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Behavioral Health Services Opioid Settlement Funds

Presentation to the Family and Human Services Committee of the Board of Supervisors

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THE LAWSUITS AGAINST THE PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES

During the course of the opioid overdose epidemic, state, local, and tribal governments have brought lawsuits against pharmaceutical and drug distribution companies to recover costs associated with the epidemic and ensure that future crises are prevented.

Though often referred to in tandem, the Janssen & Distributors (J&D) Settlements come from two separate agreements – one through a nationwide lawsuit against Janssen Pharmaceuticals and the other through a nationwide lawsuit against McKesson, AmerisourceBergen, and Cardinal Health (“the Distributors”).

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Opioid Settlement Funds Background

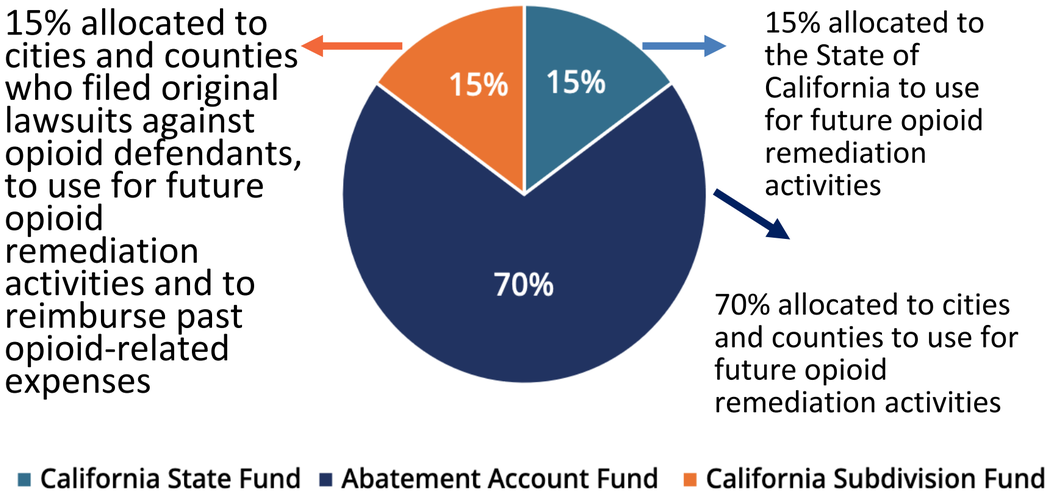
Overview

- Participating companies include: Janssen (J&J), McKesson, Cardinal Health, AmerisourceBergen, Teva, Walgreens, CVS and Walmart
- California is expected to receive approximately $2.05 billion from the J&D Settlement Agreements, which will be paid through 2038. The majority of funds will be provided to Participating Subdivisions to be used for opioid abatement activities
- Contra Costa County receives funding through participation in California's national opioid settlement agreements finalized in 2022–2023.[1]

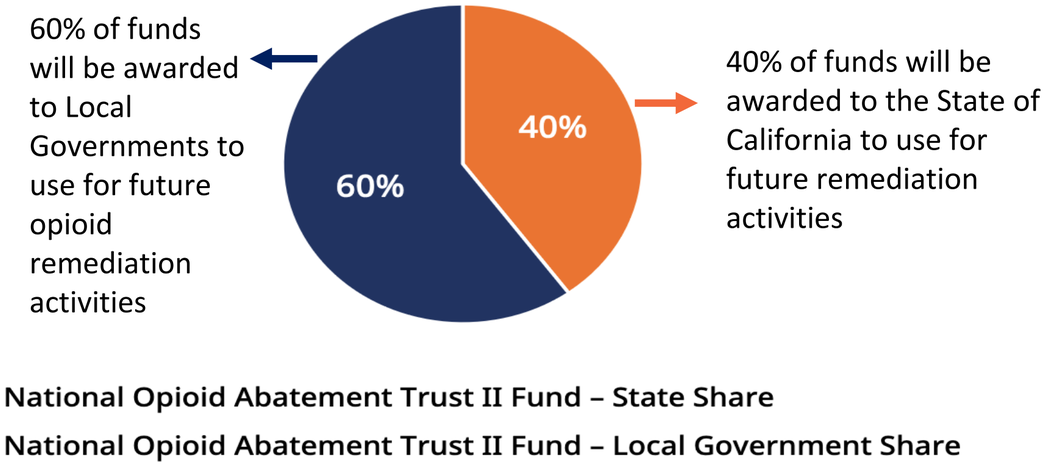
Administration and Oversight

- Funds are overseen by the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS).[2] Payments are distributed and tracked by the national settlement administrator BrownGreer PLC.
- Funds would be disbursed annually for up to 18 years
- Administrative cost are capped at no >5% of jurisdiction's total funding allocation

Distribution of California's Opioid Settlements



Distribution of California's Bankruptcy Settlements



Source: DHCS California's Opioid Settlements and Bankruptcies California's Opioid Settlements and Bankruptcies - DHCS Opioid Response

1. BHIN 24-002 CA Participating Subdivision Use of OSF Allocated from the CA Abatement Accounts Fund 2. California Code, GOV 12534. 3. Exhibit F Final Settlement Agreement 8-2021

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Abatement Activities and Allowable Expenditures

No less than 50% - High Impact Abatement Activities (HIAA)

No.	Activity
1	Provision of matching funds or operating costs for substance use disorder facilities with an approved project within the Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP)
2	Creating new or expanded substance use disorder (SUD) treatment infrastructure
3	Addressing the needs of communities of color and vulnerable populations (including sheltered and unsheltered homeless populations) that are disproportionately impacted by SUD
4	Diversion of people with SUD from the justice system into treatment, including by providing training and resources to first and early responders (sworn and non-sworn) and implementing best practices for outreach, diversion and deflection, employability, restorative justice, and harm reduction
5	Interventions to prevent drug addiction in vulnerable youth

Priority Core Abatement Strategies & Exhibit E

Schedule A: Core Strategies

- Naloxone or Other FDA-Approved Drug to Reverse Opioid Overdoses
- Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) Distribution and Other Opioid-Related Treatment
- Pregnant and Postpartum Women (screening, referral, treatment, etc.)
- Expanding Treatment for Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS)
- Expansion Of Warm Hand-Off Programs and Recovery Services
- Treatment for Incarcerated Population
- Prevention Programs
- Expanding Syringe Service Programs
- Evidence-Based Data Collection and Research Analyzing the Effectiveness of the Abatement Strategies Within the State

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FUNDS RECEIVED TO DATE

SETTLEMENT SOURCE	AMOUNT RECEIVED TO DATE
ABATEMENT FUNDS	17,397,375.95
SUBDIVISION FUNDS	3,877,714.43
CA MALLINGCKRODT ALLOCATION (NOAT II)	464,041.82
ENDO PUBLIC OPIOID TRUST	419,145.65
MCKINSEY SUBDIVISION SETTLEMENT	441,906.26
Amount Received to Date	**$22,600.184.11**
AMOUNT SPENT TO DATE	**1,014,996.37**
FY23/24	175,426.65
FY24/25	839,569.72

ROLLING OVER/ENCUMBERING FUNDS

- Participating Subdivisions may roll over funds from the previous year and/or encumber funds for future eligible purchases.
- Funds must be expended or encumbered within five (5) years of receipt, or seven (7) years for capital outlays projects
- For example, funds received during 2022 must be spend or encumbered by 2027 (five (5) years) for non-capital outlay projects or 2029 (seven (7) years) for capital outlay projects. Funds not expended or encumbered within these timeframes must be returned to the state.

We are currently receiving allocations from the following three settlements:

Distributors Settlement

- National Opioid Settlement Allocation Notice (NOAT II) PY1

2.Janssen Settlement

- more cities opted out of direct payments for this settlement than did for the distributors

3.Mallincrodt Bankruptcy proceeds

- NOAT II – Planned Allocation Letter

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REALLOCATED AMOUNTS BY CITY

UNALLOWABLE ACTIVITIES

Participating Subdivisions suspected of spending funds allocated from the Janssen & Distributors (J&D) Settlements on unallowable activities, whether through review of reports or information from any other sources, will be required to meet and confer with DHCS to resolve the concern. If unable to reach a resolution, DHCS may conduct an audit of the Subdivision's use of the funds and pursue legal action

CITIES/SUBDIVISIONS	SUM OF REALLOCATED AMOUNTS
Brentwood	198,940.49
Antioch	23,943.13
Clayton	16,684.63
Danville	75,991.55
El Cerrito	174,630.01
Hercules	14,600.09
Lafayette	42,525.16
Martinez	71,732.84
Oakley	75,424.28
Orinda	35,251.44
Pinole	20,687.77
Pleasant Hill	98,213.43
Richmond	224,103.59
San Ramon	163,021.18
Walnut Creek	195,977.59
Grand Total	**$1,431,727.18**

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About The Opioid Epidemic

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has highlighted that the opioid epidemic has evolved through waves.

Wave 1 Rise of prescription opioid misuse in 1990s

Wave 2 Rise in heroin use in 2010s

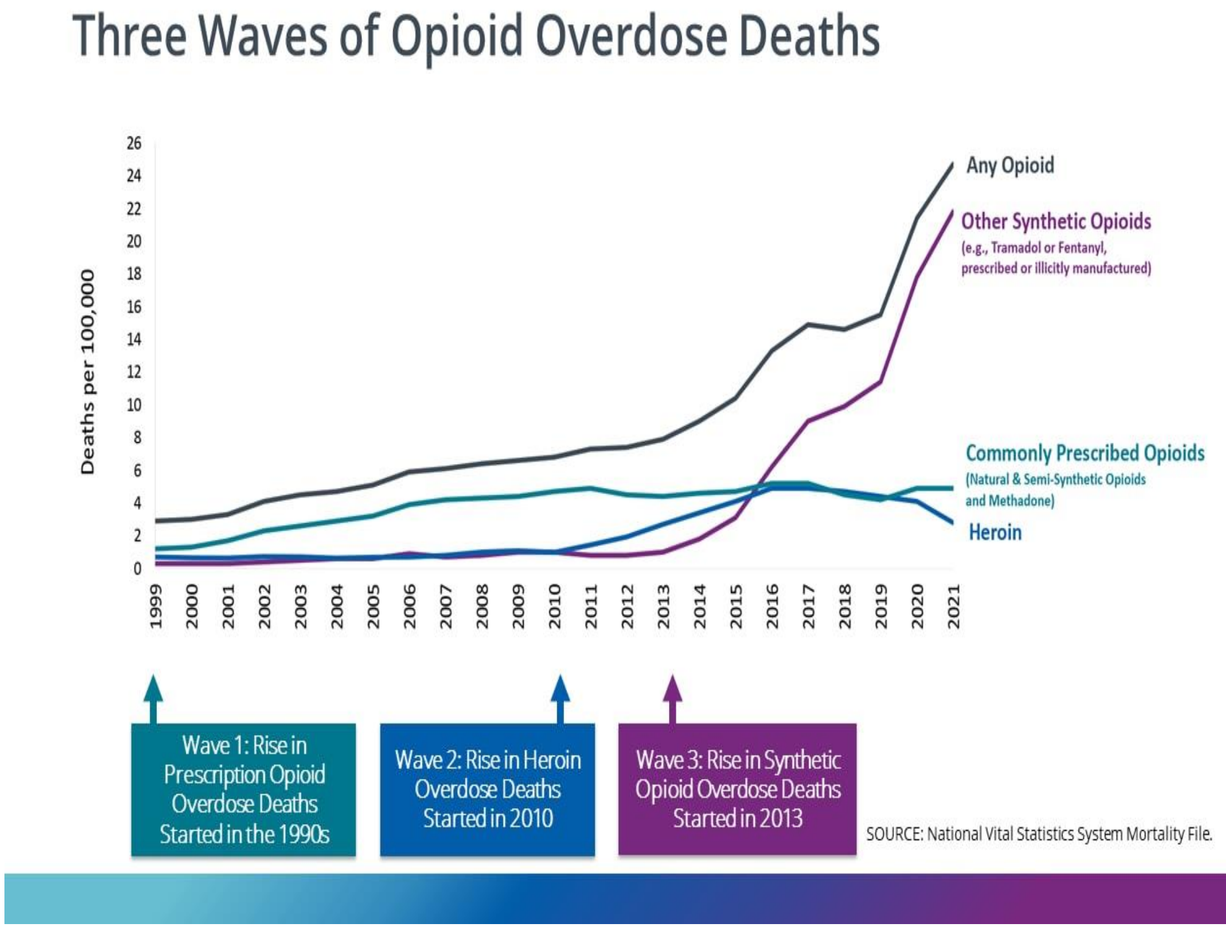
Wave 3 A sharp increase in synthetic opioids (e.g., Fentanyl) in 2013

Opioid Impact Timeline

1999-2021 Nearly **645,000** people died in the U.S. from overdoses involving prescription and illicit opioids

2017 Opioid epidemic was declared a national public health emergency in the U.S. with **47,600** opioid-related overdose deaths reported that year

2017-2022 **70,237** people died due to opioid-related overdoses with fentanyl accounting for a significant portion of these deaths in the U.S.



https://www.cdc.gov/overdose-prevention/media/images/sharable-graphics/overdoseprevention-3-waves-opioid-overdose-deaths-1999-2021.png?CDC_AAref_Val=https://www.cdc.gov/opioids/basics/epidemic.html

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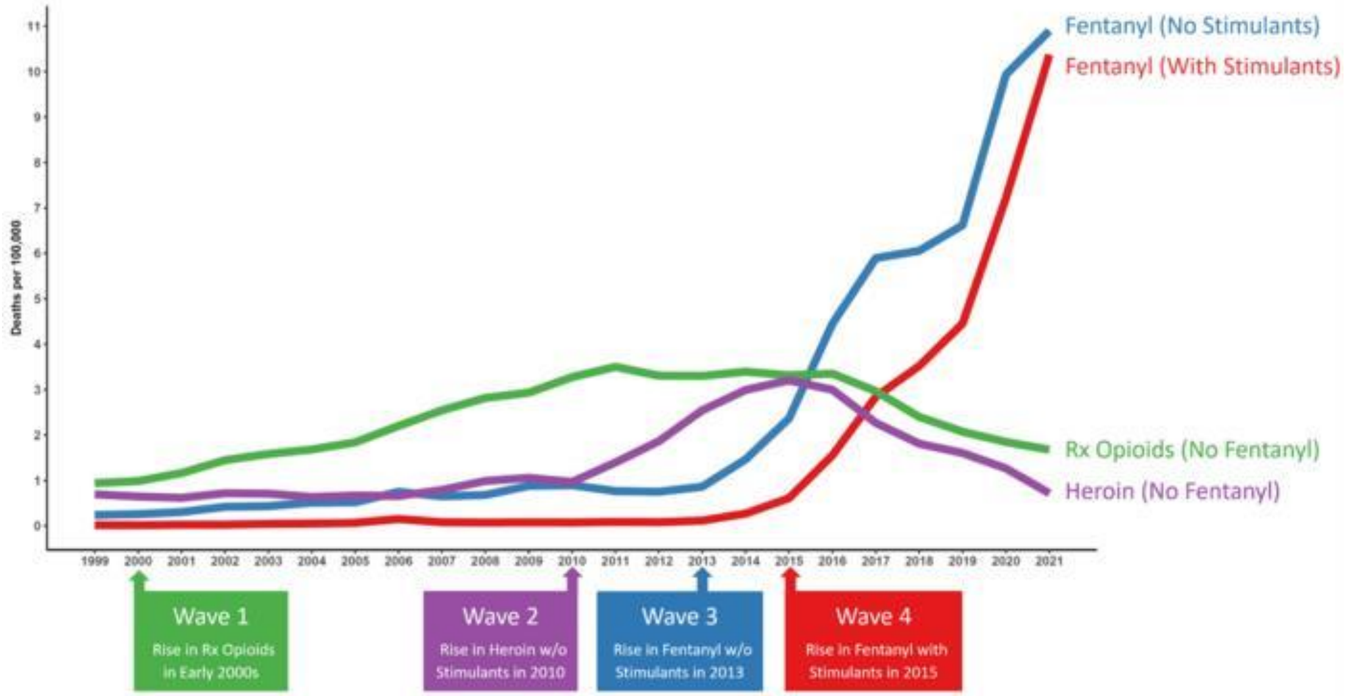
The Fourth Wave

Polysubstance Trends: The Fourth Wave



Between 2015 and 2021, most overdose deaths in the United States involved synthetic opioids like fentanyl with stimulants and/or methamphetamine marking the transition to a “fourth wave” of the opioid crisis.

California has also experienced a significant increase in poly-substance overdose deaths, particularly those involving a combination of fentanyl and psychostimulants, primarily methamphetamine

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Local Impact

LOCAL NEWS

Man Found Dead Inside Bathroom At Concord BART Station

June 28, 2023 - 10:01 AM • 68 comments

A man was found dead inside the bathroom at the Concord BART station on Tuesday, accord
officials.

Just after 3 p.m., Officers located an adult male who appeared to be suffering from an appar
in the bathroom.

The officers administered two doses of NARCAN and summoned for medical assistance.

LOCAL NEWS

Man Dies Of Apparent Drug Overdose On BART Train In Dublin – Authorities Administer NARCAN To Another Drug User At Pleasant Hill BART

July 3, 2023 - 3:00 PM • 0 comment

A person died of an apparent drug overdose on a BART train at the West Dublin Station on July 1, and another person was administered a dose of NARCAN to help reverse another drug overdose, according to BART Police.

Here are the details from BART Police:

NARCAN Deployment – Pleasant Hill Station

7/1/2023 1648 hours An officer administered one (1) dose of NARCAN to an unresponsive male subject who appeared to be suffering from an apparent drug overdose. The subject was transported to an area hospital for further medical treatment.

OAKLEY POLICE RESPOND TO FENTANYL OVERDOSE CALL

By Art Ray

written by CC News | November 19, 2024

Photo by Art Ray

Department responded to two people found unconscious at the Antioch fishing pier parking lot.

Contra Costa County Fire responded to the end of Bridgehead Road. Upon arrival, one victim was cold to
ile the second male was saved by Oakley Police Department officers who had administered a counter acting

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Geographic Impact

California Opioid Overdose Surveillance Dashboard 2023 Data

Opioid Overdose Risk Across County

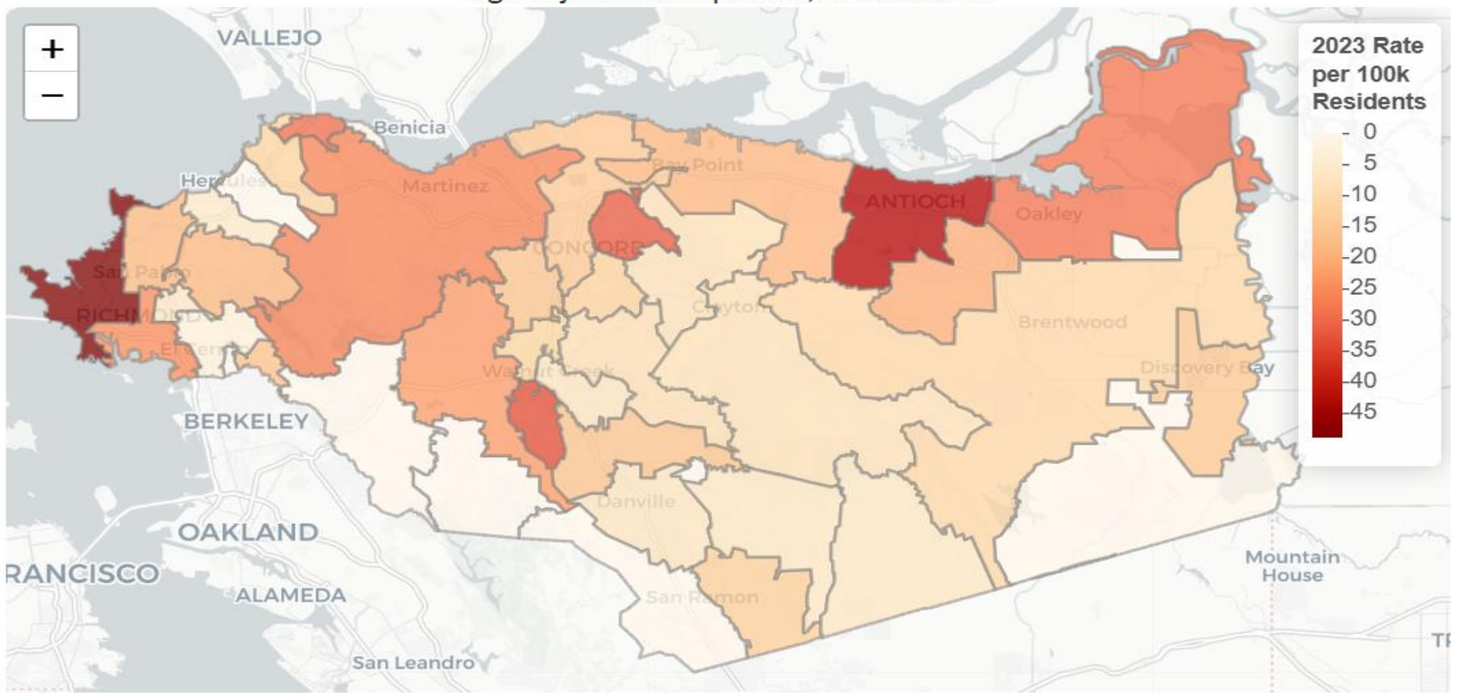
- Age-adjusted death rates shown by ZIP code for 2023
- Age adjustment accounts for population differences across regions
- Enables accurate comparison of overdose risks across communities

Key Findings

- Richmond (rate: 48.6, per 100,000) and Antioch (rate: 42.3 per 100,000) report highest overdose death rates
- Elevated rates also observed in Pittsburg, Oakley, Bay Point, and parts of Concord and South County
- There were 178 overdoses in 2023

Any Opioid-Related Overdose Deaths - Contra Costa County, Prelim. 2023

Age-Adjusted Rate per 100,000 Residents



178 (16.6/100k)

Deaths Related to Any Opioid Overdose in Contra Costa County, 2023

Geographic Distribution of Opioid-Related Overdose Death in Contra Costa County 2023. Source: CDPH Center for Health Statistics and Informatics Vital Statistics - Multiple Cause of Death and California Comprehensive Death Files

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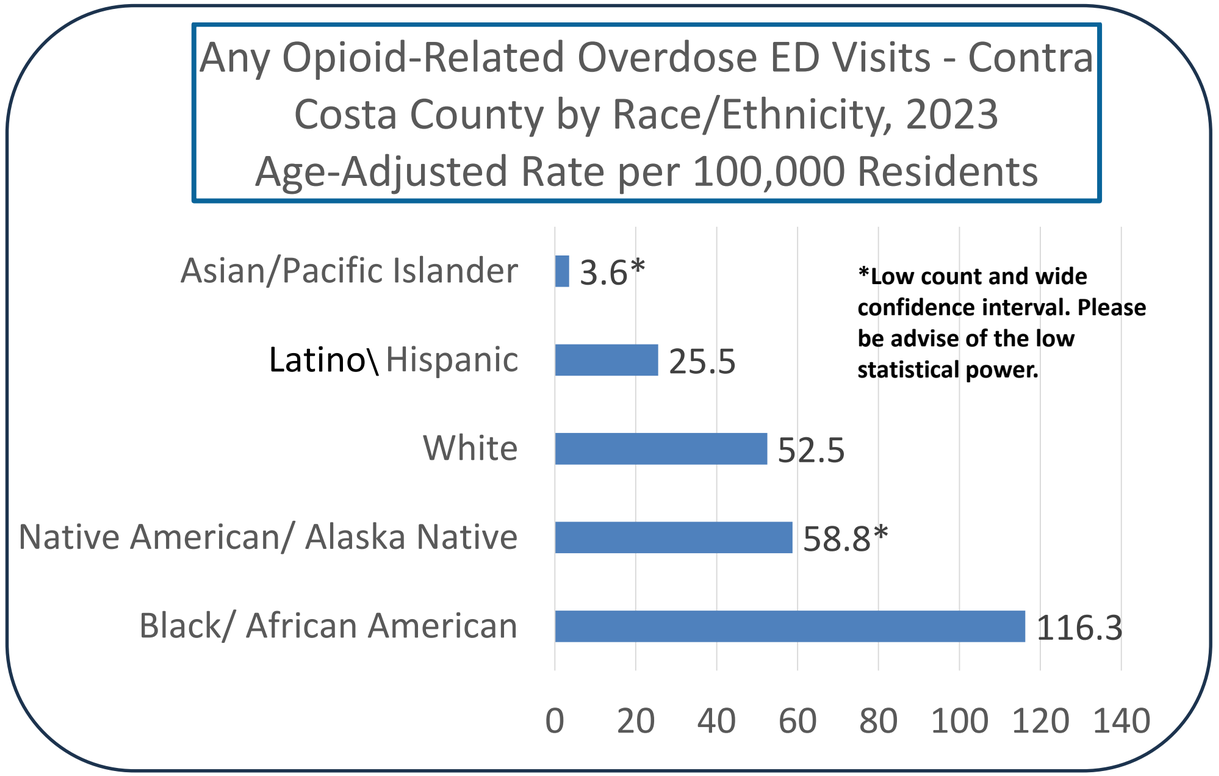
Opioid Related Emergency Department Visits



- Black/African American residents: highest ED visit rate (116.3 per 100,000)
- Native American/Alaska Native residents: 58.8 per 100,000 (interpret cautiously)
- Hispanic/Latino residents: 25.5 per 100,000
- White residents: 52.5 per 100,000
- Asian/Pacific Islander residents: lowest ED visit rate (3.6 per 100,000; interpret cautiously)

407 (39/100k)
ED Visits Related to Any Opioid Overdose in Contra Costa County, 2023

127 (10.8/100k)
Hospitalizations Related to Any Opioid Overdose in Contra Costa County, 2023

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Opioid-Related Mortality Trends

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Leading Causes of Death in Contra Costa County

(2020 – 2022)

Communicable Cancer Cardiovascular Other Chronic Injury Perinatal

Ranking	0 - 4	5 - 14	15 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 44	45 - 54	55 - 64	65 - 74	75 - 84	85+
1	Neonatal conditions 58	*	Road injury 66	Drug overdose 162	Drug overdose 148	Drug overdose 145	Ischemic heart disease 307	Ischemic heart disease 476	Alzheimer's disease 703	Alzheimer's disease 2,234
2	Congenital anomalies 28	*	Drug overdose 60	Road injury 81	Alcohol-related 60	Alcohol-related 102	COVID-19 213	COVID-19 276	Ischemic heart disease 618	Stroke 1,002
3	*	*	Homicide 50	Homicide 66	Homicide 52	COVID-19 101	Drug overdose 168	Lung Cancer 273	Stroke 499	Ischemic heart disease 835
4	*	*	Suicide 39	Suicide 61	Road injury 50	Ischemic heart disease 94	Alcohol-related 147	Stroke 265	COVID-19 362	COVID-19 469
5	*	*	*	Alcohol-related 36	Suicide 48	Breast cancer 33	Breast cancer 75	Breast cancer 125	Lung Cancer 327	Hypertensive heart disease 467

*numbers less than 11 not reported for patient privacy

Source for Life Expectancy and Age-Adjusted Mortality Rate by Sex: California Department of Public Health Community Burden of Disease Version P3.0, 3/1/2024
Source for Infant Mortality: California Department of Public Health, Center for Family Health, Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Division, Infant Mortality Dashboard, Last Modified June 2023

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On August 13, 2024, Contra Costa County's Interim Health Services Dr. Ori Tzvieli, presented mortality data from the County's ATLAS dashboard, covering 2020 to 2022.

- Drug overdose emerged as the leading cause of death among residents aged 25 to 54.
- Residents aged 15 to 24, ranked as second leading cause of death.

These patterns highlight the need for interventions to address opioid misuse and prevent overdose fatalities across all age groups.

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Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) Claim Data Trends

Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) Penetration Rates

CCBHS administers DMC-ODS as a Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan (PIHP). The system provides full continuum of care: prevention, treatment, and MAT services. Health Services also operates Choosing Change a MAT program at Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and public health clinics

Measuring Access to Service

- Penetration Rate (PR) = % of Medi-Cal eligible individuals who received SUD services
- Higher PR indicates stronger access to care
- Lower PR signals service delivery gaps or barriers to treatment

Areas for Improvement

Ongoing efforts to improve PR among:

- Latino/Hispanic populations
- Asian/Pacific Islander populations
- Justice-involved individuals
- Focus on reducing barriers and enhancing culturally/linguistically competent care

Contra Costa County's DMC-ODS Medi-Cal eligible population, the number of members served, and corresponding penetration rates by age group for Calendar Year 2022.

Age Groups	# Members Eligible	# Members Served	County PR	County Size Group PR	Statewide PR
Ages 12-17	35,236	122	0.35%	0.29%	0.25%
Ages 18-64	177,604	2,315	1.30%	1.29%	1.19%
Ages 65+	34,052	214	0.63%	0.56%	0.49%
Total	**246,892**	**2,651**	**1.07%**	**1.04%**	**0.95%**

DMC-ODS Medi-Cal eligible population, members served, and penetration rates by race and ethnicity for Calendar Year 2022.

Racial/Ethnic Groups	# Members Eligible	# Members Served	County PR	Same Size Counties PR	Statewide PR
African American	31,665	457	1.44%	1.29%	1.19%
Asian/Pacific Islander	28,883	60	0.21%	0.15%	0.15%
Hispanic/Latino	76,183	396	0.52%	0.74%	0.69%
Native American	628	16	2.55%	2.34%	2.01%
Other	68,336	872	1.28%	1.34%	1.26%
White	41,200	850	2.06%	1.89%	1.67%

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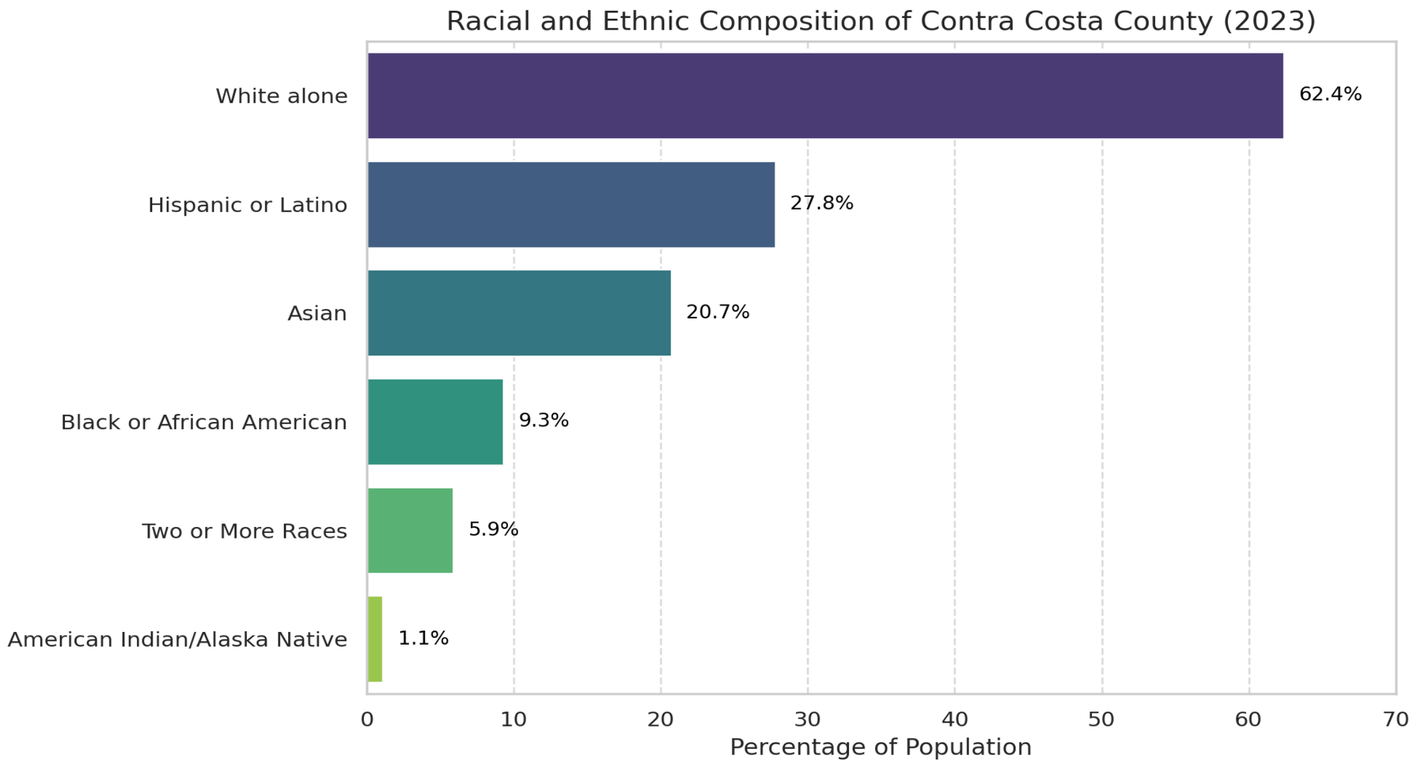
County Population Data

According to the 2023 American Community Survey (ACS)[1] racial and ethnic composition of Contra Costa County is characterized by diversity:



Note: Categories are not mutually exclusive. Individuals may identify with more than one group.

The County's diverse racial and ethnic composition underscores the importance of culturally responsive, equity-focused opioid prevention and treatment strategies.

1. U.S. Census Bureau QuickFacts: Contra Costa County, California

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Preliminary Approval

In November 2021, Contra Costa Health presented a Preliminary Plan for the use of Opioid Settlement Funds (OSF), contingent on local jurisdictions electing to defer their individual allocations to the County. Because of the urgency to respond to the local impact, in 2023 the CAO and local Cities approved the preliminary plan for the use of OSF until community input could be gathered.

Phase 1

- Medi-Cal match towards operating cost for existing SUD providers to bolster services and capacity.
- Focus on Justice Involved Populations: SUD treatment in the jails. Addition of counselors, medication
- Add 1FTE Addiction Medicine Psychiatrist to assist with establishment of MAT expansion to include medical treatment for Alcohol disorders.
- Develop Adolescent/Youth SUD Treatment Infrastructure (Residential and Outpatient)
- Leadership and Coordination (1 FTE Coordinator) to support implementation of County's Opioid Prevention and Response Program ensure inclusiveness and diversity of community stakeholders, address needs of communities of color and disproportionally impacted

Phase 2

- Continue to fund MEDS Coalition and add staff as needed.
- Fund Harm Reduction strategies including working with Needle Exchange Sites
- Increase SUD street outreach capacity in Recovery Residences, homeless shelters, libraries, encampments, BART stations, etc.
- Provide comprehensive care management services to pregnant and postpartum individuals with OUD
- Social Media Campaign to increase public awareness. (Billboard, bus banners, web page design/operation)

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Opioid Settlement Funds Requirements

Guiding Principles for Allocating Opioid Settlement Funds[1]

- Have a transparent process for determining where to expend the funds. Include people with lived experience and individuals working in prevention, treatment, harm reduction and recovery when planning.
- Seek input from a wide variety of groups during planning, including experts in SUD treatment, organizations working directly with youth and people who use drugs, opioid focused coalitions, law enforcement personnel, recovery community organizations, and social service organizations.
- Solicit and use input from the public to help raise the profile of the plans and give those community members with unique perspectives the opportunity to provide feedback.

https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/Documents/CSD/CA-OSF-Guiding-Principles.pdf

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Opioid Community Listening Sessions

Informing Opioid Settlement Fund Priorities

Behavioral Health staff and the Indigo Project conducted 4 regional Community Listening Sessions. across East, Central, West and South County (in-person and virtual). KGO coverage.

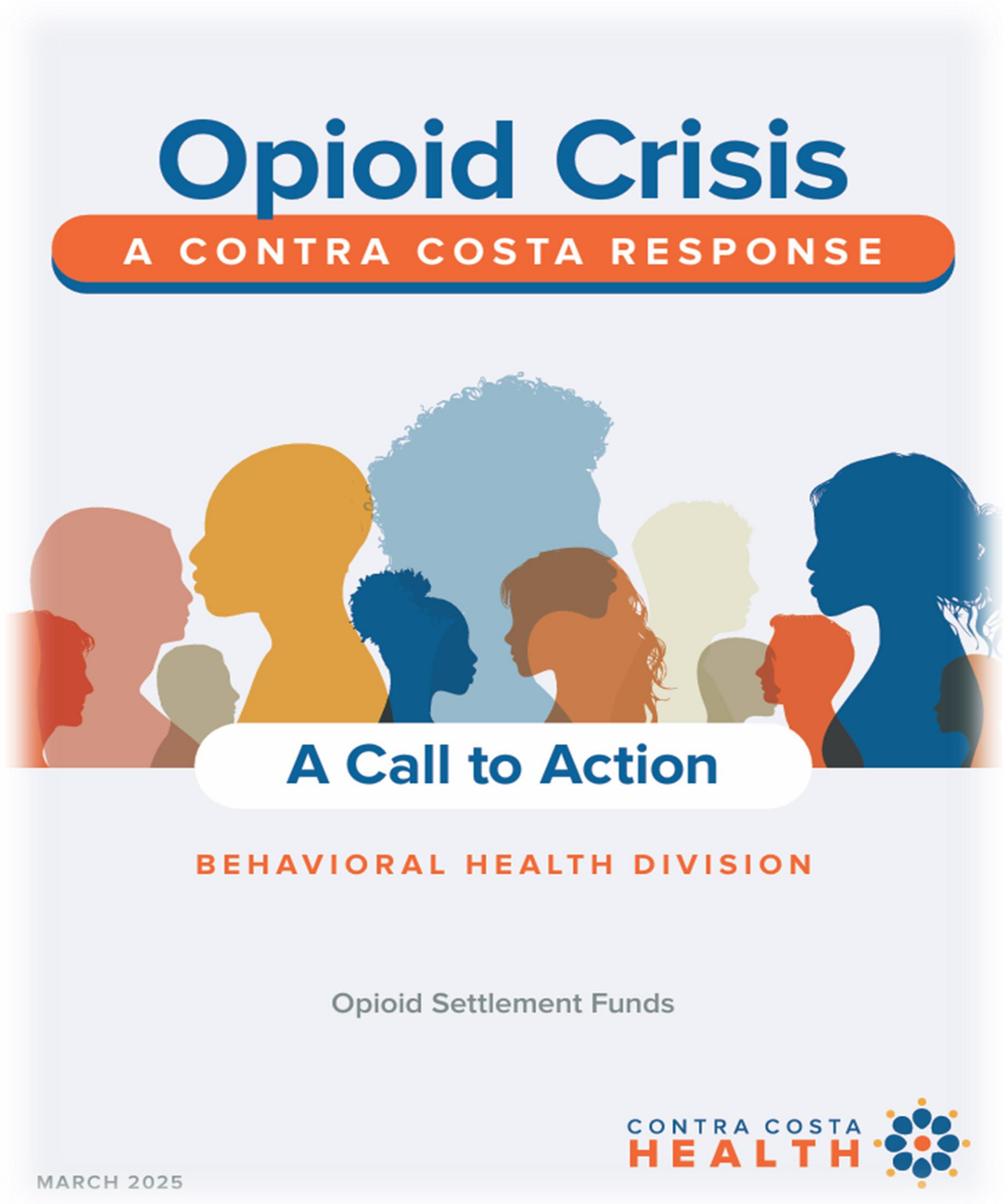
- ✓ 397 surveys completed (81% English, 19% Spanish)
- ✓ Participants included parents, youth, justice-involved individuals, homeless and BH providers, faith-based organizations
- ✓ In person sessions with Spanish speaking parents and clients in SUD treatment and in jail
- ✓ Youth on probation and participating in SUD prevention services

Why Listening Session

- ✓ Community engagement is important to equitable opioid response
- ✓ Ensure the settlement funds reflect real community needs

Emerging Themes

- ➢ Expand youth residential treatment and MAT-friendly sober living environments
- ➢ Support justice-involved and unhoused individuals with navigation services and care management
- ➢ Increase culturally responsive care
- ➢ Provide overdose education and increase Naloxone access
- ➢ Launch stigma-reduction public education campaigns to reduce stigma and increase awareness of treatment options
- ➢ Expand SUD treatment including detox services in East County, focus on co-ocurring services



Contra Costa's A Call to Action uplifts the voices of people in recovery and in treatment. It includes unhoused and incarcerated clients.

Incorporates the expert advise of individuals working in prevention, harm reduction, treatment and recovery

In March 2025, BHS published "A Call to Action" and posted it in our landing page

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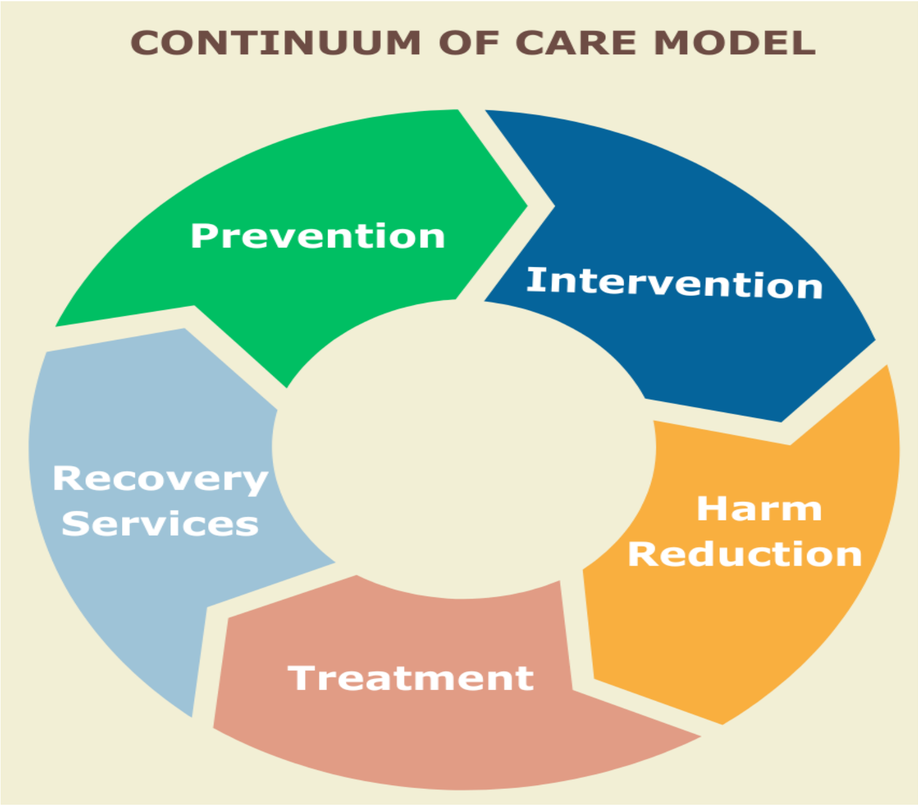
OSF STRATEGIES

To address the ever changing and complex patterns and trends in substance use, Behavioral Health works in partnership with others to address the following objectives:

- **Improve** county, cities and agency coordination
- **Monitor** state and local surveillance
- **Promote** protective factors and reduce risk factors to support individual and community safety and reduce overdoses
- **Increase** public awareness and education about the impact of Opioids and reduce overdoses through prevention
- **Expand** naloxone access, saturation, and education. Ensure Naloxone is available at high-risk locations
- **Expand** SUD treatment, MAT and reduce stigma
- **Support** harm reduction and drug checking services
- **Establish** low-barrier treatment and Naloxone distribution
- **Prioritize** communities of color, justice involved, unhoused, youth



Visualization of the funding core strategies

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Opioid Response Efforts

Behavioral Health's opioid respond strategy prioritize populations most disproportionately impacted by the overdose crisis. Guided by local and State data and community input, the County has identified the following priority groups for targeted investments and tailored interventions:

Racial and Ethnic Communities

- African American, Native American and Asian communities experience disproportionately high rates of opioid-related outcomes alongside low service utilization

Youth and children

- Drug overdose is the second leading cause of death among residents aged 15–24 in Contra Costa County

People Experiencing Homelessness/Unhoused Individuals

- Persistent housing instability is a significant barrier to treatment engagement, recovery, and ongoing care
- Integrated housing and treatment support services are critical

Pregnant and Postpartum Individuals

- Require specialized, coordinated care addressing maternal health, child safety, and recovery simultaneously.
- Focus on perinatal opioid use disorder (OUD) programs and wraparound supports.

Justice-Involved Individuals

- Individuals reentering the community after incarceration face heightened risk of overdose, particularly within the first week post-release
- Emphasis on reentry programs, treatment linkages, and continuity of care

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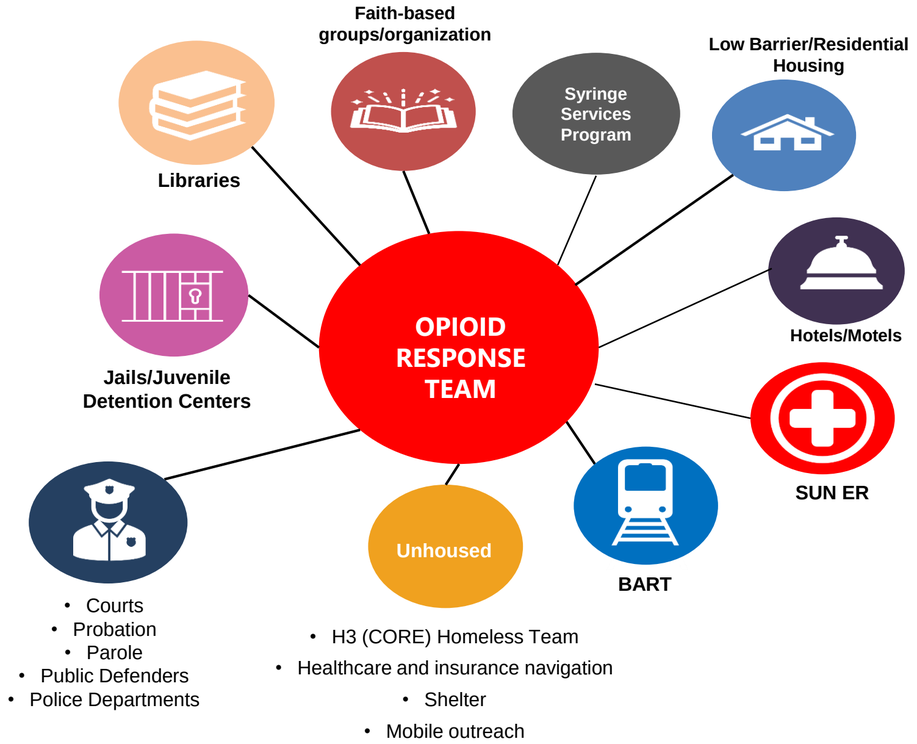
County Response: Opioid Response Team



ORT's Approach

ORT prioritizes a compassionate, nonjudgmental, and client-centered approach focused on:

- Harm reduction – meeting clients where they are
- Client-driven engagement – Respecting individual needs and choices
- Treatment on demand – offering immediate connection to care
- Compassion, Respect and Hope – Core values in every interaction

What is Opioid Response Team?

Opioid Response Team (ORT) is comprised of substance use counselors dedicated to outreach and engagement with individuals in need of care and support. The team collaborates with community-based organizations, treatment and service providers and public health agencies to support people impacted by opioid use.

Core Services

1. Distributing naloxone and fentanyl test strips
2. Connecting clients to treatment and recovery services
3. Implementing prevention and harm reduction strategies
4. Housing navigation and case management for unhoused clients.
5. Follow-up support after treatment completion to sustain recovery.

ORT provides immediate response and connections to services at key **touchpoints or** key locations where individuals impacted by OUD or SUD can be reached. These include community events, shelters, syringe service programs, and other field locations.

Why Touchpoints? They create opportunities to meet people where they are:

- Connect with individuals at high risk of overdose or disengagement
- Provide immediate assistance and support
- Facilitate access to care, treatment, and recovery services

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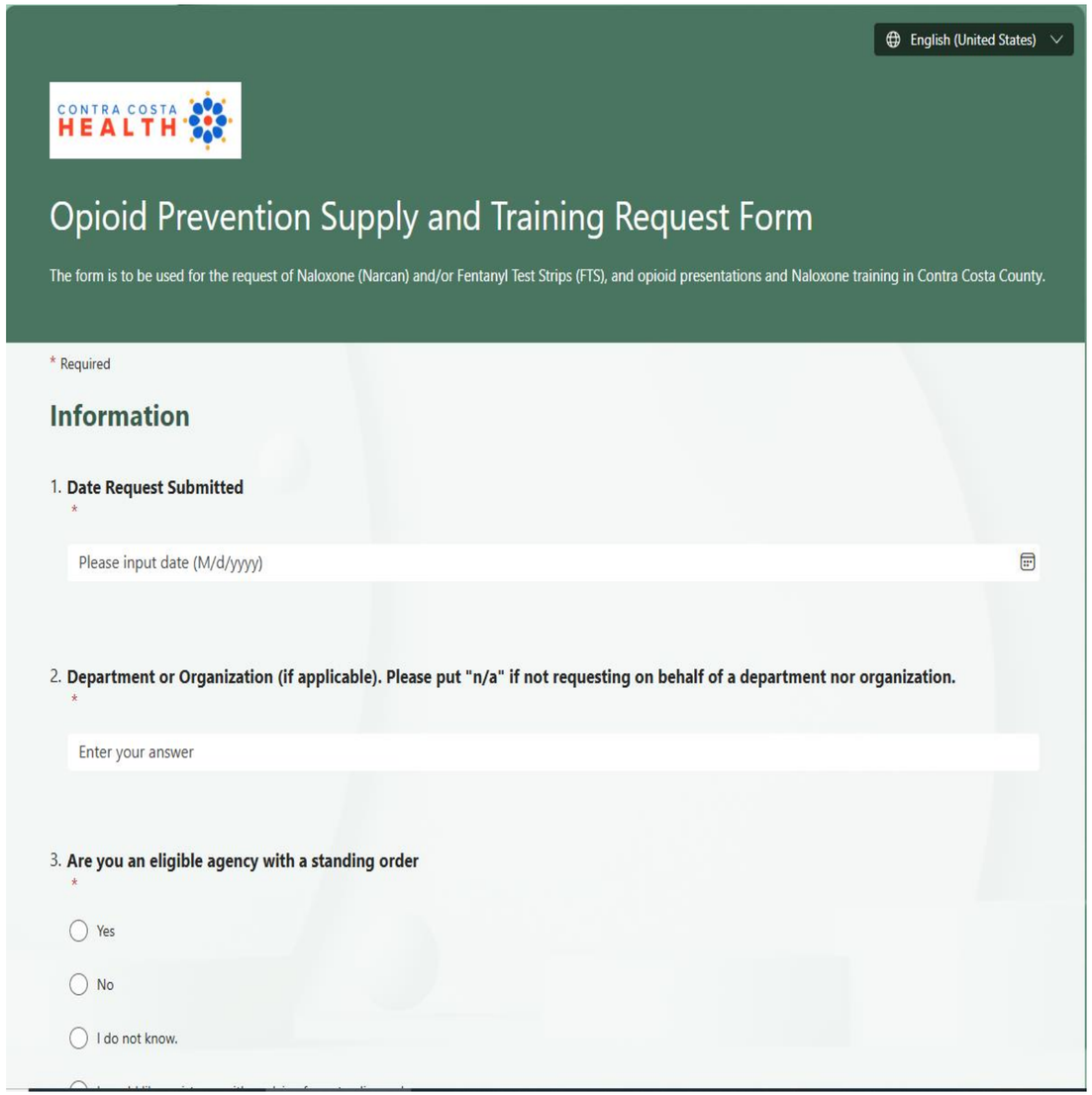
Expanding Access to Naloxone



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Opioid Prevention Supply and Training Request Form

The form is to be used for the request of Naloxone (Narcan) and/or Fentanyl Test Strips (FTS), and opioid presentations and Naloxone training in Contra Costa County.

* Required

Information

1. **Date Request Submitted** *

Please input date (M/d/yyyy)

2. **Department or Organization (if applicable). Please put "n/a" if not requesting on behalf of a department nor organization.** *

Enter your answer

3. **Are you an eligible agency with a standing order** *

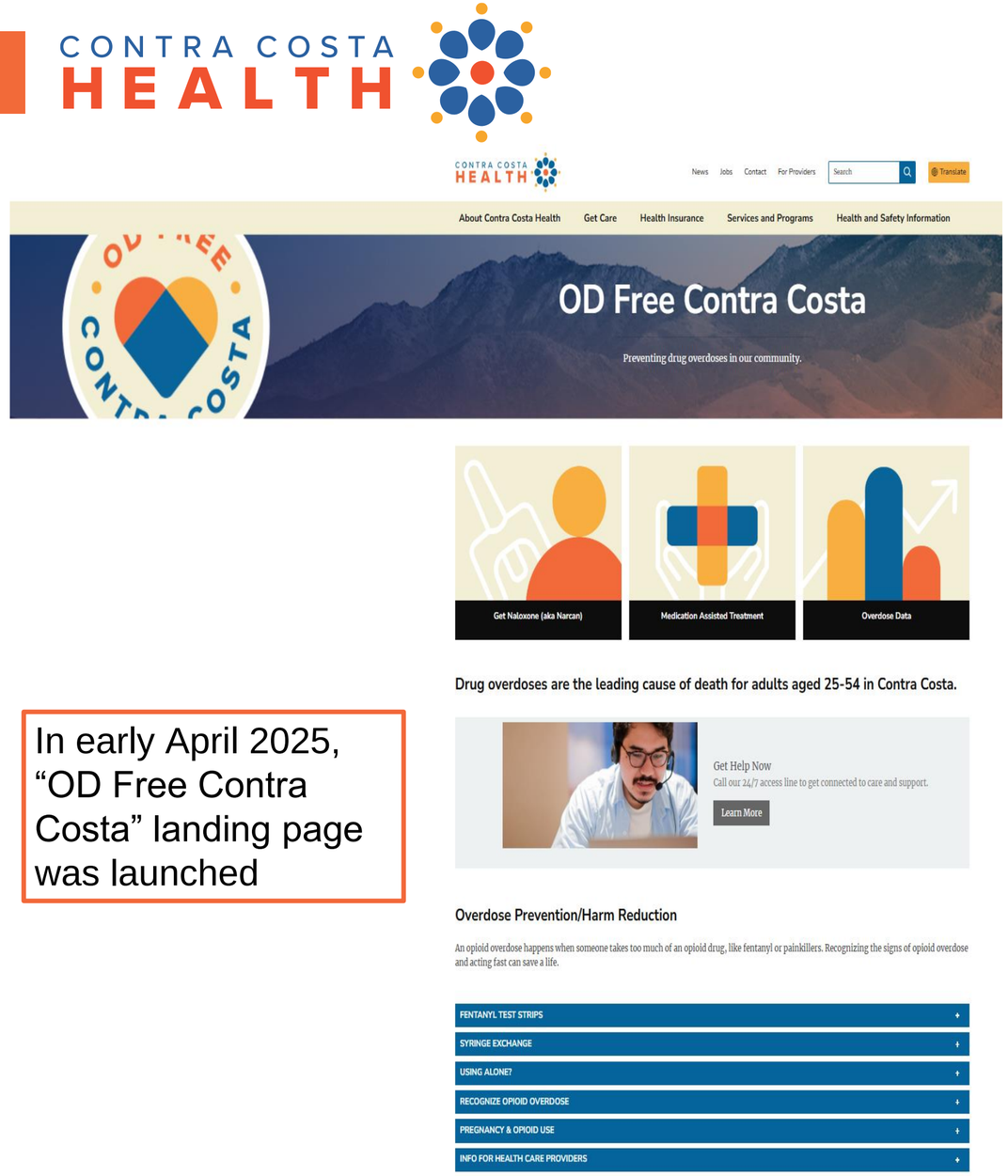
- Yes
- No
- I do not know.

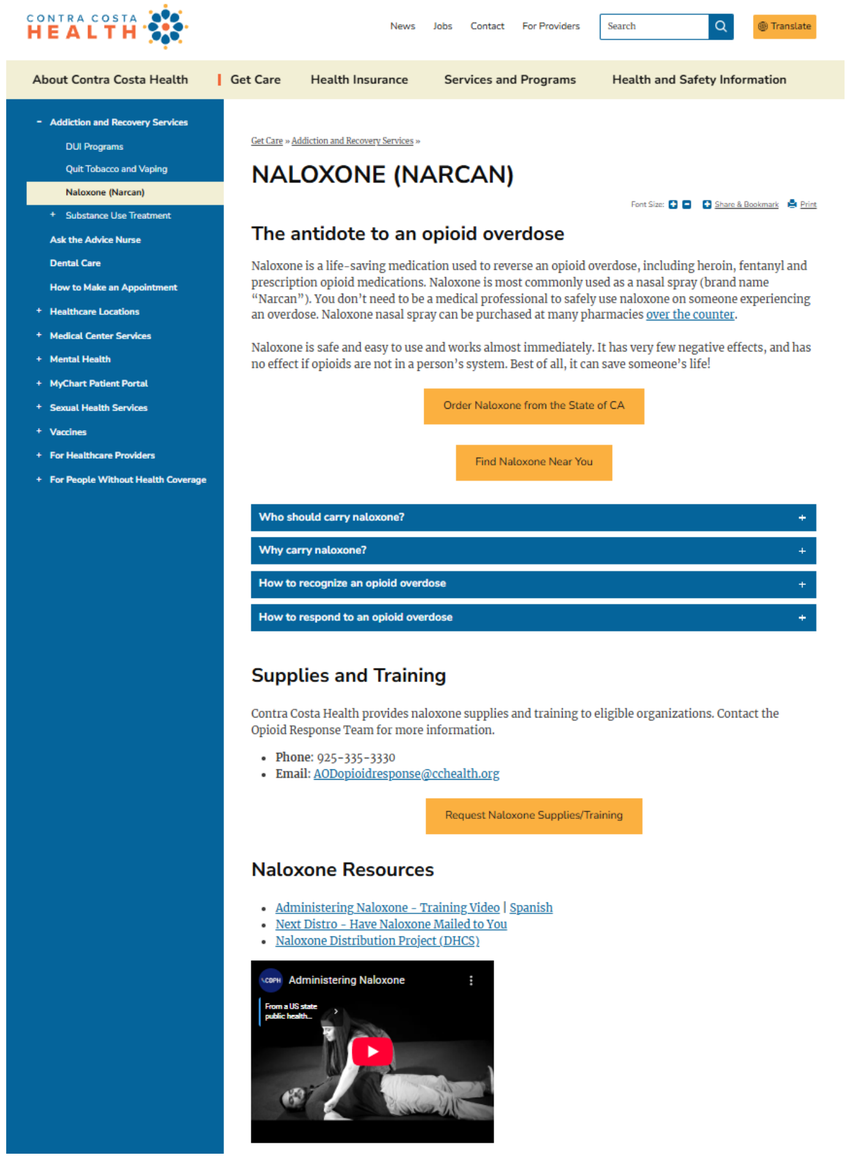
Services and Activities

- Process *Opioid Prevention Supply and Training Request Forms* for community partners and organization
- Distribution of life-saving harm reduction tools: Naloxone and fentanyl test strips.
- Training, presentation and education at schools, partner agencies, shelters, churches and community-based organizations.
- Direct communication through email via AODOpioidResponse@cchealth.org OR phone 925-335-3330

Accomplishments

In early April 2025, “OD Free Contra Costa” landing page was launched





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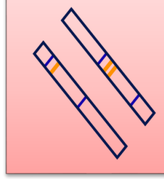
By the Numbers

Please note FY 2024/2025 reflects partial year reporting (July 2024 – March 2025)

Opioid Prevention Efforts

Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-2025 (AODS and CCC MEDS Coalition)

Fentanyl Test Strip (FTS)



FY 23/24: **995**

FY 24/25: **1,090**

Presentations & Trainings

FY 23/24: **81**

FY 24/25: **37**

Naloxone (Narcan)

FY 23/24: **4,713**

FY 24/25: **1,346**

Key Locations

Behavioral Health Services/Health Services

Nuevo Comienzos
Village Community Resources Center – Brentwood
Children & Family Services – Pleasant Hill
Don Brown Shelter – Antioch
Contra Costa Medical Reserve Corps
Delta Landing- Pittsburg
Forensic Mental Health
Mountain View Shelter Inc – Martinez

School Districts/Colleges/Universities

Golden Gate School – Pittsburg Village
Tuoro University
Children & Family Services – Pleasant Hill
Northgate High School
School-based Health Clinics
Concord High School
Ygnacio Valley High School
Downer Elementary - San Pablo

Community-Based Organizations

Community Resources Center – Brentwood
Bay Area Rescue Mission - Richmond
Mental Health Connections – San Pablo
Parents at Helms Middle School
The Latina Center – West County
Verde Elementary Parents – Richmond
Reentry Center – Richmond

Mental Health Connections

DVC DIABLO VALLEY COLLEGE

REENTRY SUCCESS CENTER

BACS Bay Area Community Services

BAY AREA RESCUE MISSION LOVE WITHOUT LIMITS 60 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

MEDICATION EDUCATION MEDS COALITION CONTRA COSTA COUNTY AND DISPOSAL SAFETY

Saving Lives Through Collaborative Action

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Opioid Community Education Events

City of Oakley Community Awareness Forum
December 18, 2024

Oakley Police Chief Paul Beard holds a Naloxone during his speech at Oakley's Opioid Awareness forum at Oakley City Hall

Oakley Mayor Shannon Shaw sharing her story, both professional and personal, at Oakley City Hall

Source: The Press, Youtube

25 Attendees

Presenters
Oakley Mayor & Police Chief
AODS/Opioid Response Team
CCC MEDS Coalition
AOD Advisory Board
REACH Project
Cannabis Prevention Coalition
Community Members

City of Antioch Community Awareness Forum
March 26, 2025

Dr. Sefanit Mekuria presenting on "OD Free Contra Costa" webpage

Community members sharing questions and comments

22 Attendees

Presenters
Antioch Police
Angelo Quinto Community Response Team
Peer Support Specialist
AODS/Opioid Response Team
CCC MEDS Coalition
REACH Project
Community & Family/Parent Members

City of Pittsburg Community Awareness Forum
April 16, 2025

Veronica (Prevention Coordinator), Mariella (MEDS) and Sergeant Law presenting to the community.

30 Attendees

Presenters
Pittsburg Police
Center for Human Development
Peer Support/Parent Perspective
Office of Peer and Family Empowerment
AODS/Opioid Response Team
CCC MEDS Coalition
Community & Family/Parent Members

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Community Outreach, Engagement & Education

Prescription Drug Abuse Awareness Month Proclamation

March 2024
Board of Supervisors, Martinez

San Ramon Art and Wind Festival

May 2024

Martinez National Night Out

Deer Valley High School Back to School Night

August 2024

Fentanyl Awareness Event

November 2024
Liberty Union High School District

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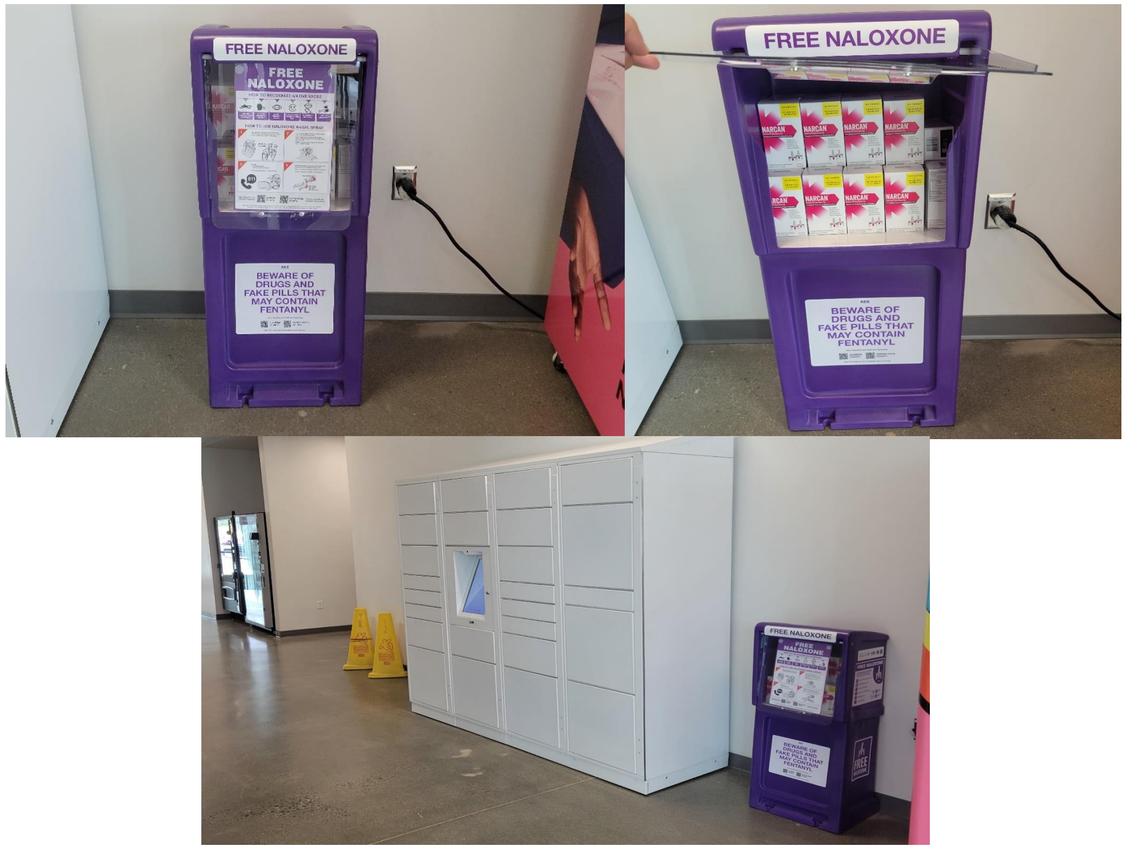
Harm Reduction Efforts

As part of Contra Costa County's comprehensive harm reduction and overdose prevention strategy, AODS in partnership with the MEDS Coalition (Bay Area Community Resources) —has launched a Naloxone Stand Box (NSB) Initiative. This effort is funded and supported through the DHCS and aligns with broader goals outlined in the OSF strategic framework.



On March 28, 2025, Naloxone Stand Box at Los Medanos College, Pittsburg are placed and accessible to college students.

Confirmed Locations (8 Stand Boxes)

Host Location	Address
Diablo Valley College	Pleasant Hill Campus 321 Golf Club Rd Pleasant Hill CA 94523
Diablo Valley College	San Ramon Campus 1690 Watermill Rd San Ramon CA 94582
Los Medanos College	Pittsburg 2700 E Leland Rd Pittsburg CA 94565
Los Medanos College	Brentwood 1351 Pioneer Square Brentwood CA 94513
Public Defender's Office	800 Ferry Street Martinez CA 94553
Pleasant Hill Library	2 Monticello Avenue Pleasant Hill CA 94523
San Pablo Library	13751 San Pablo Avenue San Pablo CA 94806
Antioch Library	501 W. 18th Street Antioch CA 94509

In progress but not in operation (7 Stand Boxes)

Host Location	Address
Trinity Center	1888 Trinity Ave, Walnut Creek, CA 94596
Mental Health Connections House	San Pablo and Concord
Delta Landing Shelter	2101 Vale Road San Pablo, CA 94806
Public Defender Office	Richmond
Contra Costa County Probation Dept. - John A. Davis Juvenile Hall	Richmond and Antioch

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Public Health Harm Reduction Vending Machine

Public Health Harm Reduction Vending Machine

CCH is coordinating the installation of four (4) naloxone vending machines across the county—targeting East, West, Central, and South Contra Costa. In collaboration with regional partners, including the HIV Education and Prevention Project of Alameda County (HEPPAC) and the Contra Costa's Public Health HIV/STI Program. These machines will serve as a low barrier, 24/7 access points for naloxone and other harm reduction supplies.

Confirmed Site Locations and Awaiting Placement

Oakley Recreation Center, Oakley
Brookside Shelter, Richmond
Delta Landing, Pittsburg

Pending

Contra Costa Regional Medical Center, Martinez
Mental Health Connections, Antioch
Contra Costa Juvenile Hall (NSB)

Delta Landing, Pittsburg

- Health, Housing and Homeless Services (H3) Administrator
- HIV Education and Prevention Project of Alameda County (HEPPAC) Team
- AODS, Opioid Response Coordinator
- HIV/STI Prevention Manager

Naloxone Vending Machine at Marin County Jail lobby

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Collaboration with Syringe Services Program (SSP)

Expanding Harm Reduction Through Mobile Outreach

The SSP anchors Contra Costa's harm reduction strategy, reaching individuals at higher risk of overdose, infection, or disengaged from treatment.

- The SSP is coordinated and led by the Public Health HIV/STI Program.
- Services are provided by HEPPAC through onsite in person outreach by ORT staff in East and West County.

HEPPAC
HIV Education and Prevention Project of Alameda County

Program Activities

- Distribution of sterile supplies (syringes, alcohol wipes, wound care kits, sharps containers) to prevent infections.
- Naloxone (Narcan) distribution and overdose prevention education at all outreach locations.
- Fentanyl test strip access and client education to reduce accidental overdoses.
- Wound care triage, first-aid supplies, and referrals to medical care for injection-related wounds.
- HIV and Hepatitis C education with referrals to testing and care. (Note: HEPPAC provides education but not onsite testing services)
- Behavioral Health Service navigation referrals to MAT, SUD and mental health treatment.
- Harm Reduction Training twice per year

Times and Locations

Richmond

Tuesday Site

25th St and Macdonald Av
Richmond, CA 94804
1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Bay Point

Tuesday Site

2586 Willow Pass Road.
Bay Point, CA 94565
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Please call 510-849-7630 for site of day and times.

Source: https://www.cchealth.org/health-and-safety-information/hiv-sti-program/syringe-exchange

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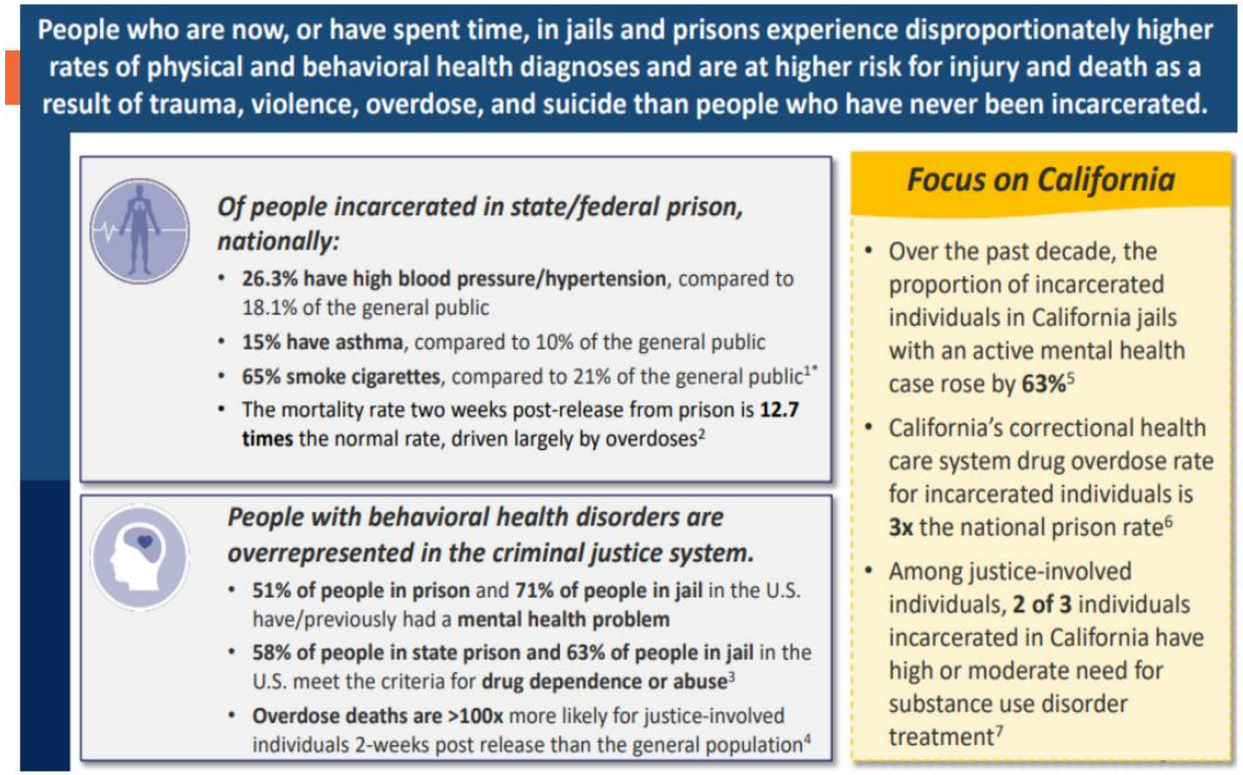
Collaboration with Detention Health and Sheriff in the Jails



Healthcare Needs of California's Justice-Involved Population (DHCS)

The Bureau of Justice Statistics found through surveys that nearly two-thirds (63 percent) of people in jail meet criteria for drug dependence or abuse. Many of these individuals have OUDs and could benefit from access to MAT. National Sheriffs' Association/National Commission on Correctional Health Care: Jail-Based Medication-Assisted Treatment: Promising Practices, Guidelines, and Resources for the Field

Induction for Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) through Detention Health

1.5FTE Embedded Substance Abuse Counselors – currently paid through a BJA grant and 1FTE Office of Ed

Screening and Linkages to SUD treatment in real time and placements in treatment post-release. Services at West County and Martinez Detention Facilities

OSF fund a portion of Sublocade, an injectable form of buprenorphine

MAT Treatment groups at MDF

Added Recovery Residences for clients on MOUD

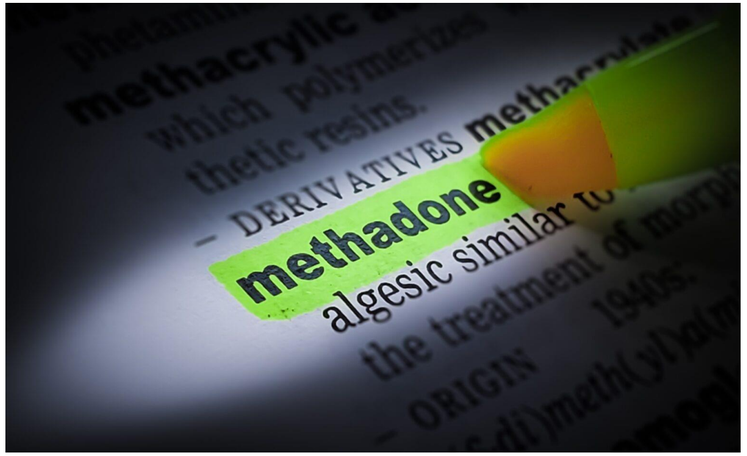
Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)

Services

- MAT can be used as a stand- alone treatment or in conjunction with outpatient and/or residential treatment
- Medications are based on client's substance use and current living situation
- For individuals with Opioid Use Disorders (OUD), a choice between Methadone and Buprenorphine
- Methadone is distributed at daily office visits until take – home doses are suitable
- Buprenorphine can be prescribed as any prescription is and picked up at local pharmacies
- If Sublocade is recommended, then counselors work with the PCP
- Medication for Alcohol Use Disorders (AUD), through PCP or Recover

Programs

- 3 methadone/Buprenorphine programs located in West, East and Central County
- Buprenorphine is available at Choosing Change Clinics and it can be prescribed by any PCP
- Recover – via telehealth



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RECOVERY RESIDENCES

Recovery Residences is a term generally used to describe a specific type of housing.
Also known as Sober Living Environments offer a housing alternative to individuals recovering from substance use disorders.

Recovery Residences are not licensed but they are monitored by Alcohol and Other Drugs staff.

Residents must have the ability to live independently with minimal to no support

Recovery Residences are not considered low barrier housing, clients must commit to continue outpatient treatment and become employable

A total of $478,149.72 in OSF were allocated in FY24-25 for clients with OUD

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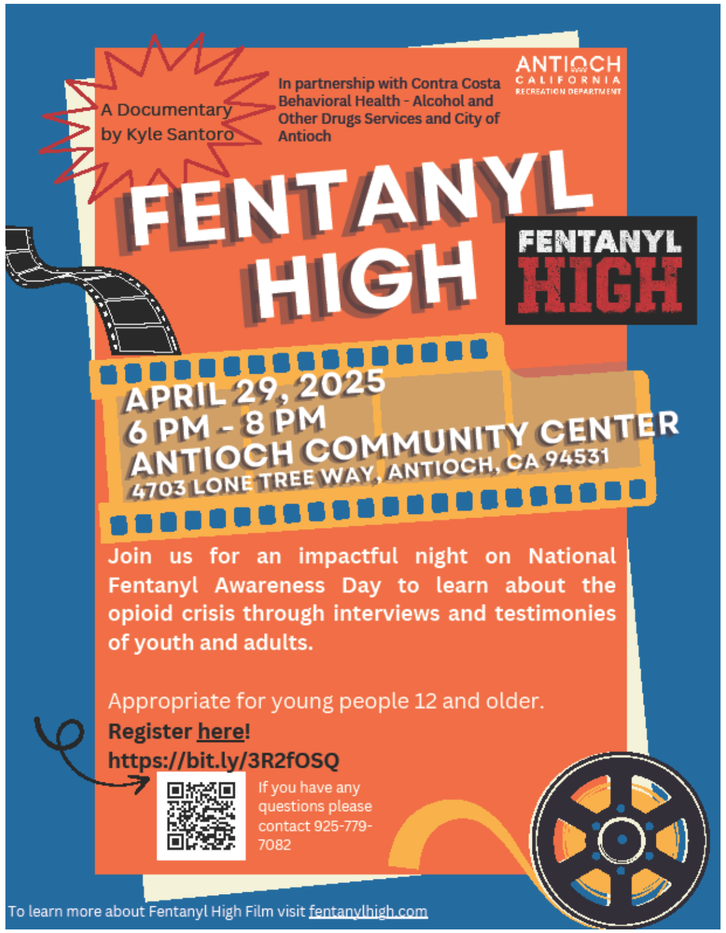
Upcoming Events and Activities

Harm Reduction Training

Fentanyl High Film



Scotts Valley Resource Event

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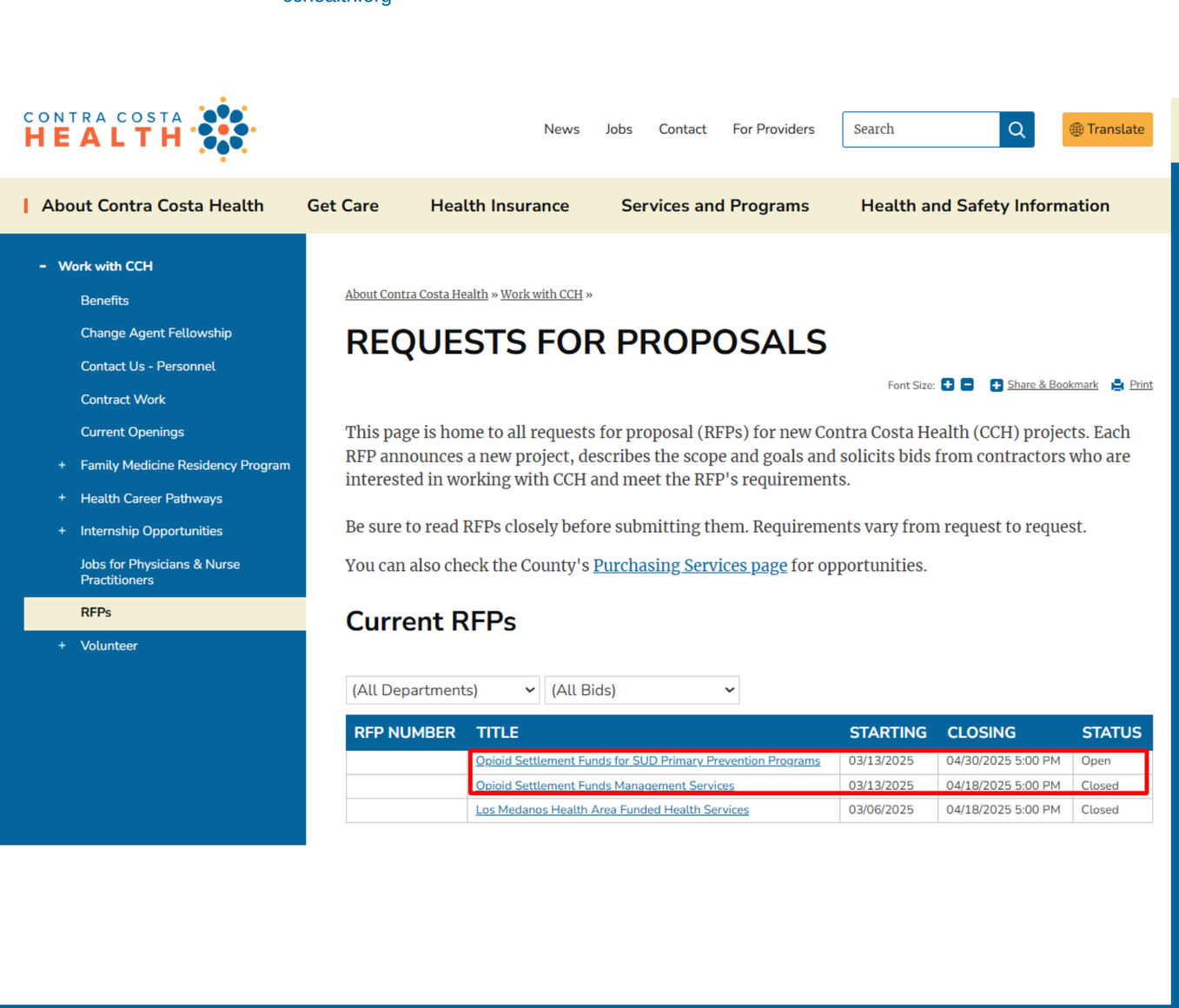
Requests for Proposals (RFPs)



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Recommendations

ACCEPT Behavioral Health's Report and Response to the Opioid Crisis in Contra Costa

ACKNOWLEDGE that the delays created in program implementation, resulted from slow release of funding, workforce shortages, inability to hire in a timely manner and delays in implementing the required community engagement process

DIRECT Behavioral Health to continue efforts intended to raise community awareness and education in the community

DIRECT Behavioral Health to distribute funds through the Request for Proposals (RFP) process and support projects and activities with equity-driven programming, and measurable community impact.

ACCEPT the Division's recommendation to distribute available OSF as follows: 50% treatment and recovery, 20% harm reduction/intervention, 30% prevention, while maintaining spending requirements of no less than 50% in High Impact Abatement Initiatives.

ACCEPT recommendation to issue additional Request for Proposals to ensure that Exhibit E activities and Core Strategies are implemented in the community

DIRECT Behavioral Health staff to continue to track data to monitor the impact of opioids in the County and continue efforts to prevent overdoses

SUPPORT, efforts intended to promote the County's OD-Free Contra Costa campaign to increase awareness and education in the community

SUPPORT continued efforts to increase SUD and MAT treatment and support SUD treatment provider initiatives intended to remove barriers to treatment

DIRECT, Behavioral Health to continue to work with local cities and subdivisions to amplify the impact of abatement efforts

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Thank you

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https://www.cchealth.org/health-and-safety-information/od-free-contra-costa