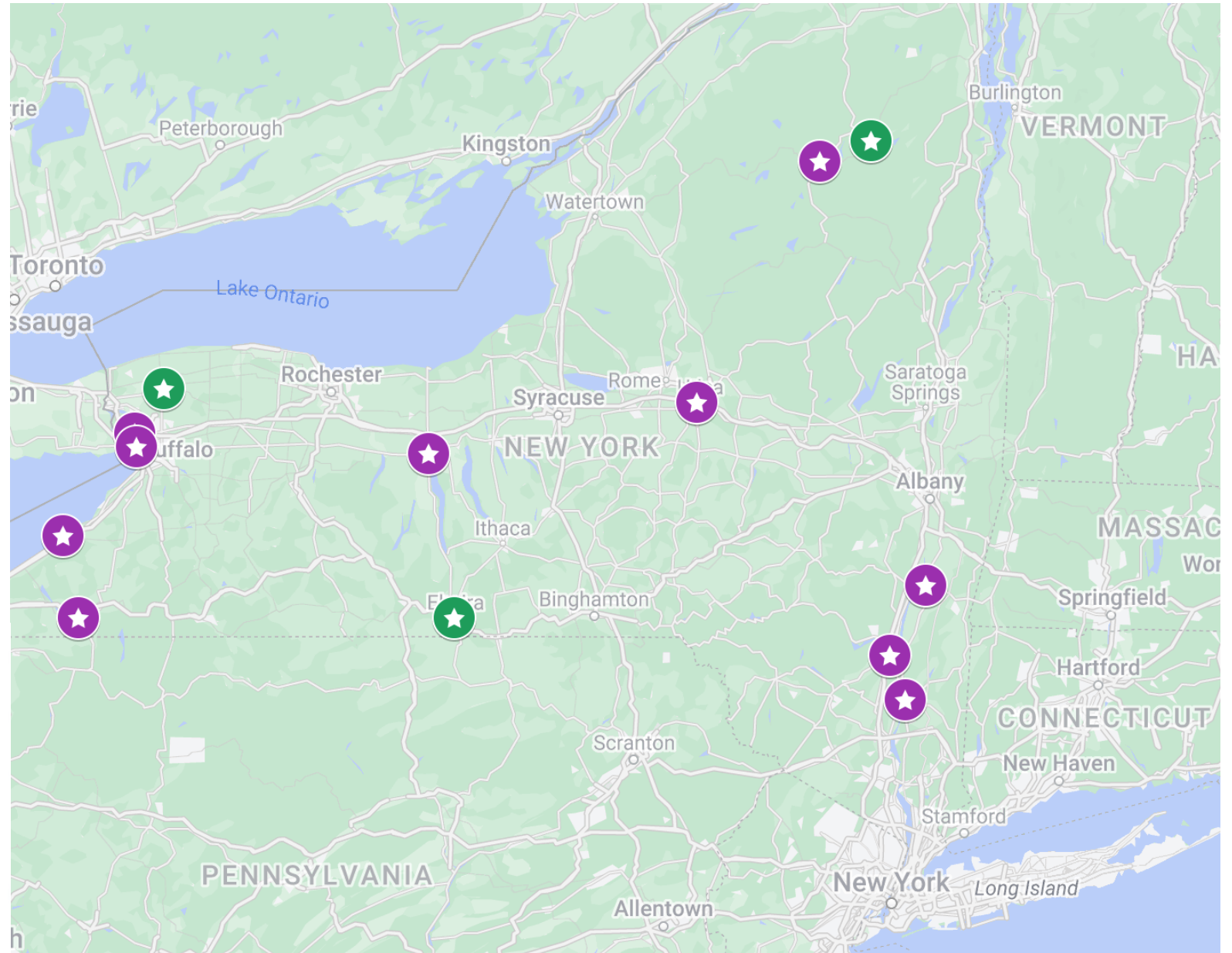
New Network Partners!

Welcome to the
Network!



MAP LEGEND:

Coming Soon



How it works

- 1 Enter 8377
- 2 Enter your year of birth
- 3 Choose up-to three items!



Telemedicine evaluations are available 24/7 across WNY.



Rapid
evaluation



Access to
medication

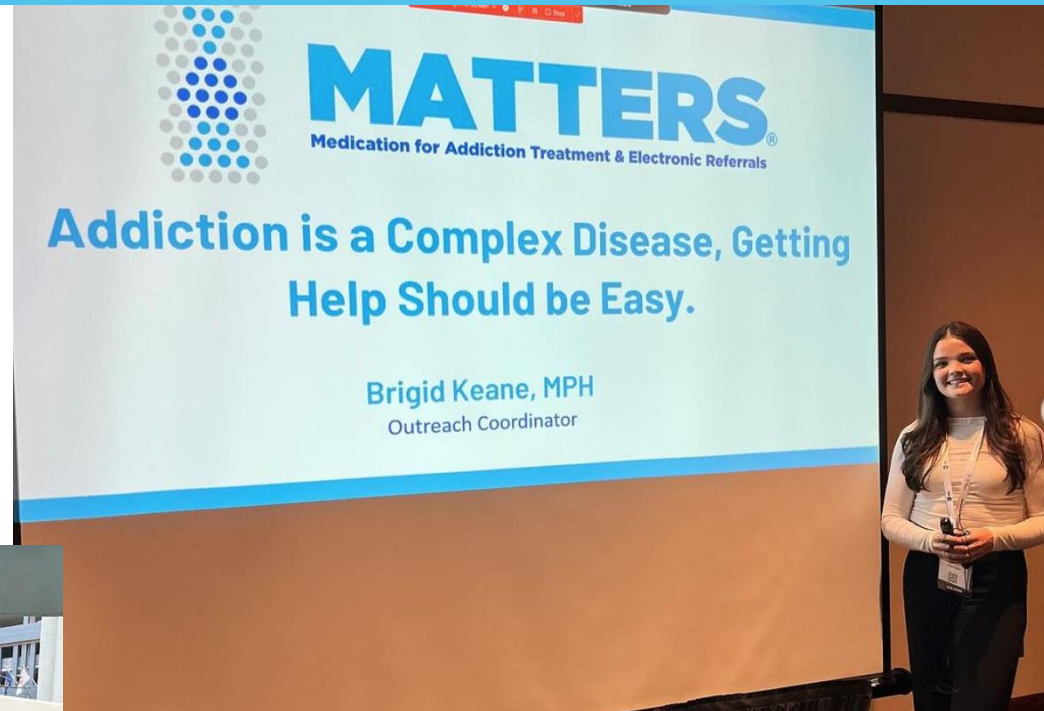


Referral to
treatment

Call (716) 463-6222



Events and Outreach



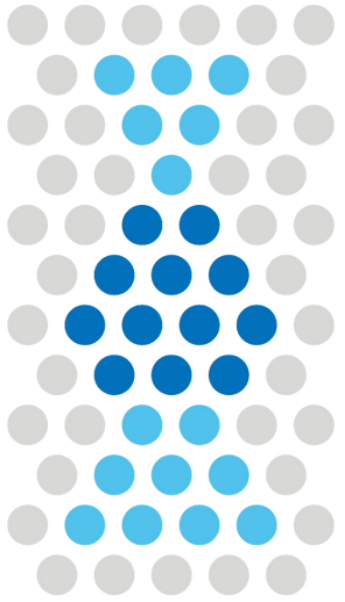


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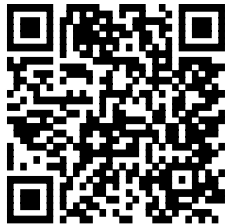


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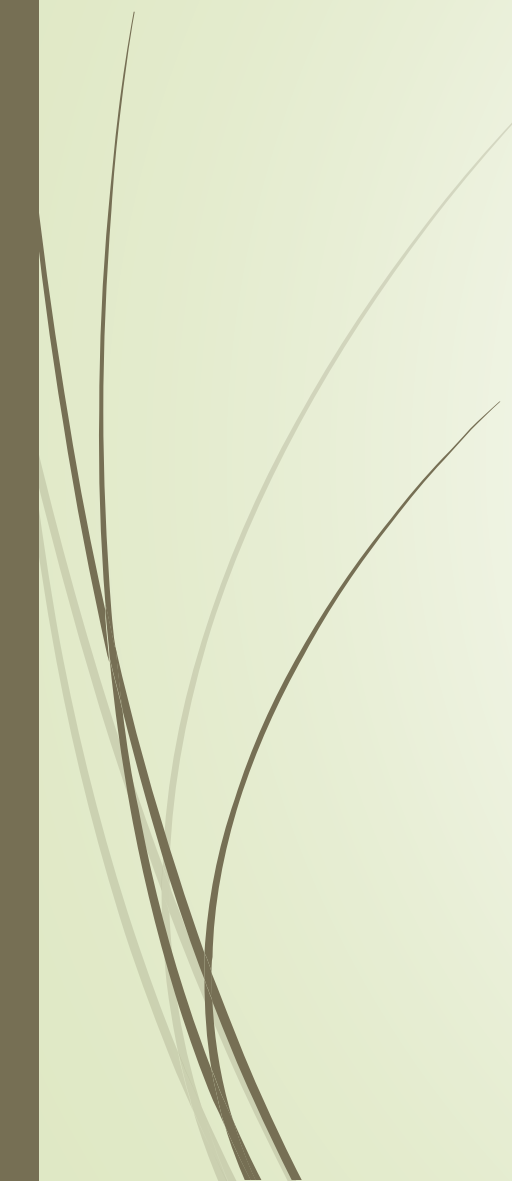
Family and Consumer, Support and Advocacy Group

Erie County Opiate Epidemic Task Force

November 13, 2023



Founded February 2016 by Executive Order
of Erie County Executive, Mark Poloncarz

- That the Opiate Epidemic Task Force will include community experts from social service agencies, law enforcement, physicians, mental health addictions providers, the health insurance industry and members of victim's families.
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Our Purpose

- Advocate for compassionate treatment for our community members
- Identify gaps in services to ensure quality care and continuity of care
- Encourage everyone to be kind and careful
- Raise Awareness of the disease of SUD
- Educate our community

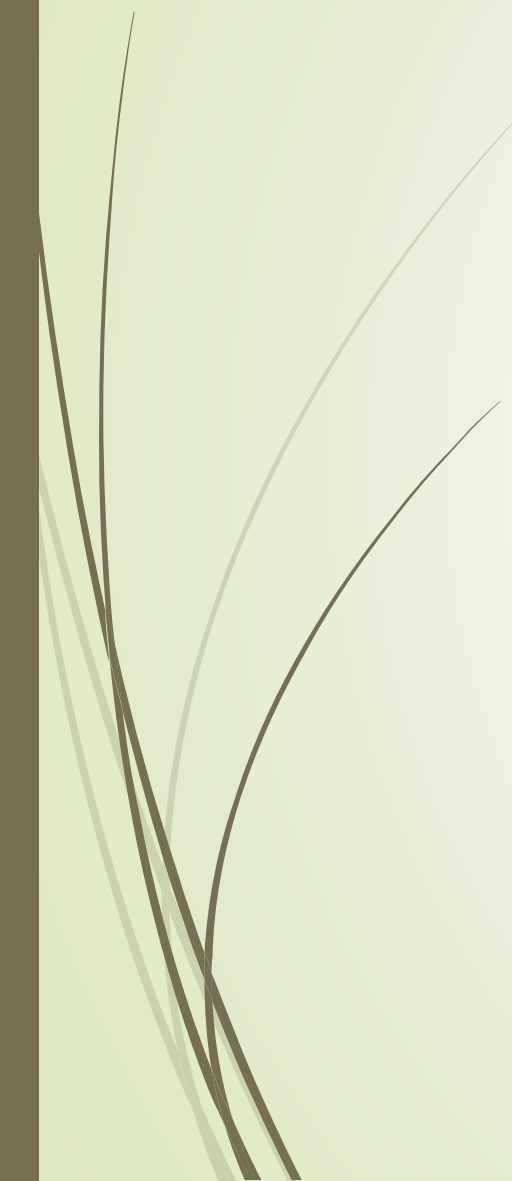


We Advocate for Realistic, Person-Centered Care

- Inaction and failure to develop an educational awareness campaign has led to stalled progress
 - We don't have to wait for someone else to figure this out
 - We have tools to prevent death and prepare our community for the presence of illegal substances that kill.
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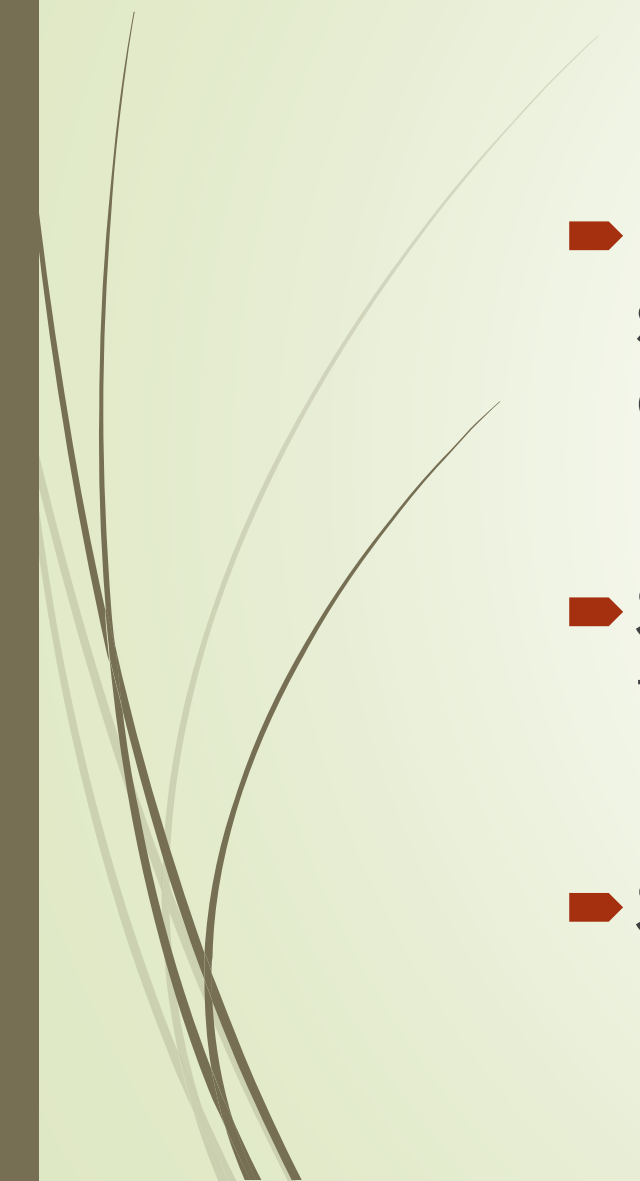


Compassionate Interaction is Harm Reduction

- 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
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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
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Our kitchen table topics

- Death Rate – how can we educate the two populations?
- Overcoming denial – ATTITUDE and WORDS MATTER
- Settlement funds - directed to recovery/ healing
- Need for state laws to prosecute predatory fentanyl dealers
- Response to Drug Cartels
- DEA Wall to Erie County NY- We need a visible location



Photos for DEA Donated Screen

- Can be submitted through email to:


fentanylawareness@dea.gov

photo, name, age

- Raise Awareness by an Add Social Media

photo #JustKNOW

We need a location that will be visible to the public. This is a message board as well as an awareness board.



International Overdose Awareness Day, August 31.

- This event highlights the loss in our community, streets and homes to a preventable death.
- We openly express our heartache to advance the sciences that offer assistance to the less fortunate.
- We tell the realistic version of a person with a disease, not the enhanced version offered by those with unresolved emotions. We miss them.

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

Grief Groups

- Helping Parents Heal
helpingparentsheal.org
- GRASP BestSelf
BestSelf Recovery Community Center
69 Linwood Ave Buffalo, NY 14209
1st and 3rd Saturday 10:30am Nov 18.
- Suicide Loss Group/ Loss from Stigmatized Death
Our Lady of Charity Parish Center
260 Okell St. Buffalo, NY.
Thursday, November 16, 2023 6:30pm



Up and coming Events

- Overdose Epidemic November 15, 5:30 pm
Public Event

[WNED PBS](#). Eventbrite has tickets

- Buffalo Toronto Public Media is hosting a free awareness event featuring a NARCAN demonstration by Erie County Health Department and organizations with overdose prevention resources. We will also be screening the short film BROTHER. Dinner will be provided.
- You've heard the statistics. They may even come close to home as many across New York State struggle with an addiction to painkillers, heroin, or other opioids. From schools to jails to government chambers the crisis is having a social and economic impact in our communities.



OVERDOSE
EPIDEMIC

December 2023

**Family Awareness
and Finding Support**

Join this informative session for family members and loved ones of people using substances

**Ask Questions
and Get Support**

This session will answer questions about substance use and help loved ones find support and resources.

NEXT SESSION REGISTRATION
12/6/2023 5:30-6:30 p.m. Call ahead or walk in day of!

ADDRESS PHONE
1526 Walden Avenue 716-895-6700 ext. 4061 or 4605

Tree of Hope 2022





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

Currently...

- Revamping our brochure
- Round 2-Media visits

Messaging to Target Groups

- Seniors-messaging through Meals on Wheels
- Minorities-working with NAACP and clergy groups

ERIE COUNTY OPIOID EPIDEMIC
TASK FORCE

Harm Reduction

November 13, 2023

Erie County Department of Health



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- HARM REDUCTION
WORKGROUP
- DATA ACCESS
- NALOXONE ACCESS
- OUTREACH, SUPPLIES &
TRAINING



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Harm Reduction Workgroup

LOOKING FOR MEMBERS

Harm reduction is a set of practical strategies and ideas aimed at reducing negative consequences associated with drug use. Harm Reduction is also a movement for social justice built on a belief in, and respect for, the rights of people who use drugs. - Harm Reduction Coalition

for more information email harm_reduction@erie.gov



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Last quarter review - DATA

Gather more data

in progress

Strategic data utilization

in progress

Visualize data

phase 1 complete

if you have any data related
questions, please reach out to
stephen.white@erie.gov



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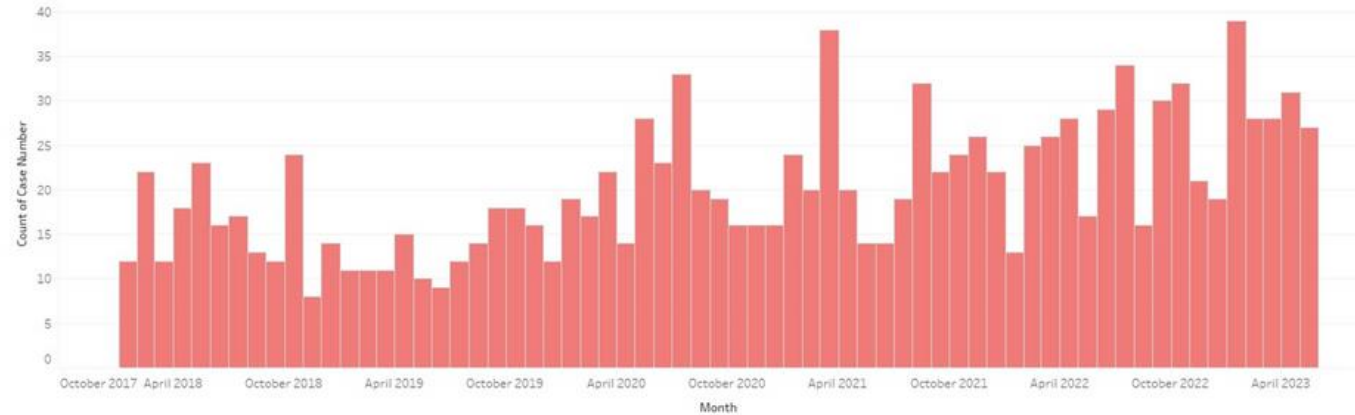
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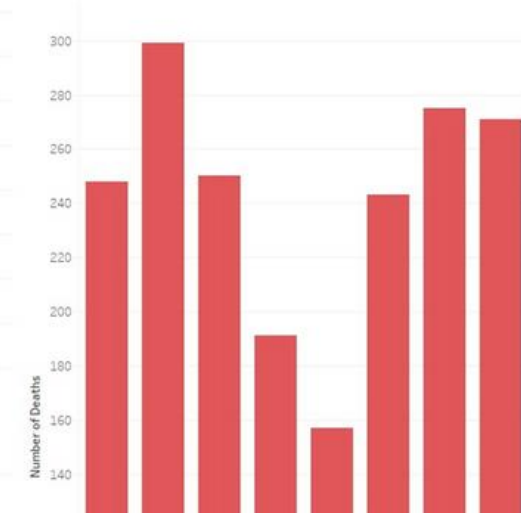
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Monthly Overdose Deaths, 2018 to June 2023



Yearly Total of Overdose Deaths, 2015 to 2022



Weekly Overdose Deaths, 2018 to June 2023

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DATA VISUALIZATION

Visualization to be embedded into erie.gov. Stay tuned!

Phase 2 - develop additional data visuals

Phase 3 - produce detailed reports for community research



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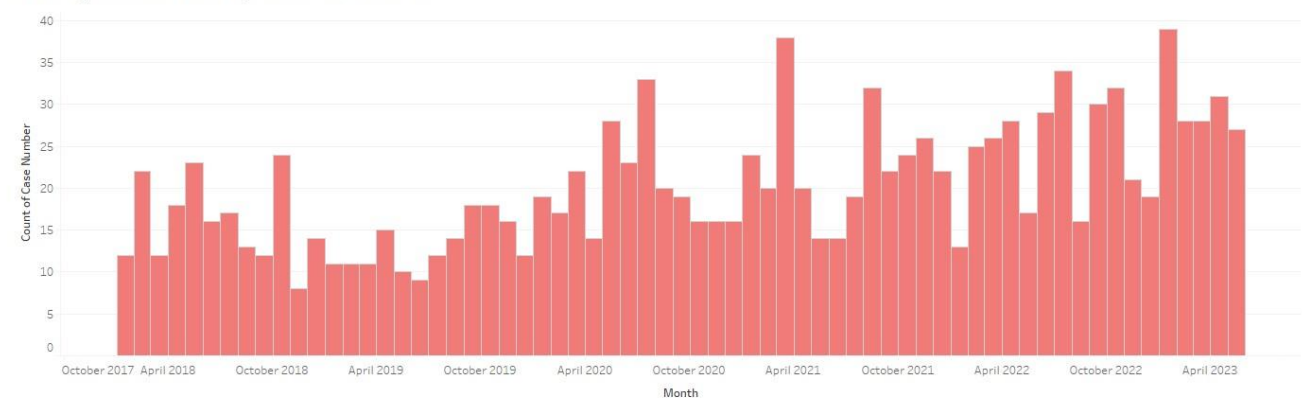
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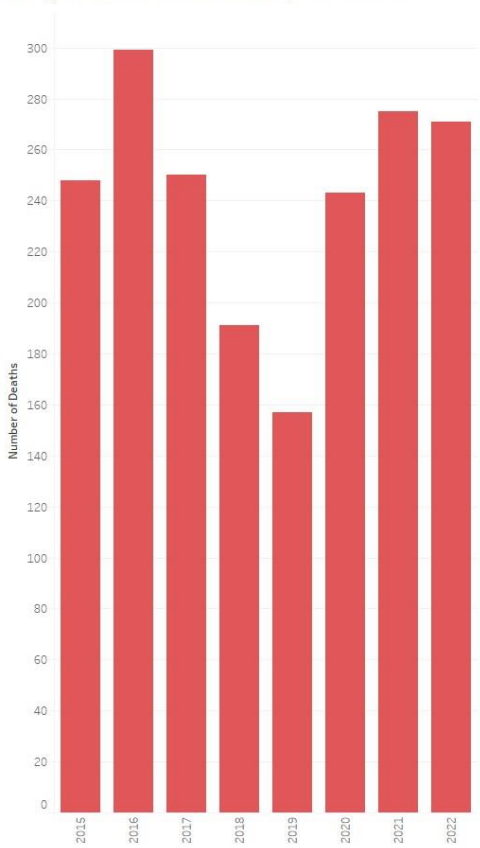
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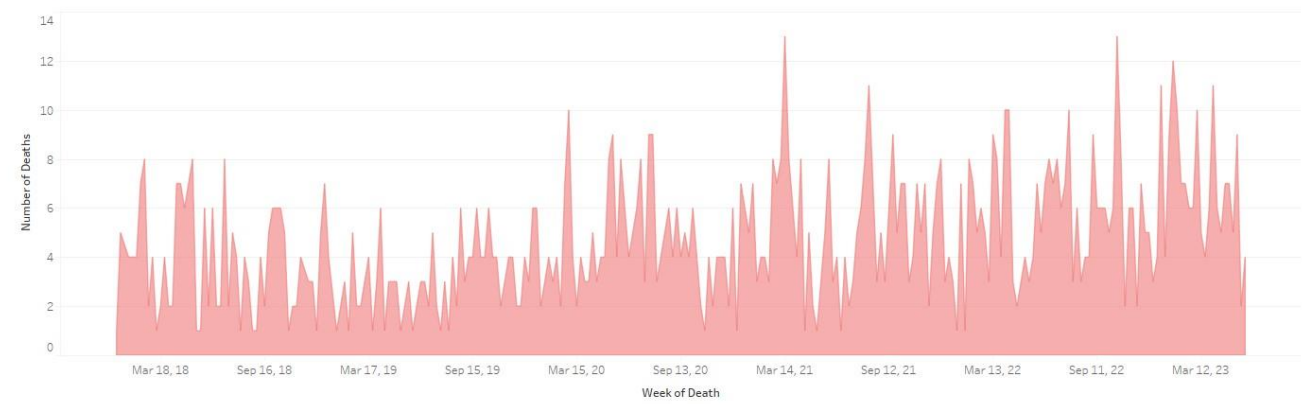
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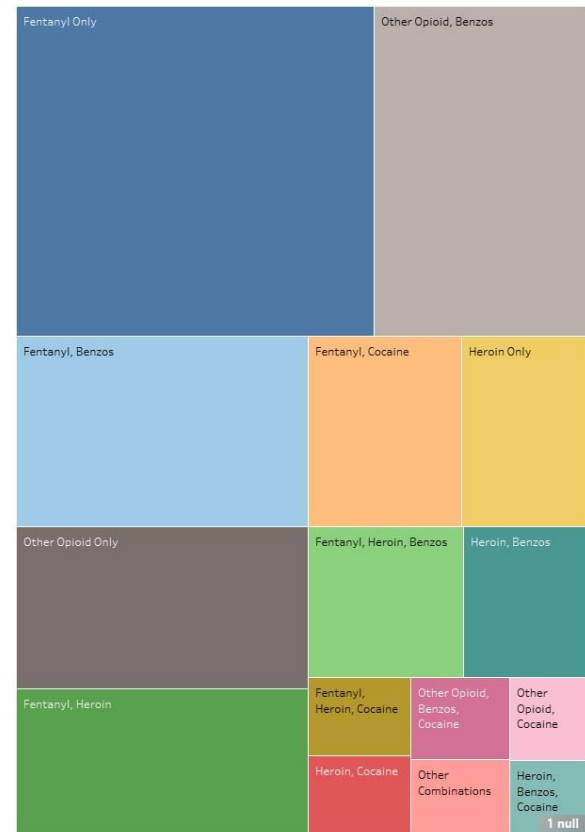
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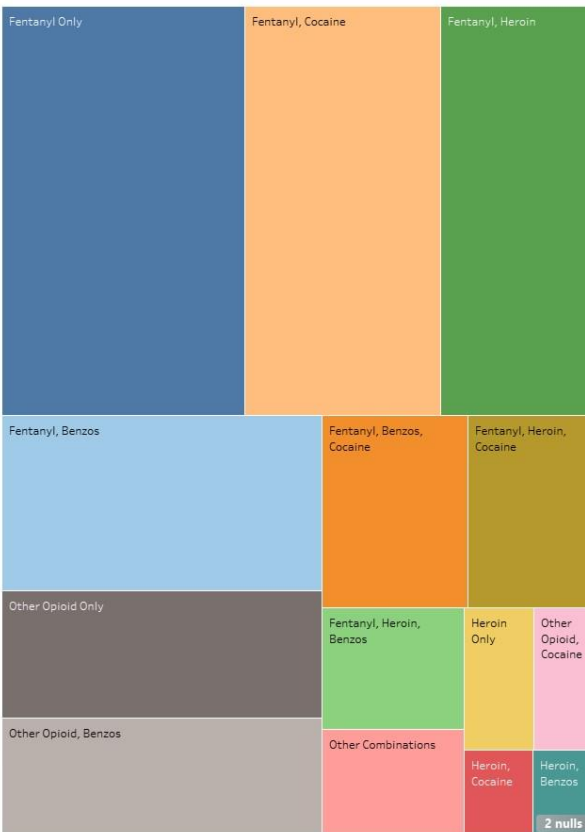
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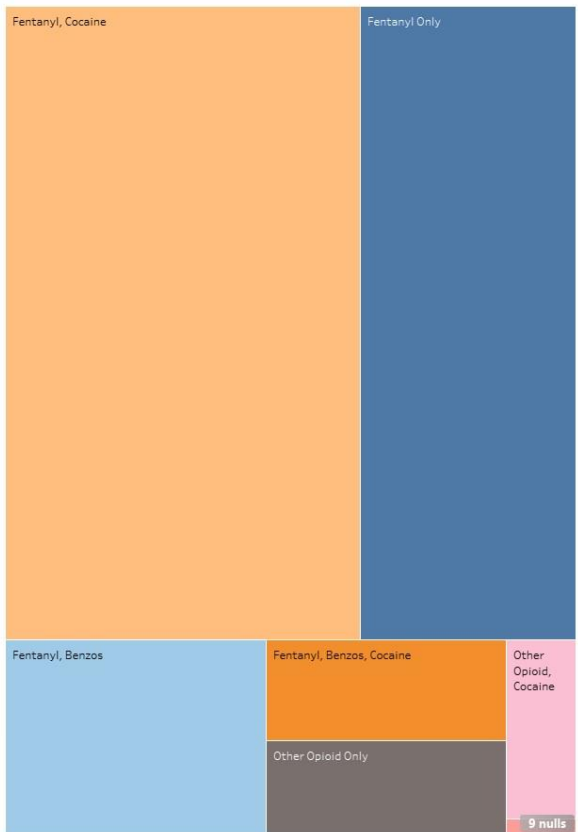
Drugs Found in Fatal Overdoses, 2014 to 2016



Drugs Found in Fatal Overdoses, 2017 to 2019



Drugs Found in Fatal Overdoses, 2020 to 2023



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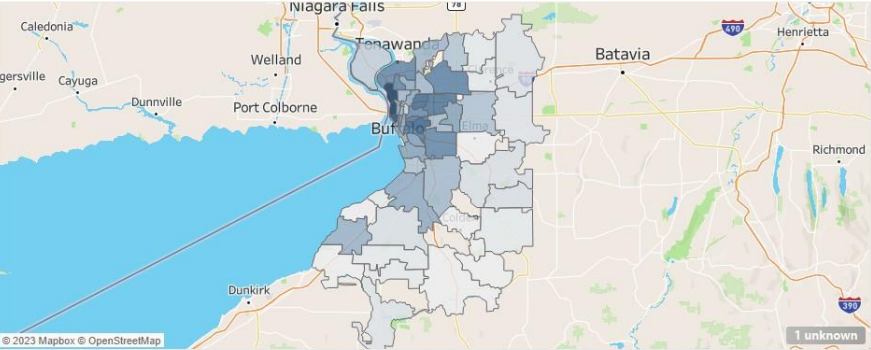
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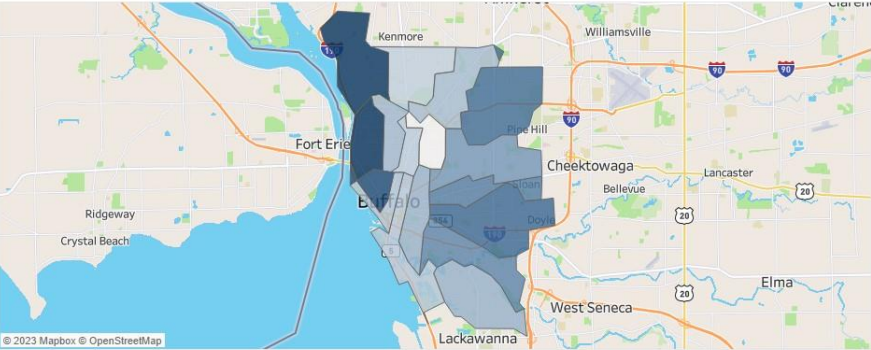
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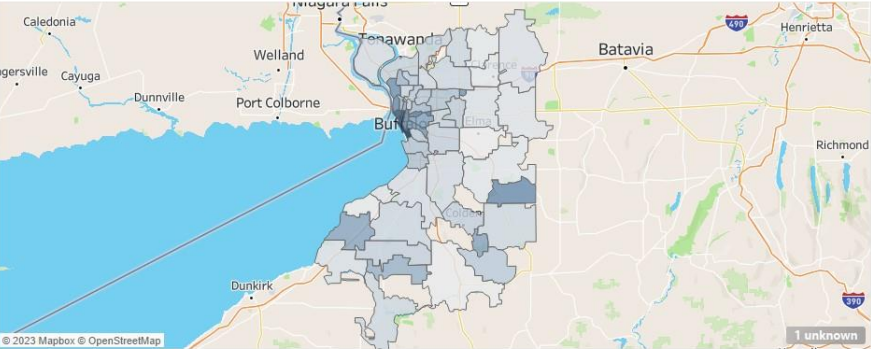
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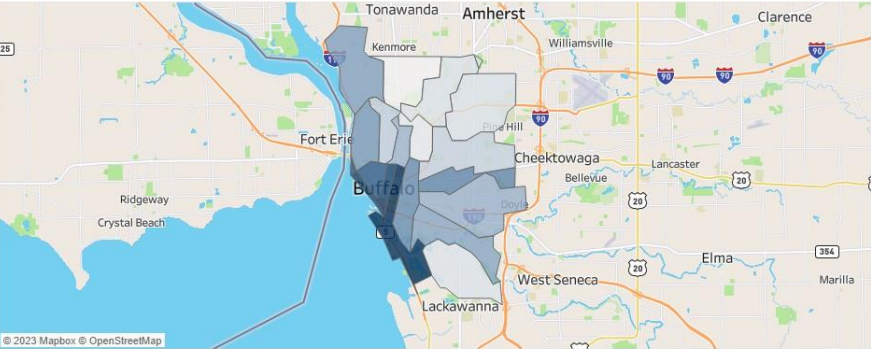
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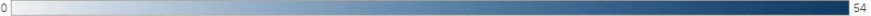
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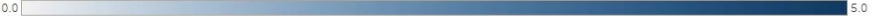
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Number of Overdoses



Overdoses per 1,000 People



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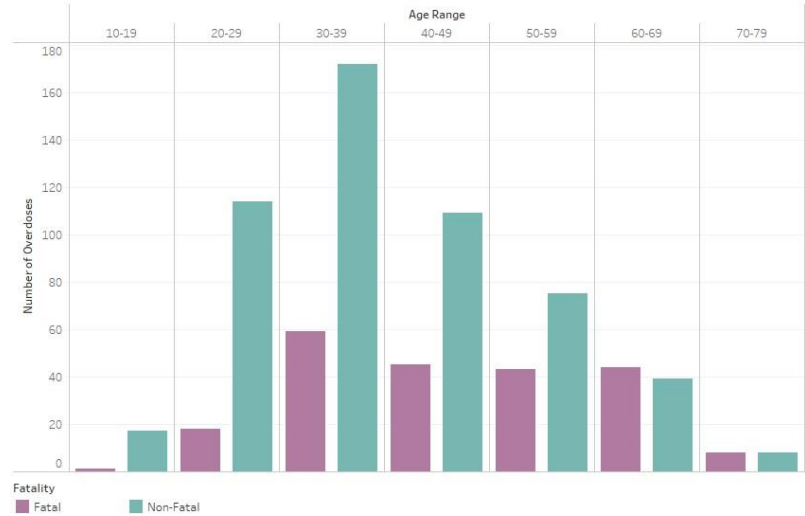
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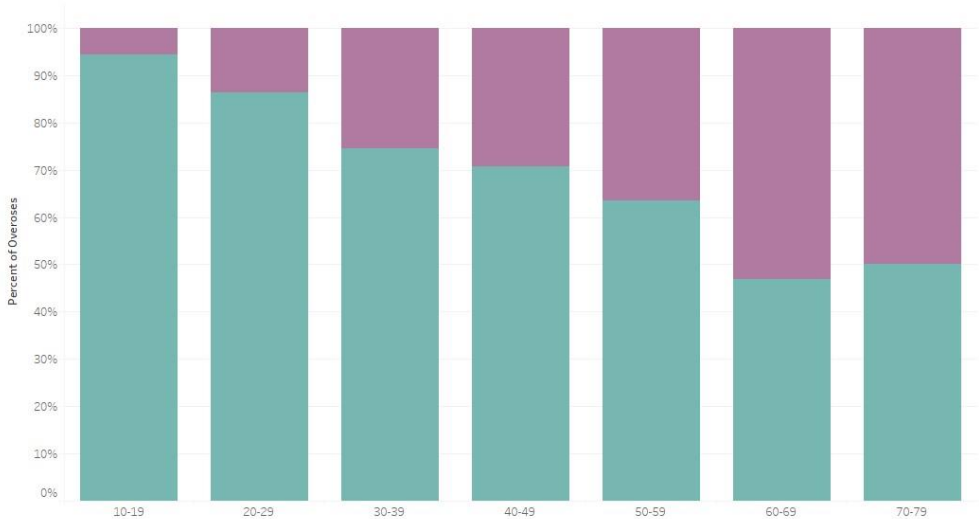
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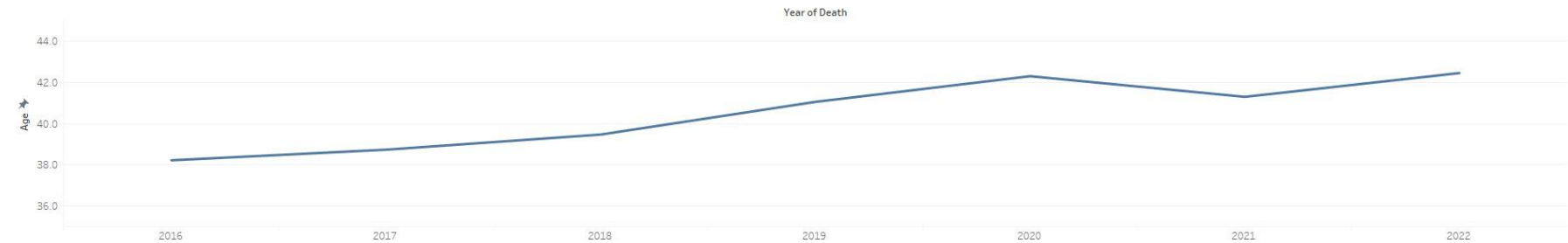
Age Range of All Overdoses Reported in 2023 (as of June)



Fatality Rate of Overdoses in 2023 by Age Group (as of June)



Average Age of Fatal Overdoses, 2016 to 2022



11,760 lbs

of sharps collected ytd (10,404 lbs in 2022)

4,220 lbs

drugs destroyed ytd (8,000 lbs in 2022)

*inmar data unavailable



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11,568 total kits

distributed by ECDOH in Qtr 3



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we'd love to report on your Naloxone efforts as well!

Outreach Efforts

Regularly scheduled and community events

share your harm reduction outreach with us!

Increasing partnerships

NY MATTERS, Jacobs Medical School & more

HIV Peer Navigator

increase sexual health screenings & mobile services

Peer Supports

continue to expand



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Naloxone Training

TOT

we are looking for more trainers.
Stay tuned for our upcoming
schedule.

Naloxone Training Presentations

60 - 90 minute trainings on detailed data,
overdose recognition and overdose response

On-the-spot

quick 'just what you need to know' trainings



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Family Centered Naloxone Trainings

Zachary Kay,
Family Coordinator OHR



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Stronger Together

Erie County Department of Health Public Health

Is your family prepared for an opioid emergency?

-  **Free naloxone to bring home**
-  **Family support**
-  **More resources**

Upcoming Trainings
Date: 3rd Wednesday each month
6-8 PM
Erie County Fire Training Academy
3359 Broadway, Buffalo, NY 14227

Other training times available, virtual and in-person. Contact Zachary E. Kay, Family Coordinator (716) 858-2170

First Responders

SAMSHA FR-CARA Grant

Leadership Team Meeting after
OETF Meeting Today, future
meetings to be scheduled



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Year One

- Leave Behind
Pouches well received,
refill requests
incoming.
- Trainings continue to
support multiple
agencies and
communities
- Outreach and Peer
Navigators have
worked to distribute
supplies and improve
access to treatment
and resources.

Year Two

Began September 30th

- Compiling feedback
from surveys to better
support and engage First
Responders including
how to reach volunteers
- Low Threshold
Buprenorphine surveys
to begin
- Updating and creating
more robust data sets to
get the most information
from our resources

A qualitative exploration of provider buprenorphine prescribing practices

- Seeking volunteers for a 30-40 min interview
- Eligible participants are healthcare providers, including physicians, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants.
- This is a research study. If interested, please contact:
 - Linda Kahn at 716-816-7254, or via email, lskahn@buffalo.edu
 - Max Brimmer at 716-816-7264 or via email mjbrimme@buffalo.edu

Winter Preparedness



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How could winter weather affect my ability to get to treatment or medications?

Start having conversations with health care providers now about how to manage a short-term (a few days) emergency or something that lasts a week or more.

Build your Circle of Care

Talk to family members, friends and neighbors about how to approach emergencies together – what resources and skills you need, and what gaps you need to fill.

Have phone resources available – numbers for trusted friends, Crisis Services.

Winter Preparedness



Create emergency kits for homes and vehicles.

Include food, water, ways to stay warm, ways to get information, basic first aid supplies.

Don't forget pets and needs for people who may have specific medical needs (mobility aids, oxygen, hearing aids) or dietary needs (infant formula, allergies).

Stay aware and informed

Erie County will share important updates on its web site, social media, through local media and through the ReadyErie app. Download it for free for Android and Apple devices at

www.erie.gov/readyerie.

More at erie.gov/winter



Erie County Probation Department

OPIOID TASK FORCE MEETING

NOVEMBER 6, 2023



Current Status of Opioid Unit

- 29 Probationers on the Opioid Unit Caseload
- 72 Probationers paired with a Peer Navigator for support
- 2 Probationer rearrests
- 8 Probationers in Rehab
- 4 Probationers in Jail
- 8 Active Violation of Probation (VOP)



Opioid Grant General Information

- 16 Boxes of Narcan distributed to probationers
- 8 Probationers at an inpatient facility
- 4 Probationers in jail
- NO Fatal/non-fatal Opioid Overdoses this quarter
- New Unit Supervisor
- Peer Navigator Appenheimer working on completing recertification.



TCU Information

- 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.
- Next TCU lookback (July –December 2023) will be reported at the February 2024 Meeting

Thank You

Erie County Probation Opioid Unit

Supervisor: Patricia Dunne

Probation Officer: Melissa Mayhew

Peer Navigator: Kathryn Appenheimer

Peer Navigator: Stephanie Pamrow

Peer Navigator: Jelialzka Novkova



Questions, Comments, & Concerns please contact: Sheila.Ruhland@erie.gov



**Erie County Opiate Epidemic Task Force
Yearly Report 2022
Final Draft**

OPIOID TASK FORCE WORKGROUP:

REAP-LAW ENFORCEMENT



Erie County Jails' New Dawn Initiative

- Title: SCA Improving Reentry for Adults with (CSAMI)
- Target population: people diagnosed with co-occurring mental health and SUD and criminogenic risk
- Goal: To provide universal screening for mental illness and substance use.



Peaceprints of WNY - Project Blue

- Partnerships:
 - Erie County Sheriff's Office Jail Management Division
 - Court Judge Eagan
 - Buffalo City Court Buffalo-Perinatal Network
 - The Homeless Alliance of WNY
- Goals:
 - Employability
 - County-level reentry linkages
 - Decreases recidivism



Erie County Probation Department

Opioid Unit Status Updates:

- TCU V drug screens score 6 or above → Opioid Unit
- 30 probationers → Opioid Unit Caseload
- 56 probationers → peer navigator
- 1 probationer granted early discharge
- 1 probationer transferred to absconder unit
- 1 probationer in jail
- 1 probationer fatal overdose
- 1 probationer non-fatal overdose
- 10 probationers working on interactive journaling
- 21 probationers started with sporadic participation



Erie County Probation Department

Opioid Grand General Information:

- 209 Total Narcan kits distributed
- 4,309 TCU V drug screenings completed
- 72 probationers linked to the Opioid Unit
- 150 probationers linked to Peer Navigators

FAMILY, CONSUMER SUPPORT AND ADVOCACY

OPIOID TASK FORCE WORKGROUP:

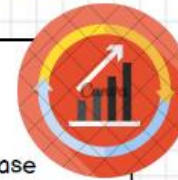
FAMILY GROUP FOCUS - HARM REDUCTION

- Black Balloon Day
- International Overdose Awareness Day
- Tree of Remembrance and Hope
- Other Support Groups



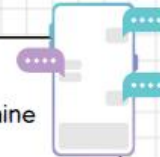
IMPROVEMENTS, CHANGES, & LACKING AREAS

- Life-long recovery needs close disease management
- Lack of awareness about illegal fentanyl in community
- Individualized treatment = see the person, not the disease



MESSAGES

- Fentanyl identification
- Families are unaware about fentanyl-contaminated cocaine
- No one deserves to be poisoned and prisoned
- Fentanyl dealers are predatory
- Disease management includes empathy
- Do not wait for anything to happen before developing a plan



OPIOID TASK FORCE WORKGROUP COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND PREVENTION COMMITTEE



PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

- VIDEO: [WNY PRC PSA](#)



COMMUNITY CONNECTIVITY

- COLLABORATION WITH
FEEDMORE WNY
 - SENIOR CITIZENS'
ACCESS TO
MEDICATION AND
NEEDLE DISPOSAL
ALONG WITH
DELIVERING FOOD TO
THEIR RESIDENCE



MEDIA EDUCATION



- LANGUAGE
AND VISUAL
USAGE ON
SOCIAL
MEDIA NEWS



PROVIDER EDUCATION AND POLICY REFORM

OPIOID TASK FORCE WORKGROUP



OVERDOSE DEATHS IN ERIE COUNTY

- In 2022, 307 individuals passed away by opioid fatal overdose, which created a new peak from the previous years.



307 X



OPIOID RELATED DEATHS BY AGE



- The overall percentage of deaths by age is shifting from teenagers to adults and elderly.

OPIOID RELATED DEATHS BY TYPE OF OPIOID

- Fentanyl adulterated with cocaine related deaths represents the majority of involved death cases.

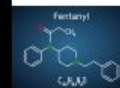


FENTANYL → 93%



OPIOID RELATED DEATHS ASSOCIATED WITH FENTANYL AND COCAINE

- 1 in 2 of opioid related deaths involved cocaine



OPIOID RELATED DEATHS BY RESIDENCE & OVERDOSE LOCATION

- 3 in 4 opioid related deaths died from an opioid overdose died at or near their place of residence



HOSPITALS & EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS (MATTERS)

Opioid Task Force Workgroup



2022

2021

EXPANSION EFFORTS

- The network has greatly expanded since November 2021. In November 2022, more clinics, referral sites, and law enforcement/ corrections partners joined the team.



TELEMEDICINE INITIATIVES

- 24/7 virtual service/ medication by calling (716)463-6222
- Direct Referrals to Telemedicine (APP)
- Collaboration List in 2022 annual report



Clinic Partner Protocol

Receive Referral Via Email Or Fax
The community partners responsible for the care of patients must share a page 2 of the referral paperwork.

Contact The Patient
Contact the patient and the patient to determine if a referral is appropriate.

Schedule Appointment
Once you have a referral, please schedule the patient's appointment with the appropriate provider.



VIRTUAL REFERRAL

- Referral stickers available for any participating hospitals



Harm Reduction

Opioid Task Force Workgroup

Curbside Care

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



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Harm Reduction Outreach

- Outreach response due to isolation and disconnection from public interactions.
- **Curbside Care** (see picture on left)
- **Services and Supplies:** Narcan Kits, Condoms, Treatment Referrals, Safe Injection Kits, Smoking Cessation, STI Screening, HIV Screening, Hep C Screening

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Erie County Community Health Assessment

- Facts Learned: People expressed concern about mental health, COVID-19, cancer, depression and opioid use disorder in the 2022 community health assessment. Residences are encouraged to take action to prepare and confront the concerns they have through programs and services.
- What to Improve:
 - Expand on prevention and harm reduction messaging through social media, television, advertisements, radios, newspapers.
 - Implement more information about the Opioid Epidemic into all education courses.



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



03

Narcan Trainings & Development

- Narcan in first aid kits
- Text for Narcan
- Narcan Wall Units
- Narcan Kits Distributed in 2022: **12,615**
- Individuals Trained in 2022: **8,287**



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ESAP Drug and SHARPs Drop Off Kiosks

- Drugs Destroyed in 2022: **8,000 lbs**
- Sharps Destroyed in 2022: **10,404 lbs**

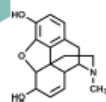


TREATMENT PROVIDERS

Opioid Task Force Workgroup

$C_{10}H_{15}N$ ↑ **6x**

Methadone Maintenance Access Trends



↓ **8.8%**

WNY Opioid Addiction Assisted Treatment Center

- **138 individuals** received medication through this program.



- **Opioid % admissions** ↓ from 46.7% to 37.9%. (1/3 of opioid use in Erie County)
- **Methamphetamine admissions** ↑ from 0.66% to 4.36% (↑ over 6 fold)
- In US Censuses, the Methadone Maintenance in Erie county located programs have slightly increased since 2020.
- **Methadone Maintenance Waitlist** numbers fluctuate overtime.

Erie County Addiction Hotline

- **736 call volume** in 2022.
- Information, referral, linkage to treatment, support necessary

736



Adult Treatment Court Grant Award - BJA

- **Maintaining Independence and Sobriety through Systems Integration, Outreach and Networking (MISSION)**
- Special needs for Substance Use Disorders (SUDs), Homeless individuals, Criminal Justice-involved individuals (CJ), Military veterans
- **SUNY Research Foundation** provides evaluation to the practices
- **Enhance case management capacity** (MOUD services) -> **unresolved trauma** (substance use disorders, co-occurring illness)



The **MISSION Model**



Important Task Updates

- Spectrum Health collaborates w/ Evergreen Health - enhance **MAT** and **Peer services**



- Evergreen Health Services partnered with NYS Harm Reduction Association
 - **Expanded drop-in services** (drug users) in downtown **Buffalo**
 - **Expanded low-threshold buprenorphine**
- The collaboration between BestSelf & Prevention Focus - WNY Peer Workforce Development Center
 - **Training, certifications, work experience, and support in securing and maintaining employment** to people with lived experience
- Horizon Health Services got a grant to enhance to screen and identify **Hepatitis C (HCV)**



So..... What Are We Doing?

Erie County Opioid Settlement Dollar Plans



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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.
- Executive Order 14, in 2016 created the Erie County Opiate Epidemic Task Force, this created systemic changes that eventually led to a decline in deaths and overdoses overall.
- Unfortunately, after 3 years of declining deaths and overdoses, deaths increased during 2020 and 2021 due to many factors, the primary being isolation and changes in drugs contaminated with fentanyl.

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 not 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.



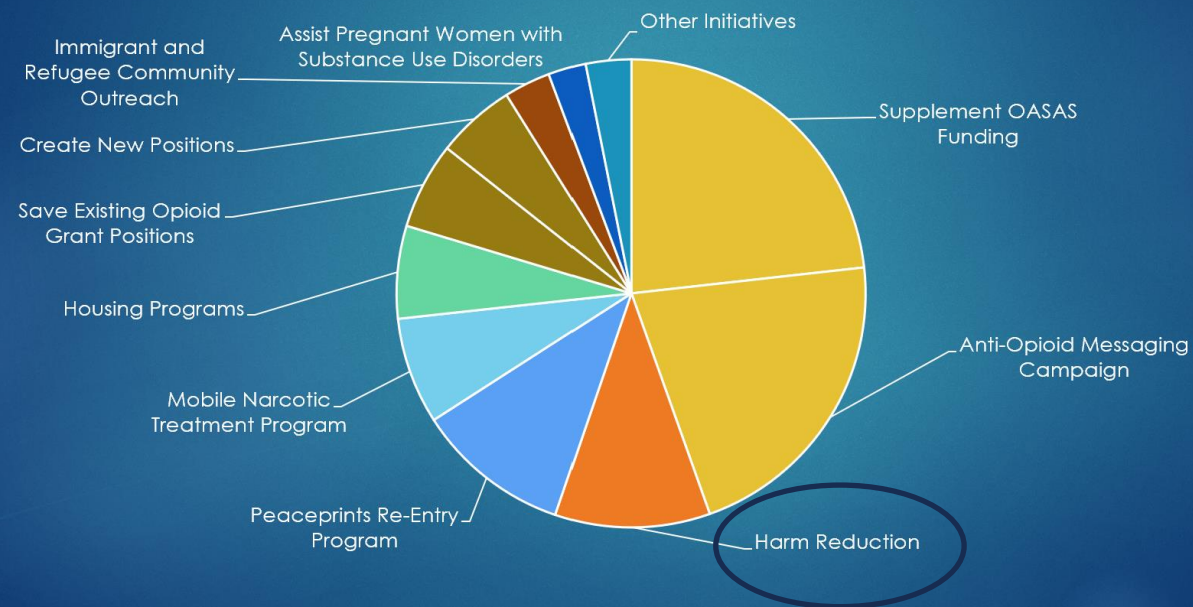
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2022 Specific Initiative Breakdown (\$4,686,862)



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Erie County Opioid Settlement Funding Updates

Media, Marketing and Harm Reduction RFP –
released and grantee identified, resolution sent to
legislature for approval to contract

Community Education RFP – Currently reviewing
applications, will be releasing a second round in
2024



NYS Opioid Settlement Advisory Board

- Providing recommendations of funding allocations of settlement dollars in an advisory capacity to NYS government departments working in the SUD arena
- OASAS is the lead at the state level
- DOH, OMH and OASAS have been charged with working collaboratively to implement funding recommendations
- Meet monthly now, open meetings



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NYS Settlement Board Funding Allocation Recommendations for Fiscal Year 2024

OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND Board Recommended Allocations FY 2023 (thousands of dollars)		
<u>Board Allocation Categories</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Harm Reduction	22%	28,637
Treatment	12%	15,381
Investments Across Service Continuum	16%	20,611
Priority Populations	15%	18,860
Housing	10%	13,191
Recovery	10%	13,191
Prevention	7%	9,017
Transport	5%	6,750
Public Awareness	2%	2,203
Research	1%	979



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Questions and Comments



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