



Quarterly Meeting Agenda

November 12, 2024

Erie County Training and Emergency Operations Center
3359 Broadway St., Cheektowaga, NY 14227

Virtual Link: ([click here](#)) Password: optf2024

9:45 – 10:00 am	Doors open, sign in + networking
10:00 – 10:05 am	Welcome, Taylor Winter
10:05 – 10:20 am	Local overdose data & Trends, Dr. Gale Burstein, Erie County Commissioner of Health
10:20 – 11:20 am	Workgroup report out (5-10 minutes each) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Healthcare Providers, Dr. Gale Burstein & Dr. Jeffrey Lach• First Responders, Valentine Zimniewicz & Kenneth Peterson• Treatment Providers, Julianna Everdyke & Jen Seib• Harm Reduction, Jen Garrigan & Rebekka Lipp• Education, Advocacy and Support, Barbara Burns & Ken Gaston
11:20 – 11:40 am	Specialty Areas Erie County Settlement Erie County Probation
11:40 – 11:55 am	Questions, Answers, Community Share Out
11:55 – 12:00 pm	Meeting feedback

Next meeting: Monday February 3, 2025

Erie County Overdose Prevention Task Force

QUARTERLY MEETING, TUESDAY NOVEMBER 12, 2024

We will begin promptly at 10:00am.
This meeting will be recorded through our virtual
option. Please sign in using the provided QR code.

Thank you for attending.



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**DETECT
TO PROTECT**

**Even occasional
cocaine use can
be deadly.**

Fentanyl may contaminate illicit drugs, including cocaine.
Test your cocaine, carry Narcan, and never use alone to
prevent a deadly overdose.



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Welcome

Gale Burstein, MD, MPH, FAAP

Commissioner of Health
Erie County

Agenda

- 10:00 AM — Welcome**
 - 10:05 AM — Local overdose data & trends, Dr. Gale Burstein**
 - 10:20 AM — Work group report out**
 - 11:20 AM — Specialty area, Erie County Opioid Settlement**
 - 11:30 AM — Q&A, community Sharing**
 - 11:55 AM — Closing & feedback**
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Housekeeping

Taylor Winter

Community Opioid Response Director
Erie County



Virtual Participation

Melissa Kennedy will be your moderator. She is here to ensure visual, and audio is working and help monitor the chat for questions.

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DRUG OVERDOSES ERIE COUNTY

Gale Burstein, MD, MPH, FAAP
Erie County Commissioner of Health



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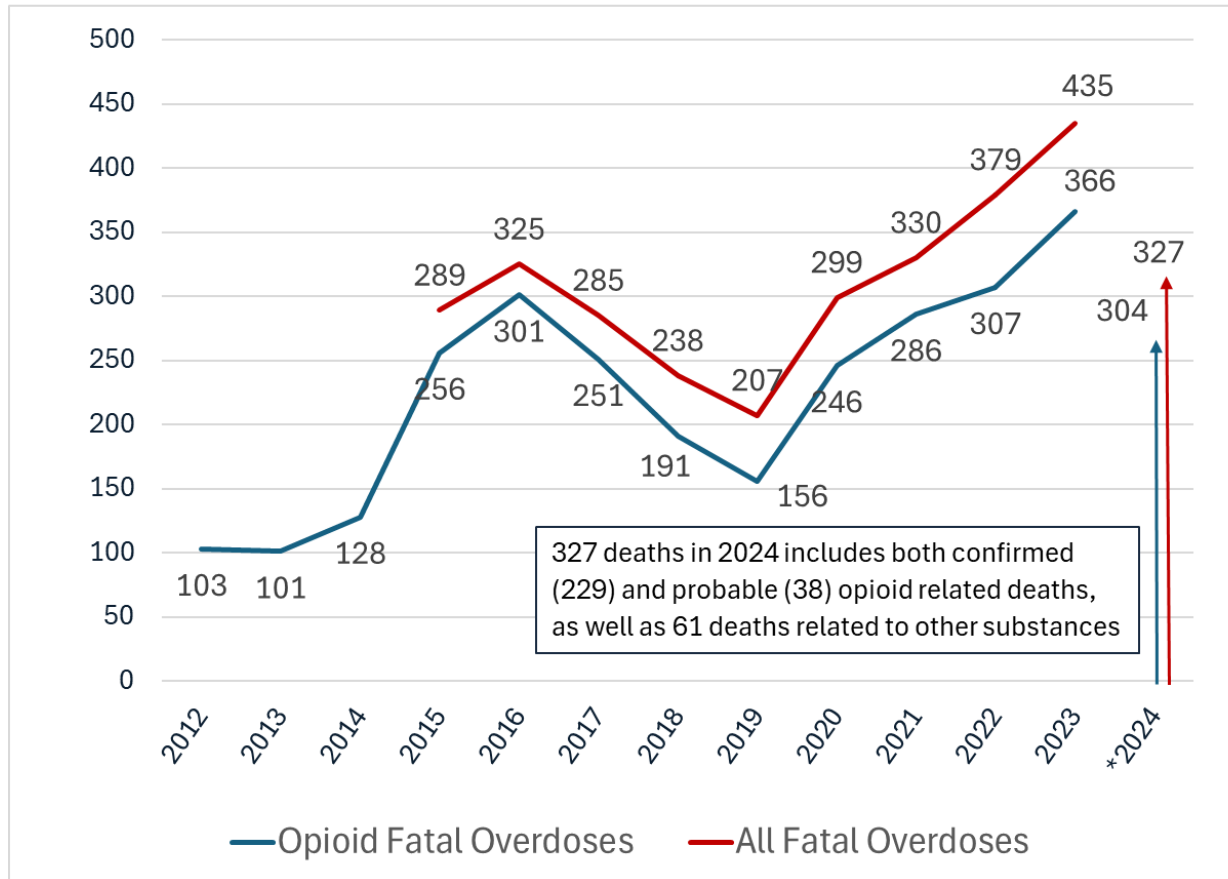
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DRUG OVERDOSE DEATHS ERIE COUNTY

2012 – 2024* NUMBER OF OVERDOSE RELATED DEATHS ERIE COUNTY



SOURCE: ERIE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINERS OFFICE, *CASES REPORTED THRU 10/31/2024

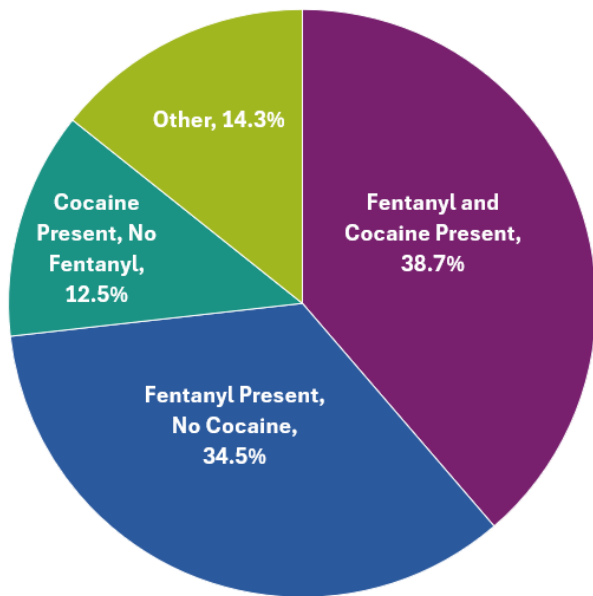
Demographic Distribution of All Overdose Deaths 2018-2024,* Erie County

	Population % (n=954,236) 2020 Census	2018 Overdose % (n=238)	2019 Overdose % (n=207)	2020 Overdose % (n=299)	2021 Overdose % (n=330)	2022 Overdose % (n=379)	2023 Overdose % (n=435)	2024* Overdose % (n=327)
White	79%	76%	73%	69%	70%	68%	65%	62%
Black	14%	13%	16%	21%	25%	28%	32%	33%
Native American	0.70%	N/A	N/A	N/A	3%	2%	2%	2%
Hispanic	6%	6%	7%	8%	10%	11%	11%	8%
20-29	14%	24%	20%	15%	17%	13%	8%	8%
30-39	13%	27%	25%	27%	28%	29%	24%	23%
40-49	11%	15%	20%	22%	22%	23%	20%	21%
50-59	14%	21%	24%	20%	19%	21%	24%	23%
>60	25%	11%	11%	13%	12%	13%	24%	24%

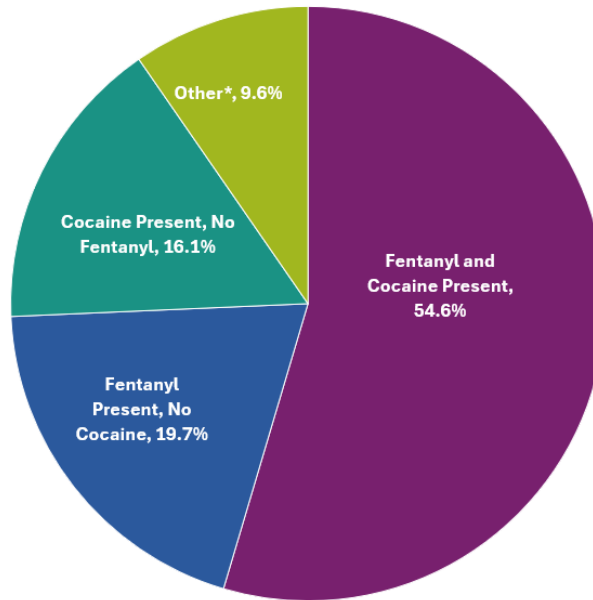
SOURCE: ERIE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINERS OFFICE, *CASES REPORTED THRU 10/31/2024

2020 – 2024* PERCENT OF OVERDOSE DEATHS BY SUBSTANCES DETECTED ERIE COUNTY

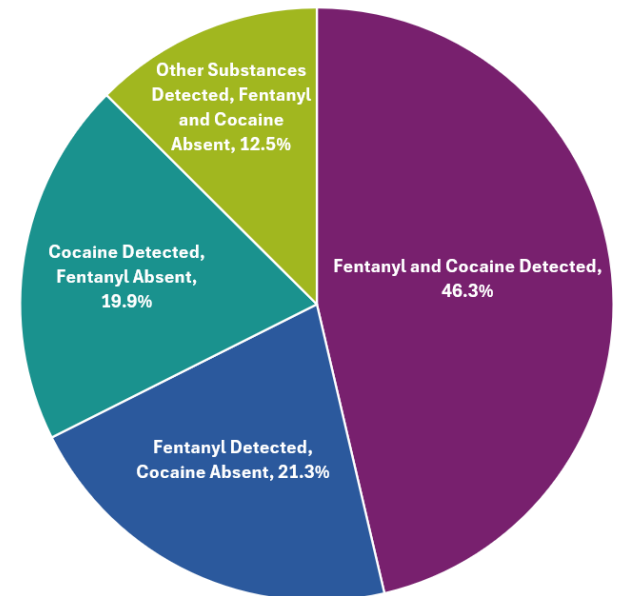
Drug Combinations in Fatal Overdoses, 2020-2022



Drug Combinations in Fatal Overdoses, 2023



Substances Detected among Fatal Overdoses, 2024*



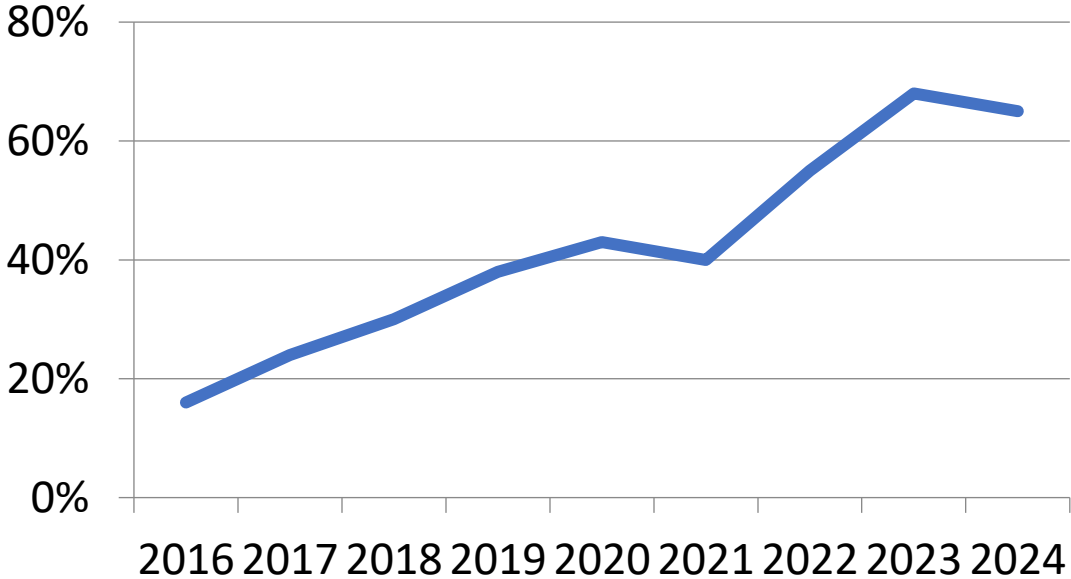
- Fentanyl and Cocaine Present ■ Fentanyl Present, No Cocaine
- Cocaine Present, No Fentanyl ■ Other*

Fentanyl = 68% Cocaine = 66%

*Other includes xylazine, amphetamines, benzodiazepines, other opioids, among other substances

SOURCE: ERIE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINERS OFFICE *CASES REPORTED THRU 10/31/2024

**2016 – 2024* PERCENT OF ALL 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: 68% (192/281) of opioid related deaths involved cocaine
2024*: 65% (148/228) of opioid related deaths involved cocaine

¹Includes all Fentanyl related deaths.

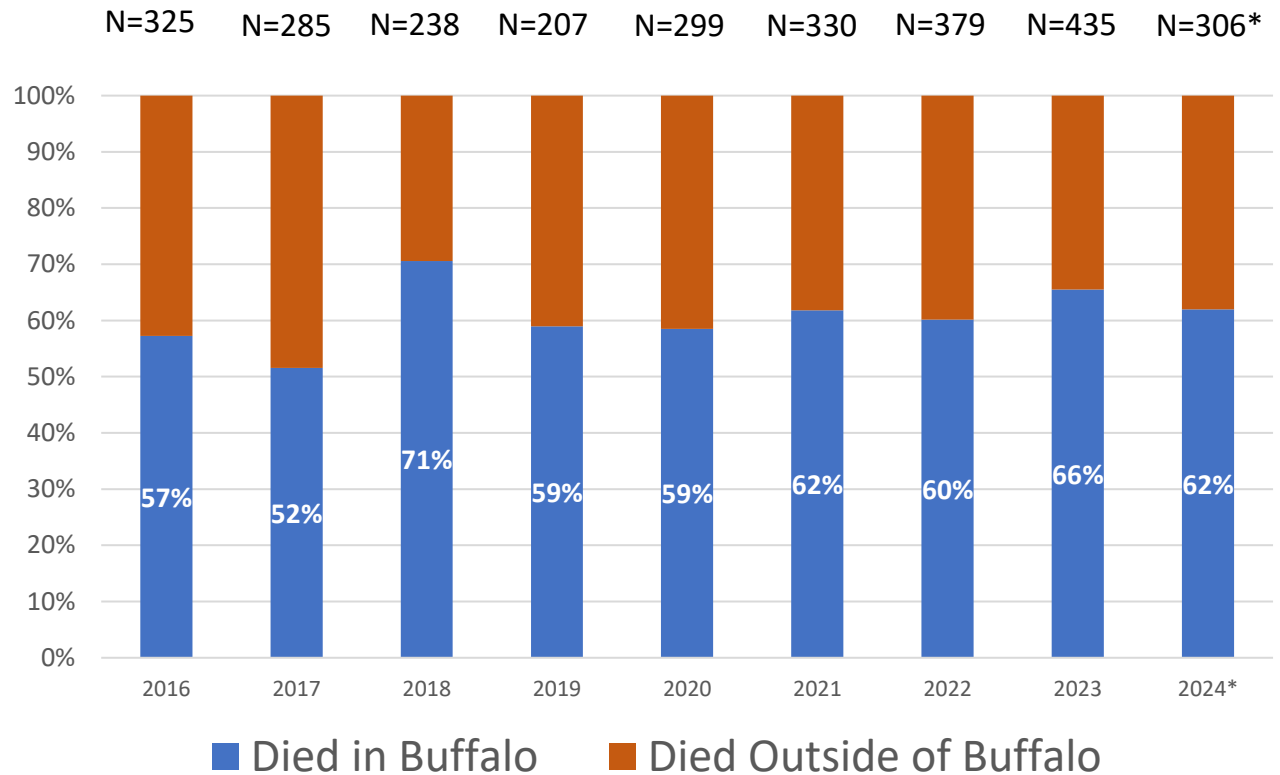
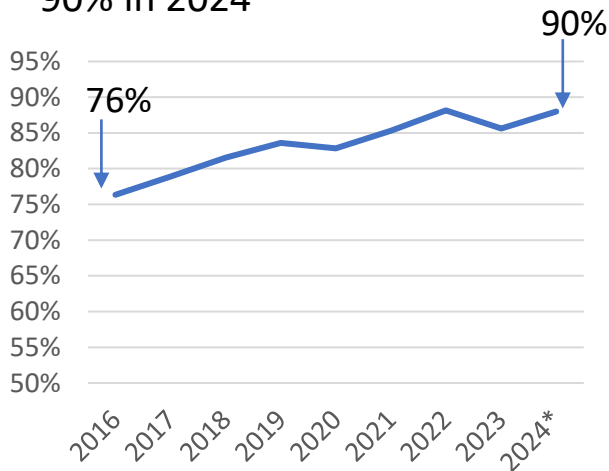
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2016-2024* Overdose Deaths by Location of Overdose Buffalo vs Non-Buffalo

Buffalo
29% of Erie County residents
live in City of Buffalo

% of fatal ODs occurring in Buffalo
who resided in Buffalo:

- 76% in 2016
- 90% in 2024



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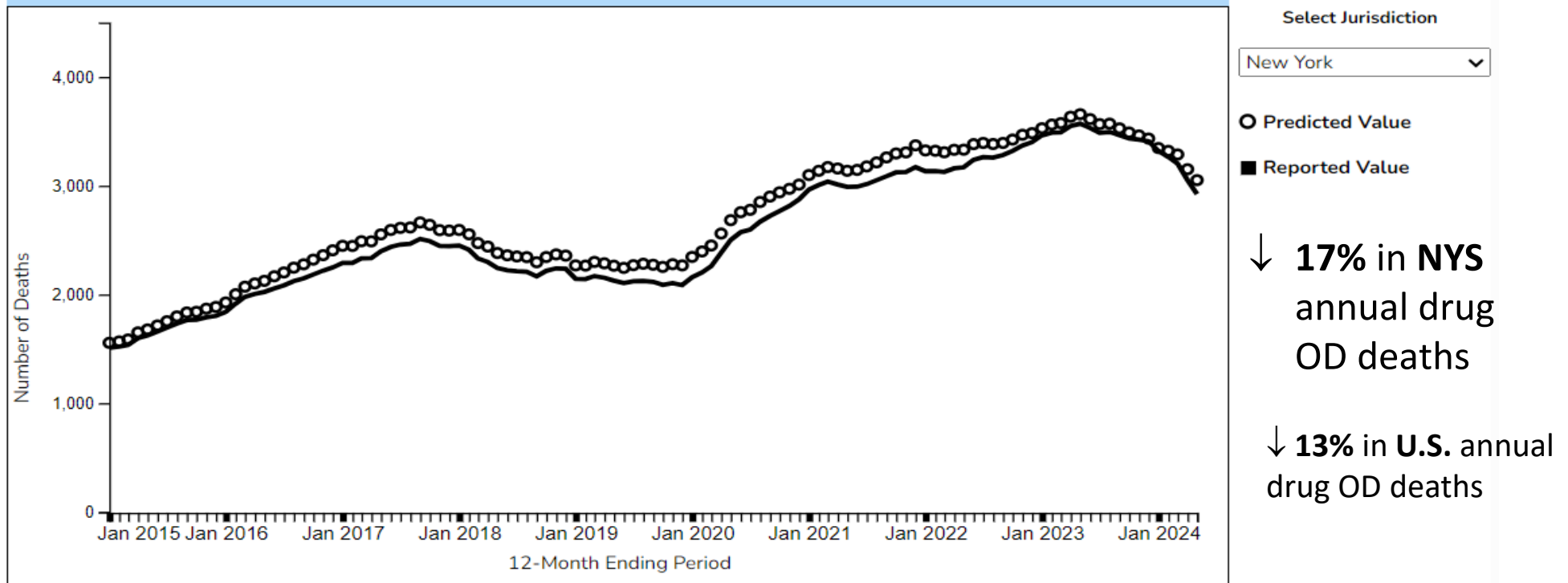
Proximity from Residence to Fatal Overdose Location

- Majority of people tend to use substances in their own home
 - 65% of 2024 fatal OD victims died at their home address
 - An additional 10% were in the same zip code, but not at home address
 - Persistent trend in 2023 and 2024
- % of Buffalo OD deaths consisting of Buffalo residents ↑↑ over time

12 Month-ending Provisional Number and Percent Change of Drug Overdose Deaths

Based on data available for analysis on: October 6, 2024

Figure 1a. 12 Month-ending Provisional Counts of Drug Overdose Deaths: New York



<https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/vsrr/drug-overdose-data.htm>



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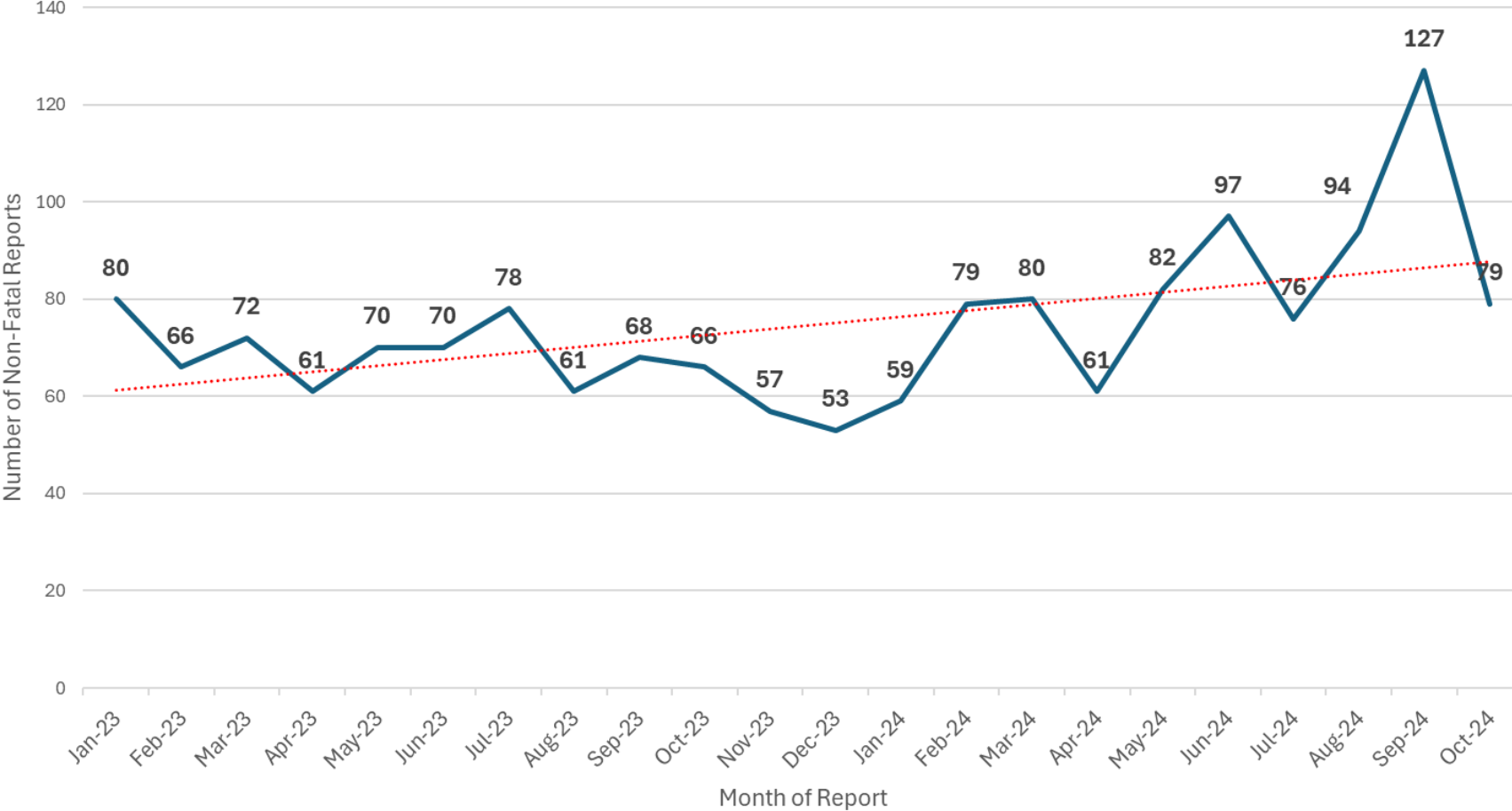
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NON-FATAL OVERDOSES ERIE COUNTY

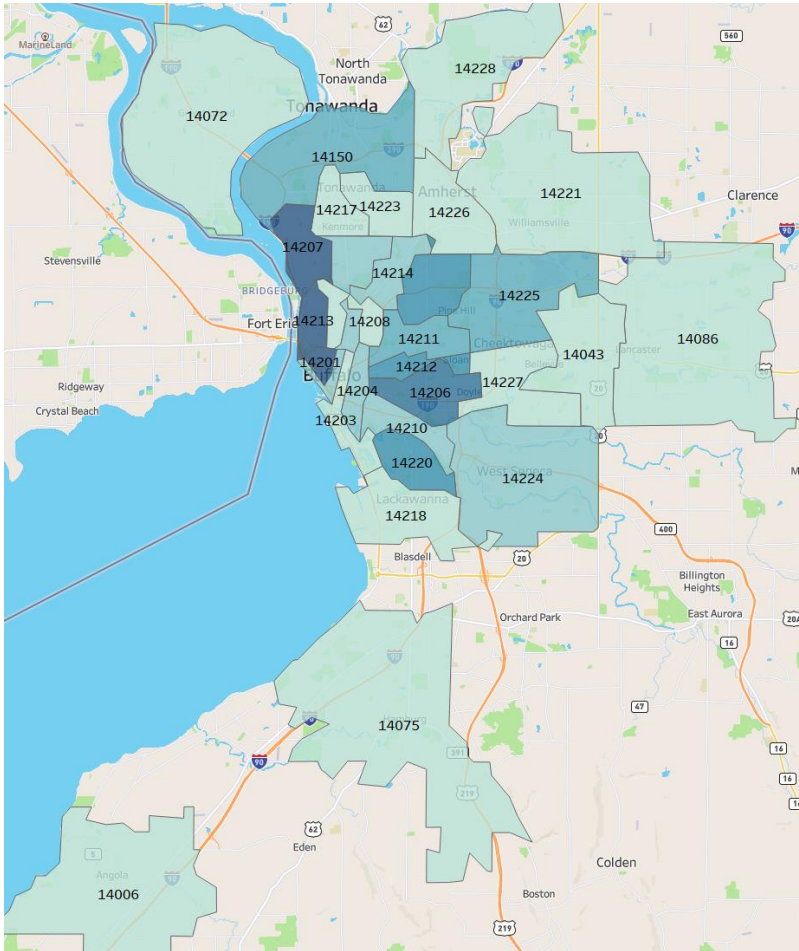
JANUARY 2023-SEPTEMBER 2024

Data based on police reports compiled by High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area
Office (HIDTA) and tabulated by Office of Harm Reduction (OHR)

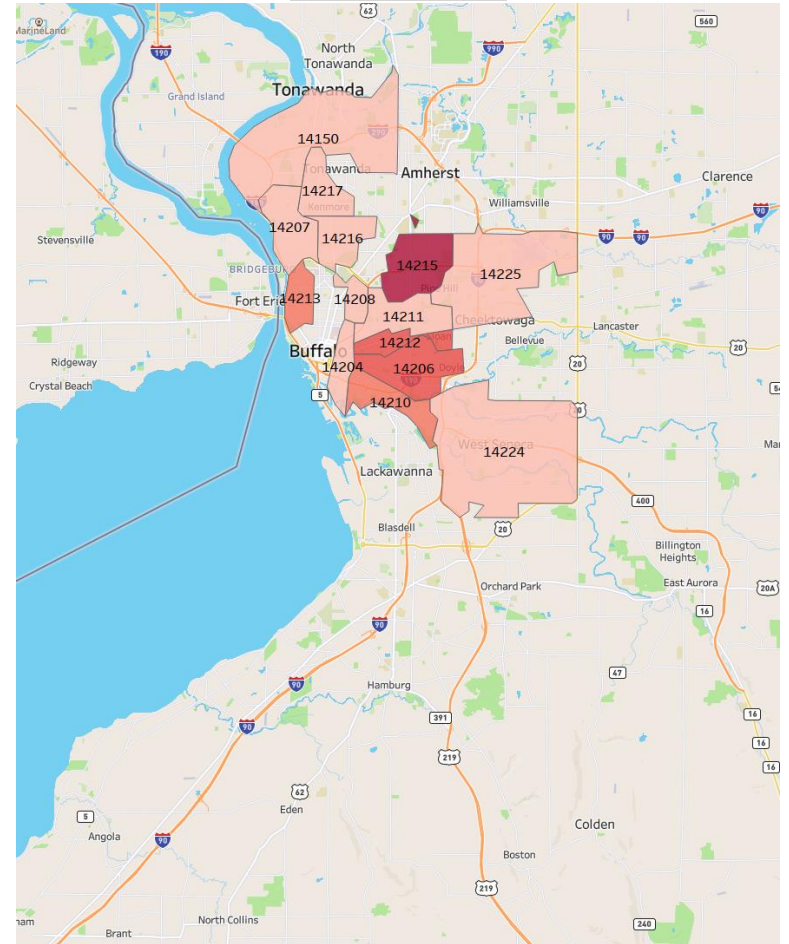
Non-Fatal Overdose Reports by Month, January 2023 - October 2024



Non-Fatal Overdose Reports by Location of Overdose, May-October 2024



Fatal Overdoses by Location of Overdose, May-October 2024



HEALTHCARE PROVIDER WORKGROUP

Co-Chairs:

Dr. Jeffery Lach, Catholic Health Systems

Dr. Gale Burstein, Erie County Department of Health

Goals

- Develop healthcare systems changes to routinize
 - 1) identification of patients with substance use disorder (SUD) and provide treatment
 - 2) dispensing harm reduction tools in community physician offices

Hospital based OUD identification and treatment

- **Improved admission screening at Catholic Health System Hospitals for SUD**
 - Completed by triage/ admitting RN
 - If positive alerts provider, case management team
 - COWS and CIWA screens ordered if appropriate
 - Planning started earlier for community resources or inpatient rehabilitation
- **Research project: “against medical advice” discharges will decrease if hospital providers prescribe OAT**
 - In process of data collection
 - Working with UB Research Institute of Addictions

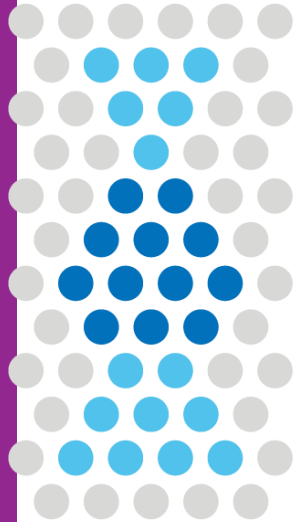
Catholic Health System Multidisciplinary Work Groups

- **Two multidisciplinary groups listed below have a high percentage of patients with SUD**
- **High Utilization Group**
 - Small number of patients account for a disproportionately high ED/hospital visits.
 - Meets monthly
 - Goal is to shift care from the ED/ hospital to the community
- **Complex Care Group**
 - patients with complex medical and social needs that are not easily managed making discharge from hospital difficult
 - Meets weekly
 - Patient is currently in the hospital

Public Health Academic Detailing at Primary Care

- **Routinizing Naloxone in Primary Care**
 - ECDOH, UB School of Jacobs Medical Students
 - Increase knowledge & efficacy in naloxone access and patient distribution
 - Emphasis on co-prescribing
- **SUD Screening & Post Screening Referrals in Primary Care**
 - Dr. Davina Moss, ECDOH, NY MATTERS
 - Education outreach and TA to increase in-office SUD screening, intervention and referrals
- **Action kits** will include naloxone and NCAP information, SBIRT tools, billing instructions, and step-by-step medication access and referrals through NY MATTERS provided to providers and staff
- **Patient tool kits** will include access to naloxone, harm reduction tools, treatment self-referrals through BestSelf hotline, family/peer support

D'Youville School of Pharmacy is available as subject matter experts on naloxone pharmacology & NCAP



MATTERS[®]

Medication for Addiction Treatment & Electronic Referrals

**Physician office options
for referring patients with OUD**

Thank you Brigid Kane and Philip McNamara

Physician Office Options

MATTERS is now a tool that can be utilized by physician offices to link patients who screen positive for opiate use disorder to treatment or if concerns that patients may screen positive.

Possible physician office pathways:

1. Write a bridge-script for the patient (if appropriate) and make a MATTERS referral to connect patient to a community treatment provider for continued care.

Prescribe MOUD to the patient if appropriate. Put through a MATTERS referral on the platform in 2-5 minutes to connect the patient to a treatment organization of their choice, providing them with wrap-around services, such as transportation and medication vouchers, to help ensure the patient's success in getting connected.

2. Connect to telehealth for an evaluation, bridge prescription, and connection to community treatment partner for continued care.

If the patient needs a bridge prescription and you are not comfortable prescribing, call MATTERS at 765-628-8377 for connection to a telehealth provider (select 2 for telemedicine, and then select 1 for WNY). The patient will be evaluated, prescribed a bridge script if appropriate, and set up with an appointment for follow-up treatment at a community organization of their choice. Appointments are same day for telehealth, but available time slots may vary, so appointments can be completed in the office or at home.

3. The patient is interested only in connection to treatment.

If the patient does not need an immediate bridge script and would just like to get connected for continued treatment, the physician can make a MATTERS referral on the platform in 2-5 minutes. This process connects the patient to a treatment organization of their choice and provides them with wrap-around services, such as transportation and medication vouchers, to help ensure the patient's success in getting connected.



Public Health Pharmacy Initiatives

- **D'Youville University School of Pharmacy**
 - Pharmacy Secret Shopper
 - Friendly pharmacy survey
 - NCAP public, provider and pharmacy education & system improvement



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TREATMENT AND PREVENTION PROVIDERS WORKGROUP

Co-Chair:

Julianna Everdyke, LMSW
Director of Dual Recovery and
Community Integration
Erie County Dept of Mental Health

Co-Chair:

Jennifer Seib, LMHC, CASAC
Senior Vice President of Strategic Initiatives
BestSelf Behavioral Health, Inc.



The workgroup continues to meet monthly with representation of treatment and prevention providers, peer and advocacy programs, family members, Erie County staff as well as representation from NYS OASAS.


Meetings are held the 4th Monday of the month from 1030am-12pm



NAVIGATING TRENDS

Topics of Discussion and Exploration

- Stimulant Use, Polysubstance Use, and Stimulant Use Disorder
- Increase access to care for people with SUD, not just OUD
- What is currently available (or coming soon) for individuals in crisis



Medicaid reimbursement for treatment in place and transportation to alternative health care settings by ambulance services
– Law approved 9/17/2024

Essentially it allows Medicaid reimbursement for treatment in place and transportation to alternative health care settings by ambulance services. This includes but is not limited to: Urgent Care Center, Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC), Crisis Stabilization Center, Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), SUD provider, etc.

This has the potential to reshape how Ambulance service respond to a call and where they transport in response.

Please check with your legal teams to determine if your agency/program will be impacted.

*the document can be sent out with the powerpoint slides.

COMING SOON...

BestResponse Intensive Crisis Stabilization Center

Location: 430 Niagara St., Buffalo, NY

Opening Date: First Quarter 2025

Purpose: To provide urgent response and treatment to individuals experiencing acute mental health and substance use concerns.

Serving children, adolescents, adults, and families in Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, and Niagara Counties by walk in or referral

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and Crisis
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2328

**Brittany Derry,
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BestResponse
Intensive Crisis
Center**

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Phone: 716.842.0440, ext.
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Services Offered:

24/7 urgent response and treatment
Non-acute stabilization services up to 23
hours and 59 minutes
Integrative and co-occurring principles for
mental health and substance abuse
Services available to all ages within Western
New York's five counties



24/7 Availability:

Assessment, stabilization, medication
provision
Linkages to follow-up providers
Non-locked facility: voluntary participation
Exploration of community-based care for
next steps
Aim to divert from emergency
room presentations

- Psychiatric diagnostic evaluation and plan
- Medication management and training
- Mild – moderate detox services
- MAT

Grief & Loss Forum



**Meets once a month every third Monday
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.**

**Location: WNY Independent Living, 3108 Main Street,
Buffalo, NY 14214, downstairs in WNYIL Job Club**

Are you a family member that lost someone you love to active addiction?
Is this loss taking a toll on your mental health? Would it help if you knew
you weren't alone? Do you need some support & resources available in your
community? If you have answered yes to any of the above, we welcome you
to our Family2Family Grief & Loss Forum which meets once a month,
every third Monday from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Contact Eddylees 716-931-0280 for details.



5-21-2024



East Buffalo Counseling Center Guiding Wellness, Nurturing Hope

East Buffalo Counseling Center

*Located in the Kirsten Vincent
Respite and Recovery Center*

111 Maple St., Buffalo, NY 14204

Hours: **Mon. – Fri., 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM**

Phone: **716-828-1719 *Press 3**

Email: **EastBufCounseling@shswny.org**



Not every emergency requires a visit to the hospital. Spectrum Health's East Buffalo Counseling Center, located in the Kirsten Vincent Respite and Recovery Center, provides a safe environment where you can get immediate help and support.

No appointment necessary. Our onsite Peer Support Specialists, Crisis Workers, and Clinicians will help you connect with the services you need.

Services Offered On-Site:

- Peer support
- Rapid access to on-site clinical counseling
- Pre-crisis and crisis support services
- Linkage to further treatment through Spectrum Health and Human Services
- Linkage to additional community support and resources
- Spectrum Health's Buffalo H.O.P.E. (*Helping Our People Equitably*) Crisis Counselors are designated to help City of Buffalo residents heal following recent acts of violence against the community. Connect with one today.



Do you have a child/grandchild that has a
substance use disorder?
Have you lost a child/grandchild to an overdose?

Please come join our

Grandparents Support Group



TWICE A MONTH

Frank E. Merriweather Library

1324 Jefferson Ave., Buffalo, NY 14208

**Every first and third Wednesday
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.**

Please come join us so you can build a circle of support with other grandparents. During the group you'll talk in a safe space with others who are going through similar situations and feelings.

Together, we will work on coping skills and seek solutions to the difficult situations we have been facing alone.

RSVP and more information call Eddylees Guzman 716-931-0280



5-14-2024

Do you have a child/grandchild that has a
substance use disorder?
Have you lost a child/grandchild to an overdose?

Please come join our

Grandparents Support Group



TWICE A MONTH

West Side Community Services

161 Vermont St., Buffalo, NY 14213

**Every second and fourth Monday
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.**

Please come join us so you can build a circle of support with other grandparents. During the group you'll talk in a safe space with others who are going through similar situations and feelings.

Together, we will work on coping skills and seek solutions to the difficult situations we have been facing alone.

RSVP and more information call Eddylees Guzman 716-931-0280



5-14-2024

MAT Access and Support

WNY Opioid Addiction Treatment
24/7 Virtual MAT

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
- Can be connected to peer support

Addiction Hotline 24/7
Operated by Crisis Services

716-831-7007

- 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

Next meeting:

11/25/24 1030am-12p via WebEx

Please email julianna.everdyke@erie.gov or jseib@bestselfwny.org for the meeting invite

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
SUPPORT & DEDICATION**



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First Responder Workgroup

**Valentine Zimniewicz & Kenneth Peterson &
Jennifer Garrigan**

Overdose Prevention Task Force 11/12/2024 Harm Reduction Workgroup

Co-chairs:

Jennifer Garrigan, MPH : ECDOH -
Jennifer.Garrigan@erie.gov

Rebekka Lipp, LMHC : Endeavor Health Services -
rlipp@ehsny.org

Goals and Objectives

Mapping

- Goal: Create a space for individuals to come to to identify where they can obtain Harm Reduction supplies in the moment on their terms
- Status: Gathering updated agreements to map ECDOH OHR standing units
- Working through wait-lists for further stands
- In the process of

Bringing more Lived Experience and People Who Use Drugs to the table

- Subgroup will be formed to gather insight, discuss experiences and concern in a non-judgemental environment.
- Working to bring this directly to communities through individuals who are already engaged
- Status: In progress – Recruiting leadership and members

- Gather more accurate data on the composition of the unregulated drug supply to enhance community education and interventions
 - Sub-group being formed with HR Workgroup members who have community organizations interacting with PWUD
 - Working with RaDAR, a NYS program to provide de-identified supply surveillance samples for Erie County
 - Continuing communication with staff at Evergreen Health about drug checking equipment status for point of care testing
 - Status: forming sub-group and recruiting partners to collect samples
 - Ivette Chavez Gonzalez from Connections to Giving Back will help lead this sub-group as the first identified RaDAR partner.

- ECDOH OHR has retained a part time Case Manager with Endeavor Health
 - Increases ability of Peer Navigators to bridge to direct service providers
 - Supports additional access to providers 24/7
 - Increase capacity to follow up on non-fatal overdose cases
 - Case Manager works to bridge to treatment, benefits, community supports and health care
- MATTERS Network refers to our Peer Navigators for support
 - Referrals for MAT still occur at the discretion of the individual

WNY OPIOID ADDICTION TREATMENT

WNY Opioid
Addiction Treatment

Quick Access to Medication Assisted Treatment

CALL TODAY!

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**NEXT STEPS
TOWARD RECOVERY**

- Motivate individuals to receive treatment
- Effectively treat opioid withdrawal
- Initiate evidence-based treatment
- Connect individuals to ongoing care
- Reduce harm by offering overdose education and naloxone
- Remove barriers between client and their desired path to recovery

TREATMENT IS AVAILABLE!
716-463-6222

**JOIN OUR FACEBOOK GROUP:
WNY OPIOID TREATMENT
PROGRAM**

WNY OPIOID ADDICTION TREATMENT

Workgroup Partner Programs

BestSelf

Kate VanRensslaer



**LOWTHRESHOLD
BUPRENORPHINE CLINIC**

**951 Niagara Street
Buffalo, NY 14213
(716) 884-0700**

HOW TO GET STARTED

Call ahead or simply walk into the location and inform the front office staff. Ask to be seen in the low-threshold program.

HOURS

**MONDAY-THURSDAY: 8AM-7PM
FRIDAY: 8AM-4PM**

**WHO IS A CANDIDATE FOR
LOW-THRESHOLD SERVICES?**

- For individuals with Opioid Use Disorder and not currently on Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD)
- For individuals currently linked with an outpatient program, but would benefit from low-threshold services
- For individuals who are not seeking or have challenges engaging in traditional outpatient services.

TREATMENT IS AVAILABLE!

716-884-0700

Workgroup Partner Programs

BestSelf

Kate VanRensselaer

Staff from the ECDOH OHR were able to participate in the NYSHRA conference in October.

Two attended via scholarship opportunities



Two days in Binghamton on a variety of topics

Advocacy is a large piece

Education on innovative services addressing Harm Reduction through multiple means

NYSHRA - Key Takeaways

Advocacy is a large part of NYSHRA work both through activism and education

Education on innovative services addressing Harm Reduction through multiple means

- OPC- OnPoint expanding from NYC to Rhode Island
 - Medically supervised consumption with wraparound care
 - Compassionate naloxone administration with supporting medical care and oxygen more common to address overdose
 - Primary care, wound care, testing services
 - Alternative therapies for overall wellness
 - Empowers individuals with their health choices
 - Social needs supports: Housing, food, legal services etc

Drug Checking Equipment

- Two fold
 - Point of care checking – ensure contents of product
 - Supply surveillance to identify local level contaminants and trends

NYSHRA - Key Takeaways

- Invitation to Change (ITC) Family Model
 - Approach with empathy
 - Acknowledge that SUD is a complex medical disease
 - Shift from a punishment mindset
 - Support praise and encourage any positive changes
 - Share concern in constructive ways rather than destructive
 - Adjust expectations and be realistic about pace and progress
- Above all – love, empathy and support affect positive change and self worth



Subgroup formation

- Please reach out to participate
- Supply Surveillance
- Lived and Living Experience

Location identification


- Bring groups and information to the community

Training of Trainers

- Increasing access and opportunity to train more community members and PWUD to recognize and respond to potential overdose and increase capacity to train others

Meeting

- Third Wednesday of each month at 2:00pm (November 20th)
 - Main group
- Subgroups, meeting times TBD; will be in the community to increase access for PWUD and those with living and lived experience



Education, Advocacy, and Support



We are a new workgroup comprised of the prior Family Group and the Community Education and Awareness Committee



We are working to get to know one another



We have resumed in person meetings

What's going on?

- ▶ **Awareness v. Outreach**
- ▶ **Face to Face Outreach/Boots on the Ground**
 - **Tear Off Sheet**
 - **Reach out to community to help distribute**
- ▶ **Need to continue to educate**
 - **15-30 second PSA's**
 - **Tag Line-The Numbers are Up**

What's GOING ON?

- ❑ As we navigate our new, joint workgroup, we will continue to explore what exactly our new mission will look like
- ❑ International Overdose Awareness Day



INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY

**PLEASE JOIN US AS WE REMEMBER LOVED
ONES AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS TAKEN
BY THIS EPIDEMIC. EVERY OVERDOSE IS
SOMEBODY'S SOMEBODY.**

**DATE: FRIDAY, AUGUST 30, 2024
MEMORIAL DISPLAY: 10AM - 2PM
LOCATION: 92 FRANKLIN ST., BUFFALO, NY 14202**



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













INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY

Fri., August 30, 2024

Northwest Buffalo Community
Center
155 Lawn Ave., Buffalo, 14207

**Treatment Providers & Community
Organizations: 4PM - 6PM**

Remembrance Event: 6PM - 8PM



Food



Speakers



Music



Resources



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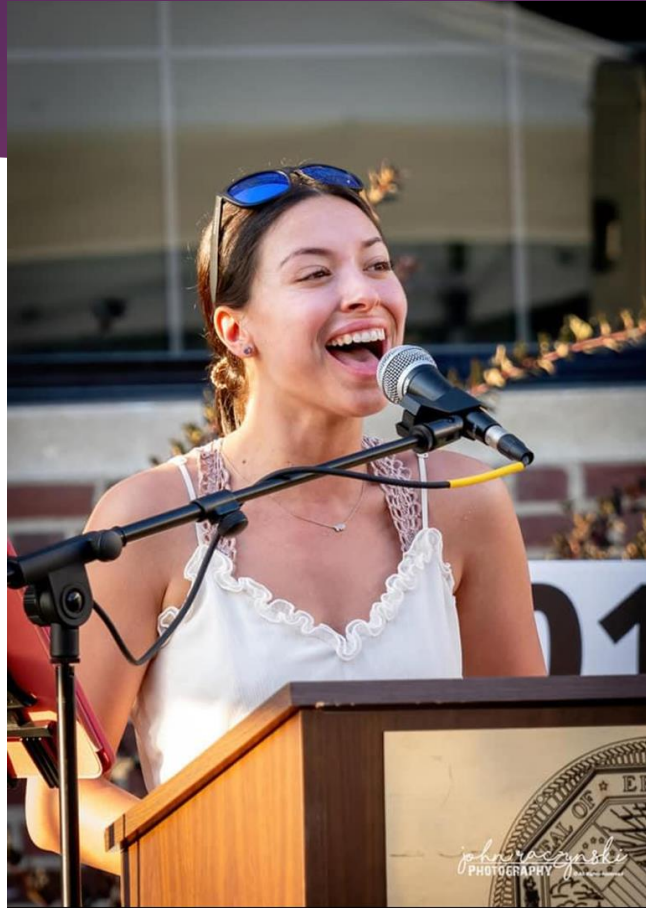
























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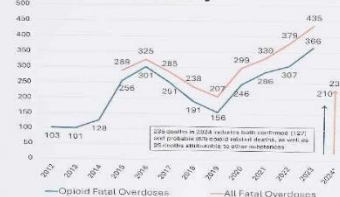
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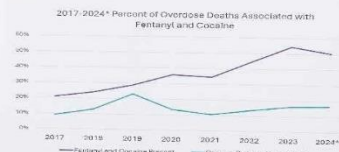
The Opioid Epidemic and Erie County

2012 - 2024* Number of Overdose Deaths
Erie County



3067
Deaths to date and counting.

Drugs are always changing, be safe, be careful, be aware.



2017-2024* Percent of Overdose Deaths Associated with Fentanyl and Cocaine

2021: 45% of overdose deaths involved cocaine
2022: 50% of overdose deaths involved cocaine
2023: 71% of overdose deaths involved cocaine
2024: 67% of overdose deaths involved cocaine.



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Every Overdose is Somebody's
Somebody!

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Guest Speaker & Specialty Interest

New section of TF meeting

Does your program or agency have something to share?

Please reach out to get on the next agenda.

COMMUNITY OPIOID RESPONSE
ERIE COUNTY, NY

Opioid Settlement



*Taylor Winter,
Community Opioid Response Director
November 2024*

Overview

1. Background
2. Fiscal status of Opioid Settlement
 - a. anticipated payments
 - b. fiscal nuisances
 - c. guardrails
 - d. NYS recommendations
3. Programmatic activities and updates
4. NYS comparison
5. Public view



Background

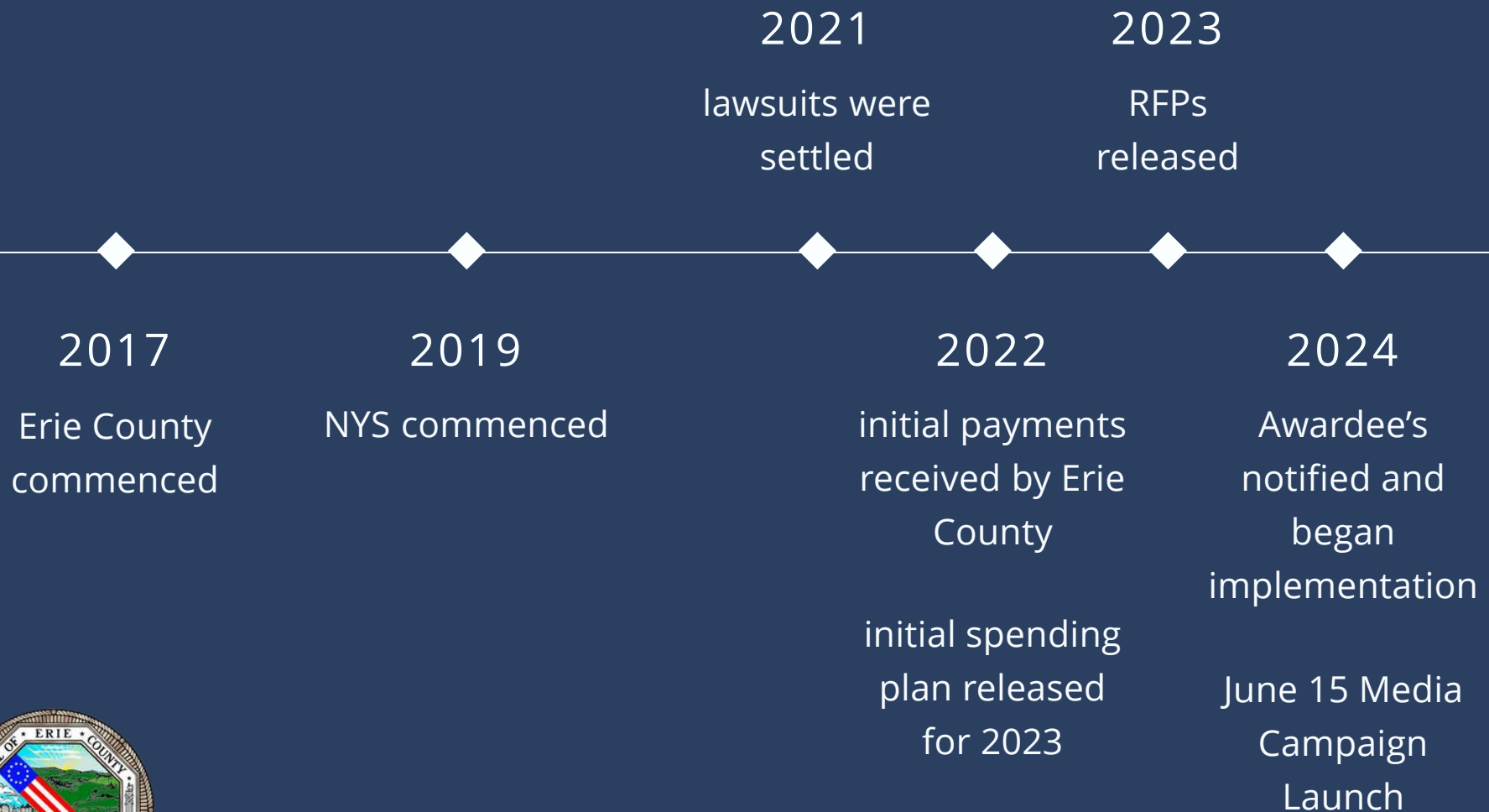
Opioid Epidemic

- over **2,300** deaths 2012-2022
- 2016 was the height of opioid overdose deaths (OOD), at that time
- 2016 Executive Order 14
- 2017-2019 decline in fatalities
- despite the decline, Erie County was not immune to the “fourth wave” of the opioid crisis
- 2020-2023 overdoses increase
- over 350 OOD in 2023



Erie County

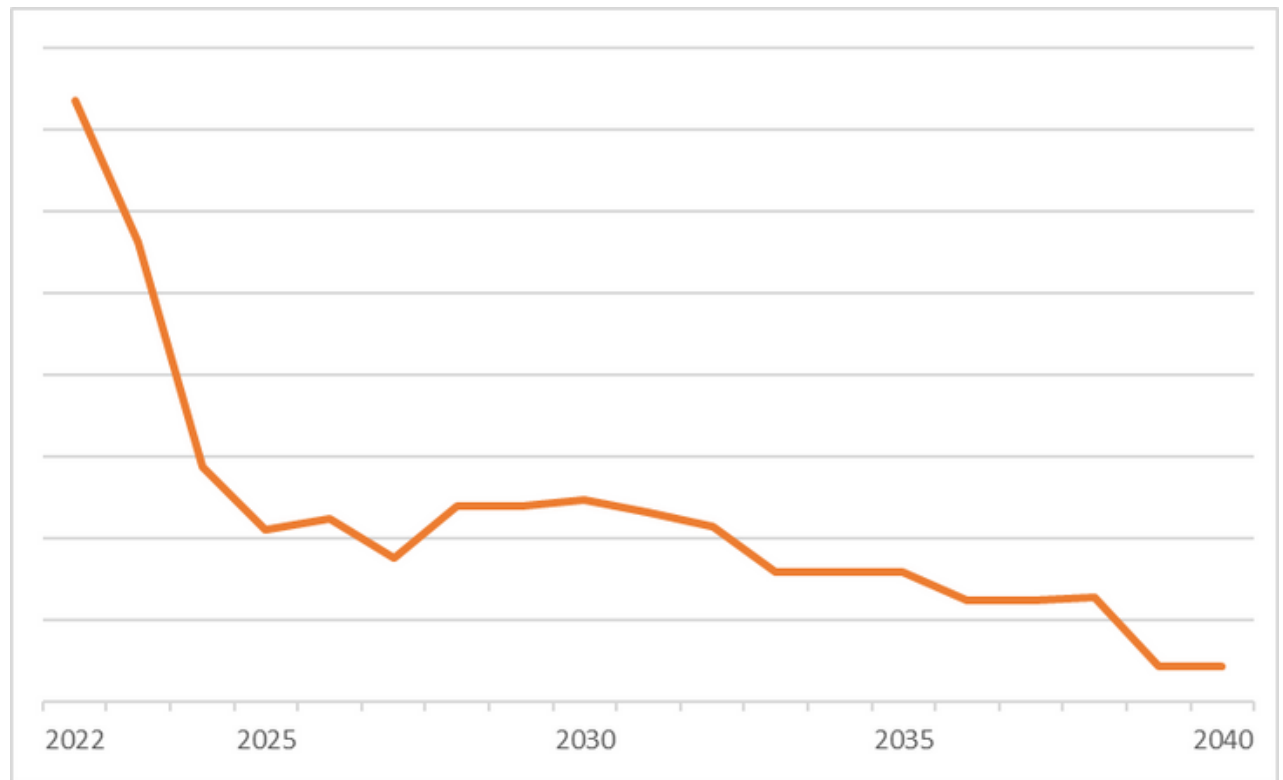
Opioid Settlement Timeline



Anticipated Payments

2022 - 2040

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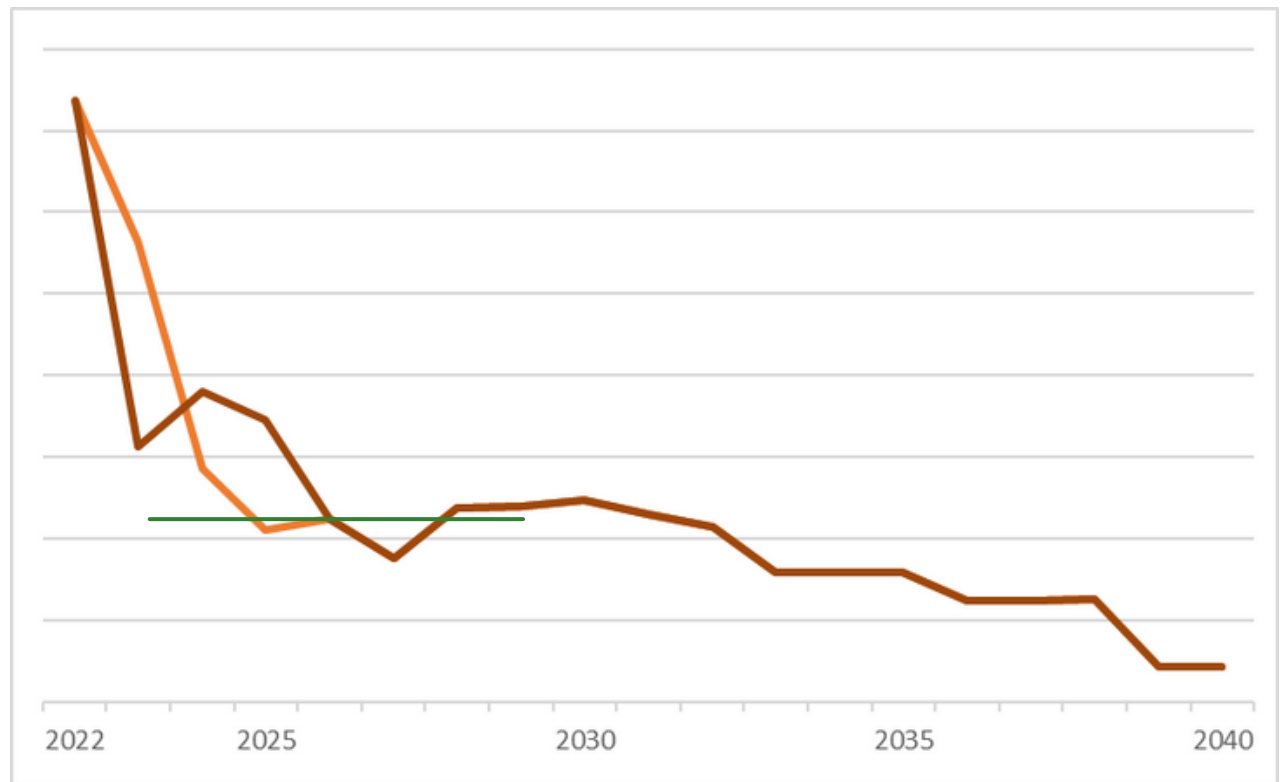


as of 2/22/2024

Anticipated Payments v2

2022 - 2040

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as of 8/1/2024

Nuances

- unknowns such as purdue
- re-negotiations including pre-payment options
- slowed payments
- notices vs checks
- restricted vs unrestricted
- payments without description
- reporting to OASAS



Internal Guardrails & Process

- positions slowly transitioning off of settlement and onto Erie County budget or sourcing grant funds
- drafting an intentional supplies budget
 - basic budget
 - considering factors
 - majority of budget is for supplies that are then distributed to the community and agencies
 - match funds requests i.e. professional development or offer external opportunities as well
- purchasing process
 - wet signatures
 - direct alignment with approved uses
 - settlement or 295 are a last funds source for purchasing
- reporting process
 - programmatic
 - fiscal



- treating all monies as restricted
- all activities reported to OASIS
- jumpstart programs and positions not a long-term or sole solution
- sustainability part of reporting
- transparency & accountability
- reporting & evaluation
- community voice

General Themes

Erie County



General Themes

NYS
Settlement
Board
June - Oct '24

- expect to receive less than anticipated funding and e
the
timeline to not be as anticipated
- transparency & accountability
- **co-occurring disorders**
- **housing**
- **sustainability**
- initial years for start up with the expectation that
continuous costs find alternative funding sources
- reporting misuse of funds - tbd
- **grassroots funding** (sub-awards?)
- recommendations 2025
- **Public Health Emergency Declaration**



Disclaimer: The themes discussed here reflect my personal interpretations from the NYS Settlement Board meeting and are not representative of the board's views. For detailed information, please consult the official records of previous meetings.

Challenges

NYS Opioid Settlement Board

- **State vs. Local Government**
- **Timelines of recommendations**
- **Realistic and attainable recommendations (i.e. system change like reimbursement rates)**
- **Regional differences**
- **If reporting format to OASAS will follow Board recommendations?**



Campaign updates

GOLD Winner for Best Advertising Campaign, The MUSE Awards

Analytics

Lift, 33% (industry average 13%)

12.5 million impressions

109,000 visits to the website

Holiday Messaging

Year 2 planning

Recently refreshed images to avoid viewer fatigue



DETECT TO PROTECT

One-third of our community's opioid overdose deaths are Black residents. Most involved cocaine. This is a crisis.

Order fentanyl test strips and Narcan at [Erie.gov/Detect](https://erie.gov/detect)



Paula Bridgeforth,
Erie County Peer Navigator

DETECT TO PROTECT

The party
has changed.

Nearly 7 out of 10
opioid overdose
deaths in Erie County
involved cocaine.



Order fentanyl test strips and Narcan at [Erie.gov/Detect](https://erie.gov/Detect)



Kim Tran,
Family member & Advocate

WHAT'S TO COME

- program reports, trickling in now
- website including dashboard
 - financial information
 - programmatic
 - reporting
 - feedback
 - comparison with NYS recommendations
- community engagement & input in 2025
- multi-year annual report 2022 - 2024, early 2025



Settlement Website & Dashboard

Increased transparency and visibility of the opioid settlement funds in Erie County

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Community Opioid Response website for Erie County Opioid Settlement Funds. The page features a header with the title, a navigation menu, a 'Subscribe to COR mailing list' button, and four main content boxes: 'Overview & Expenditures (updated quarterly)', 'Spending Decisions & Strategic Planning', 'Approved uses', and 'Funded Projects'. Below these is a 'Current Funding Opportunities' section. The main content area displays a 'High level overview of the current status of settlement: how much anticipated, how much received, how much distributed (county & community)'. This is followed by a 'YTD Settlement Allocations and Spending for Maricopa County' section, which includes a bar chart showing four categories: Total allocations received by Maricopa County (\$54,083,978), Total funds retained by Maricopa County* (\$27,869,472), Total funds distributed to municipalities (\$26,214,504), and Total funds allocated to current projects (County and community-based) (\$5,420,000). A footnote explains that Maricopa County's allocations include approximately \$10M to be paid through FY 2029 for current community-based projects, and an additional \$2.5M to be paid to Correctional Health Services annually for substance use treatment in jails. The spending allocations will be updated as new projects are approved. A note states that amounts shown on this dashboard may differ from reporting on the Arizona Attorney General's opioid settlement dashboard due to different publishing timeframes. The dashboard was created with Datawrapper.

Community Opioid Response
Erie County Opioid Settlement Funds

Background information. How to navigate the site.

Subscribe to COR mailing list

Overview & Expenditures (updated quarterly)

Spending Decisions & Strategic Planning

Approved uses

Funded Projects

Current Funding Opportunities

High level overview of the current status of settlement: how much anticipated, how much received, how much distributed (county & community)

YTD Settlement Allocations and Spending for Maricopa County

Last updated: Mar. 29, 2024

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North Carolina Opioid Settlements

Welcome to CORE-NC: Community Opioid Resources Engine for North Carolina

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About the Opioid Settlements

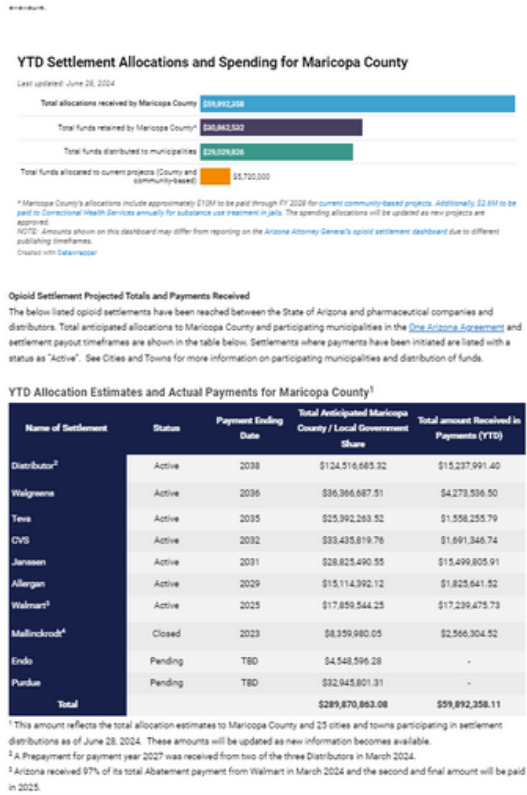


What are the Opioid Settlements?

Since 2021, Attorney General Josh Stein has announced \$56 billion in national settlements with opioid companies that will help bring desperately needed resources to communities harmed by the opioid epidemic, including \$1.5 billion to North Carolina. The agreements resolve litigation over the role of companies in creating and fueling the opioid epidemic. The agreements also require significant industry changes that will help prevent this type of crisis from ever happening again.

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NORTH CAROLINA



MARICOPA COUNTY, AZ

Opioid Settlement Funds

[Funding Plan](#)

[Application](#)

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Background

In 2021, a \$26 billion nationwide settlement was reached to resolve all Opioids litigation brought by states and local political subdivisions against the three largest pharmaceutical distributors: **McKesson, Cardinal Health and AmerisourceBergen** ("Distributors"), and manufacturer **Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc.** and its parent company **Johnson & Johnson** (collectively, "**J&J**").

The state of Michigan is slated to receive nearly \$800 million over 18 years. Fifty percent of the settlement amount will be sent directly to county and local governments. The national agreement also requires significant industry changes that will help prevent this type of crisis from ever happening again.

A [state-subdivision agreement](#) between the state of Michigan and local government directs how opioid settlement funds are distributed. All 83 counties in Michigan signed on to this agreement.

In 2022, additional settlements with pharmacies and manufacturers were announced, including **CVS, Walgreens, Walmart, Allergan and Teva**. Sign-on for settlements with CVS, Walmart, Allergan and Teva are completed in Michigan, but payments have not yet begun. These four settlements are expected to bring in around \$450 million to Michigan. The Walgreens national settlement will bring about \$175 million into the state to be divided equally between state and local governments, payments have not started. The associated [state-subdivision agreement](#) outlines how funds are to be distributed. The state will also receive an

Fund Allocation to Cass County



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Questions, Comments

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Community Share Out

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Do you have something to share with the larger community but not enough to be on the agenda? Share out here!

Question & Answer

Ask away

All Q&As will be sent to the listserv post-meeting.

Melissa, our virtual moderator will ask virtual questions out loud.

Post-quarterly meeting feedback



Next Meeting, February 3rd, 2025