

Opioid Settlement Funds Deployment with Southwest Michigan Behavioral Health: Assuring Positive Impact

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Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHPs) & their role in Substance Use Disorder Prevention, Treatment & Recovery Services

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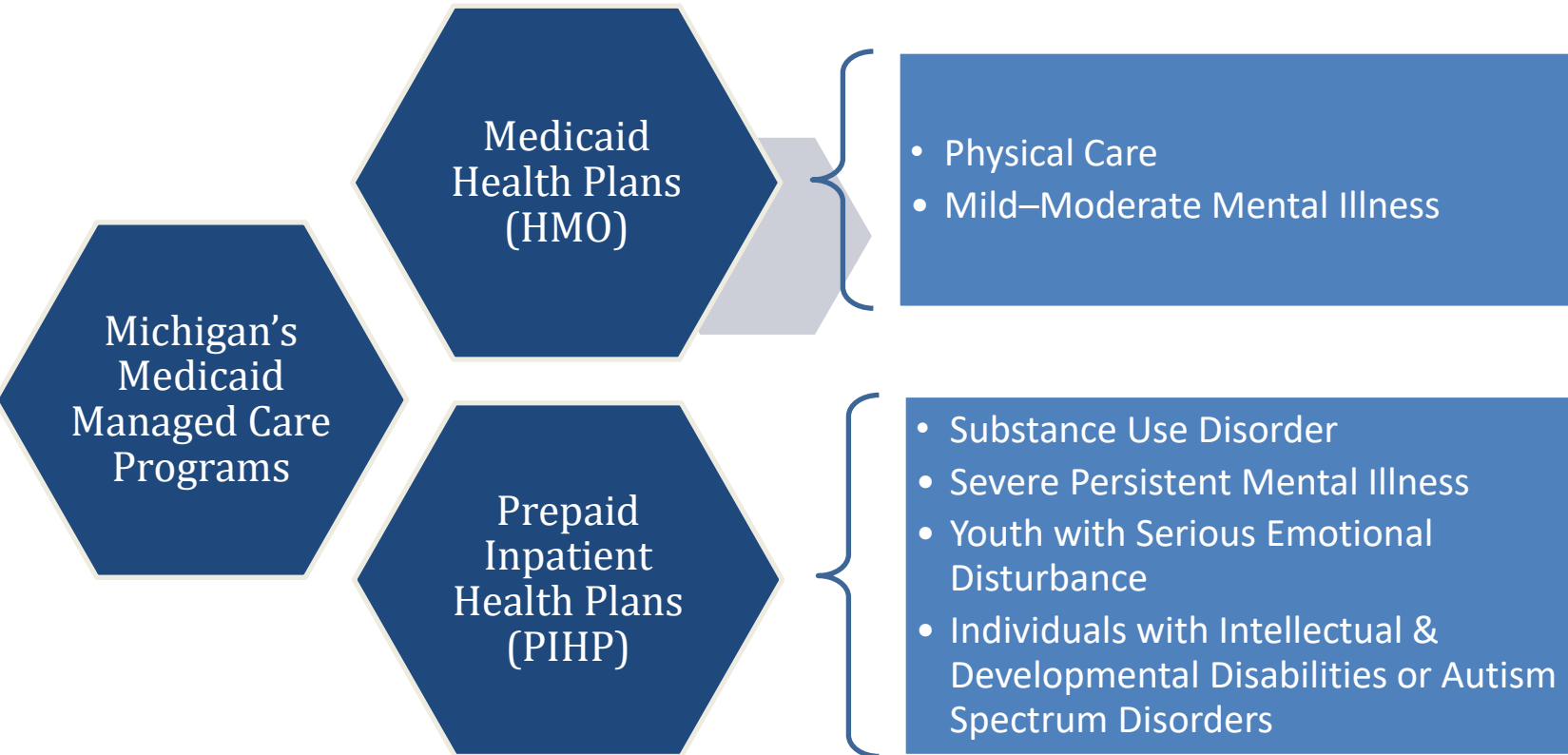
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Habilitation Supports Waiver / Children's Waiver Program

Southwest Michigan Behavioral Health (SWMBH)

Michigan's Medicaid Managed Care Programs

provide health services to Medicaid beneficiaries



* PIHP = Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan, a term contained in federal regulations from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHPs)

State Designated Community Mental Health Entities

Assure availability and accessibility to all Medicaid services

- Responsible for enrollee rights and protection
- Provides and manages the use and risk of over \$100 million annually in federal mental health and substance abuse block grant funds earmarked for substance use disorder services
- Receives Medicaid funds that are managed through capitated payments (a given payment for each Medicaid enrollee living in the region)
- Overseen and monitored by MDHHS and its contractors

Mental Health Code (Excerpt) Act 258 of 1974

Established Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHPs)

- Section 330.1210 Sec 210: “Any single... combination of adjoining counties may...establish a community mental health services program”
- 330.1269 Sec. 269: “community mental health services provider network may contract for and spend funds for the prevention of substance use disorder and for the counseling and treatment of individuals with substance use disorder.”
- 330.1274 Sec. 274: “assume responsibility for providing substance use disorder services....”
- 330.1287 Sec. 287: “shall establish a substance use disorder Oversight Policy Board....”

Regional Entity

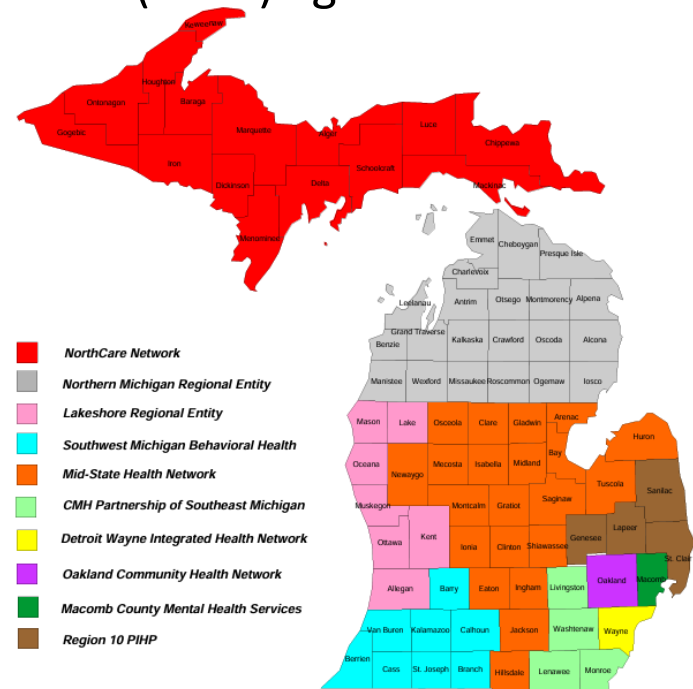
Mental Health Code (excerpt) Act 258 of 1974

“A department designated community health entity shall coordinate the provision of substance use disorder services in its region and shall ensure services are available for individuals with substance use disorder.”

Southwest Michigan Behavioral Health (SWMBH) is the Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan (PIHP) for eight Michigan counties and is in partnership with the Community Mental Health (CMH) agencies of these counties.

SWMBH Service Areas:

-  Barry County
-  Berrien County
-  Branch County
-  Calhoun County
-  Cass County
-  Kalamazoo County
-  St. Joseph County
-  Van Buren County

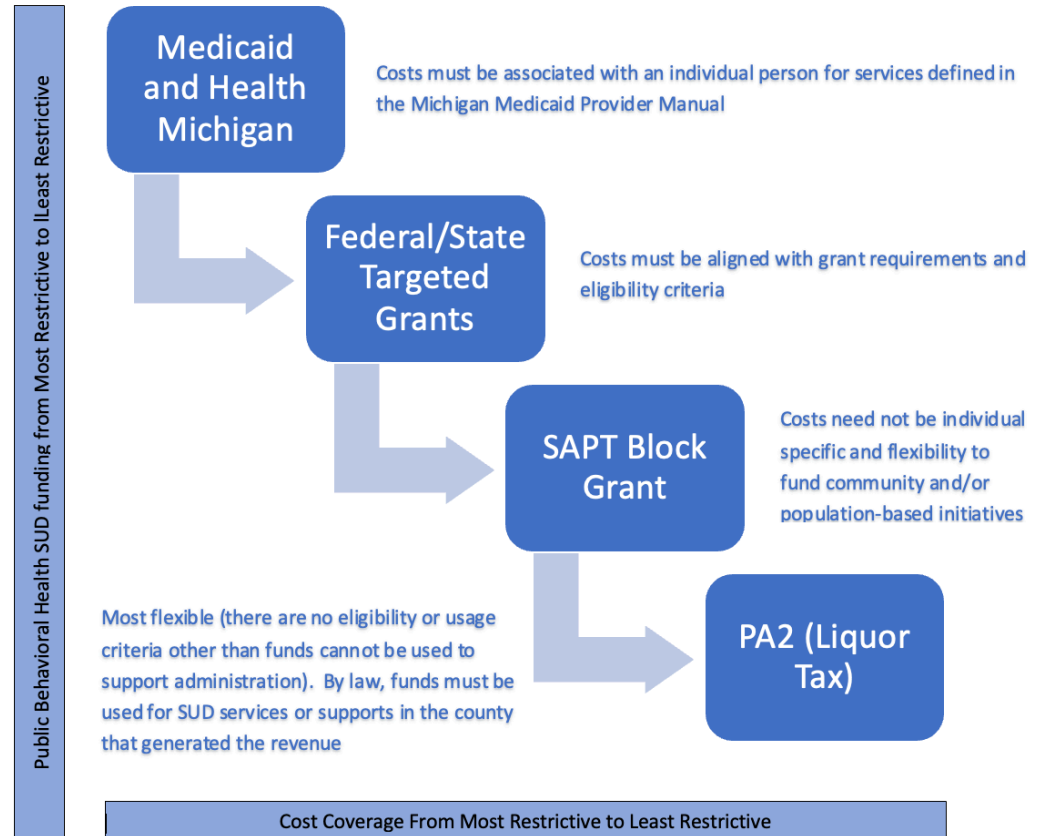


PIHPs Work with SUD Providers

- Contract with credentialed public & private SUD prevention, treatment, & recovery providers
- Oversight for implementation of best practices
- Ensure compliance with MDHHS & Federal Rules
- Recipient Rights
- Utilization Management
- Claims adjudication
- Audits & Performance improvement
- Technical Assistance & Support
- Corrective Action Plans
- Distribution of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), MDHHS & PA2 Funding
- SUD Grant Coordination

PIHP SUD Funding Streams

- Medicaid
- Healthy Michigan Plan (HMP)
- Federal Block Grant (annual allocation varies)
- County-Specific PA2 (liquor tax) revenues
 - PA2 funds must be spent in the county from which they originated.
 - Under local authority of county commission-appointed Substance Disorder Oversight Policy Board
- SAMHSA SUD Block Grants
 - Project-specific
 - Opioid epidemic primary focus through 2020
 - Since 2021 growing focus on Stimulants & Harm Reduction
- Substance Use and Services Grant (SUGS)



Fiscal Year 2025 MDHHS Budget Boilerplate

1930 (g) *verbatim*

Sec. 1930. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for opioid response activities, the department shall allocate \$25,000,000.00 in grants from the Michigan opioid healing and recovery fund created under section 3 of the Michigan trust fund act, 2000 PA 489, MCL 12.253, as follows:

(g) \$10,000,000.00 to department-designated community mental health entities for regional specific programming and supports to be used in collaboration with municipal opioid settlement funds.

Michigan's Opioid Strategy and Response

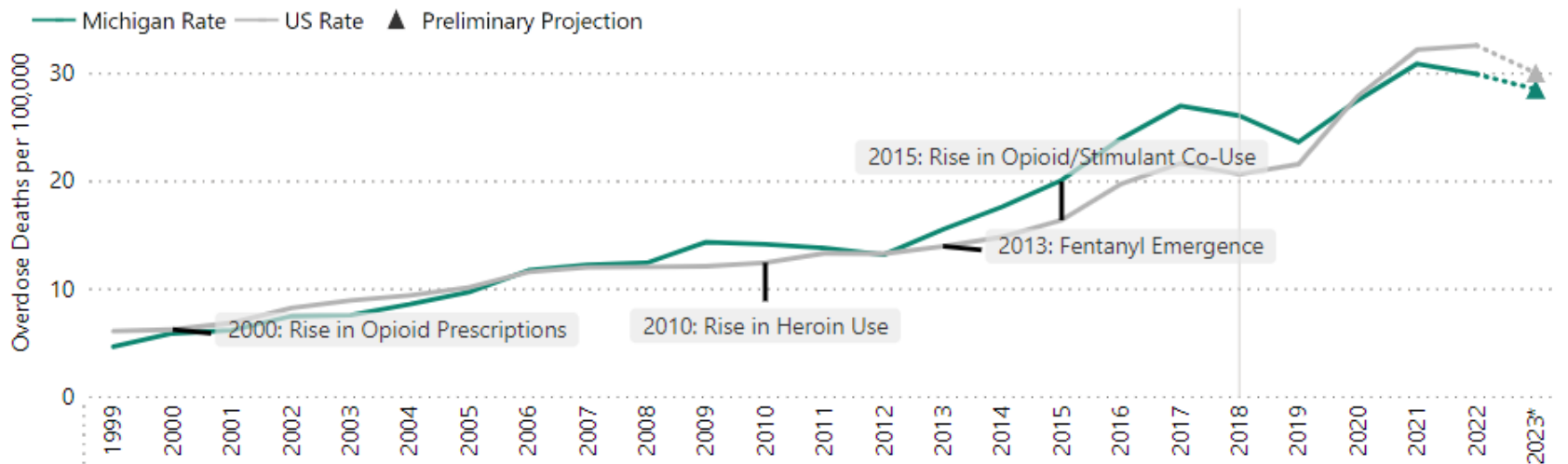
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What's New in Trends – Historical U.S. Comparison

Overdose Deaths per 100,000 Residents, Michigan vs United States, 1999 to 2023

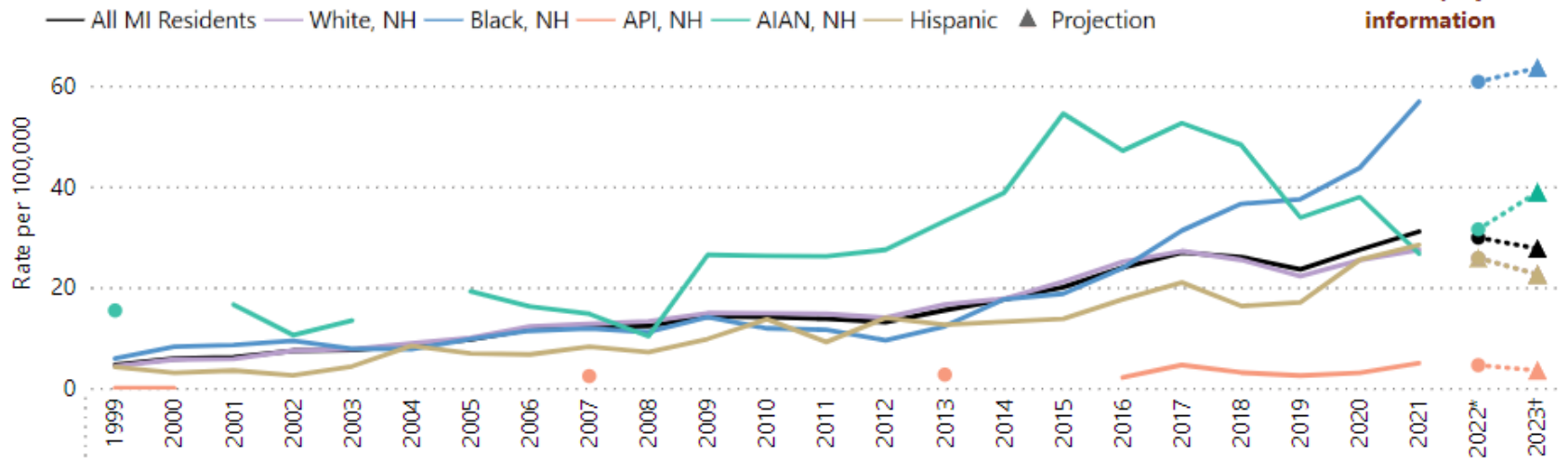


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What's New in Trends – Projections for Death Data by Race



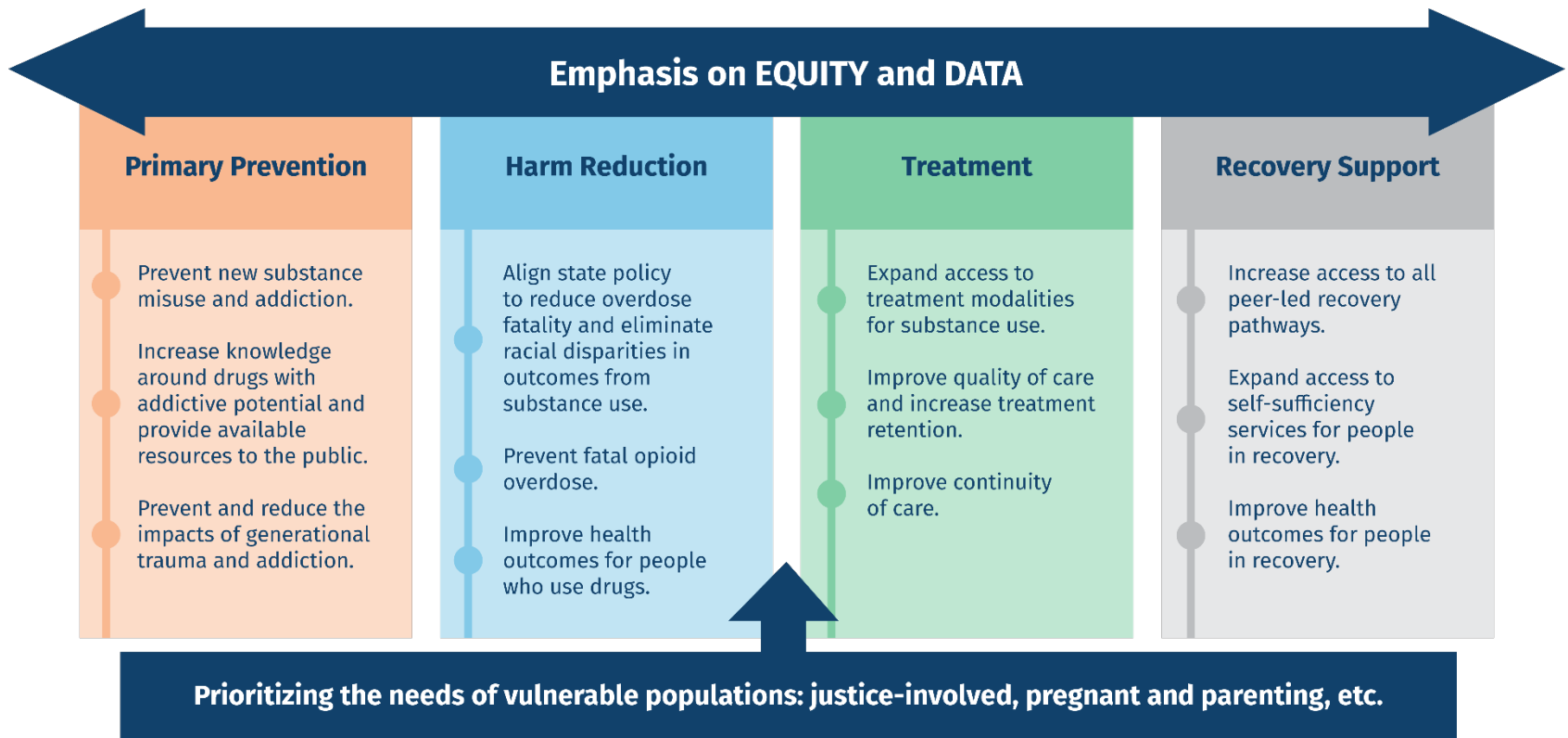
Overdose Death Rate by Year and Race/Ethnicity Group



*Race categorization changed in 2022; the trendline is broken as data prior to and after 2022 are not directly comparable. See technical documentation.

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Substance Use Response Framework (Goals)



SUVI Update – 2022 Data

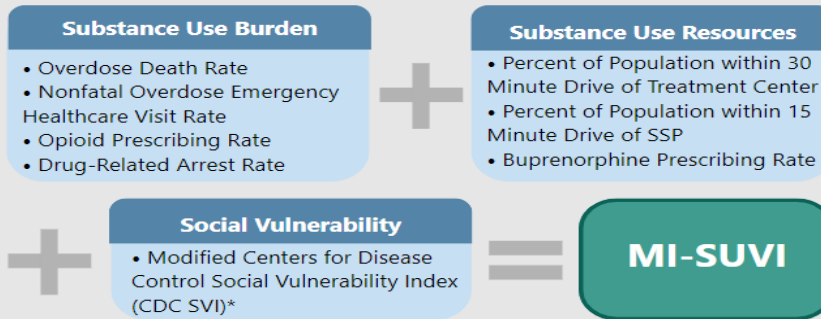
Michigan Substance Use Vulnerability Index

[View MI-SUVI Overview](#)

[View County Scorecard](#)

[Compare Data Points](#)

The **Michigan Substance Use Vulnerability Index (MI-SUVI)** is a tool for program planning and policy decision-making. The MI-SUVI is a measure of vulnerability to individual and community adverse substance use outcomes, and is a standardized, composite score based on eight indicators related to three "components": substance use burden, substance use resources, and social vulnerability. The below diagram summarizes the MI-SUVI framework.



Each data indicator included in the SUVI is standardized by mean and standard deviation to a z-score. Before adding, the resource component is inverted so that a higher z-score corresponds with a worse outcome. Indicators are equally weighted in components, and components are equally weighted in the MI-SUVI score.

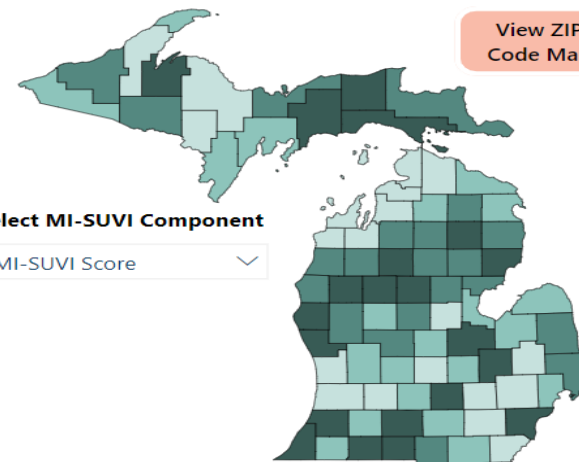
*The CDC SVI is included as a measure of social determinants of health and was modified to include information on technology and healthcare access.

For more detailed information on the development and methodology of the MI-SUVI and included data indicators, please reference the [MI-SUVI documentation](#). An excel document of the MI-SUVI county/ZCTA-level results is available on Michigan.gov/OpioidsData below this data dashboard.

2022 MI-SUVI County Results

Percentile Rank

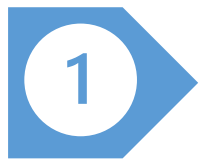
● 0-25th ● 25th-50th ● 50th-75th ● 75th-100th
Least Vulnerable Most Vulnerable



Select MI-SUVI Component

MI-SUVI Score

MI-SUVI and component scores are **Z-scores**. Hover over the info button to the left for an explanation of Z-scores.



Michigan will receive \$1.6 billion in settlement funding from companies for their role in creating the opioid epidemic. Generally split 50/50 between state and local governments.



Provides additional, flexible, sustainable resources to successfully implement Opioids Strategy.



Restricted only to address impact of opioid epidemic.



Forming long-term partnerships with local governments to ensure successful implementation of funding.

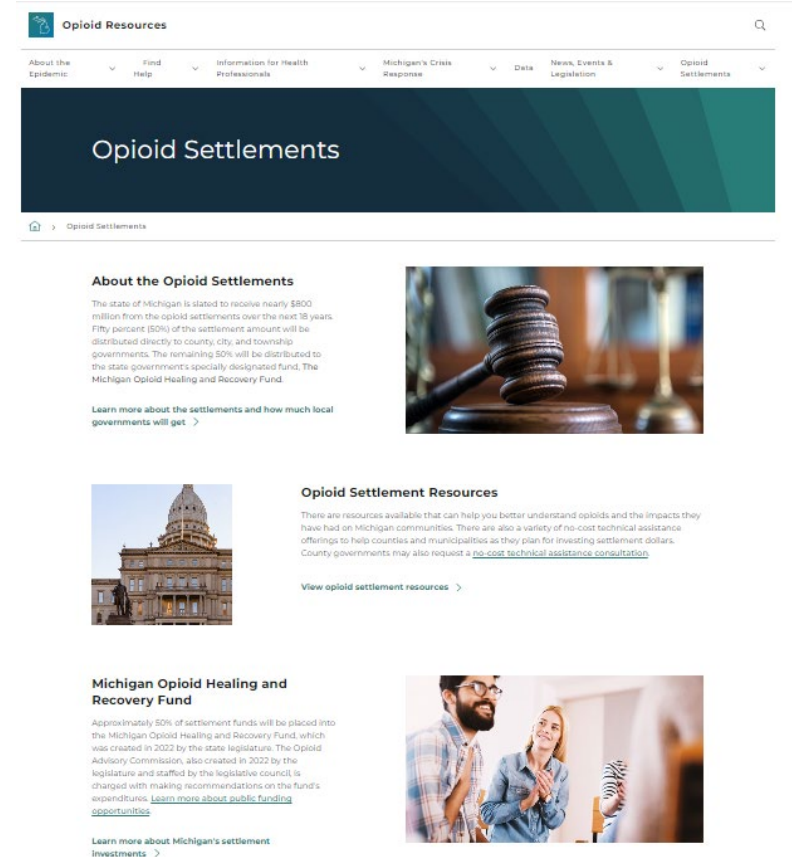
More info available at <https://www.michigan.gov/opioids/opioidsettlements>

MDHHS Opioid Settlements Website

Launched in Fall 2023, the MDHHS Opioid Settlements website includes:

- ✓ Overview and status of settlements.
- ✓ Resources to support implementation of local opioid abatement strategies.
- ✓ Allowable uses for funds and resources to aid in creation of strategies and spend plans.
- ✓ A request form for accessing no-cost technical assistance for local governments.
- ✓ A detailed description of MDHHS opioid abatement investments.
- ✓ Program monitoring and evaluation dashboard for state initiatives.
- ✓ Information on equity-specific investments and equity considerations in all investments.
- ✓ News, events, and announcements and an option to join the MDHHS Opioid Settlements mailing list.

Michigan.gov/opioids/opioidsettlements



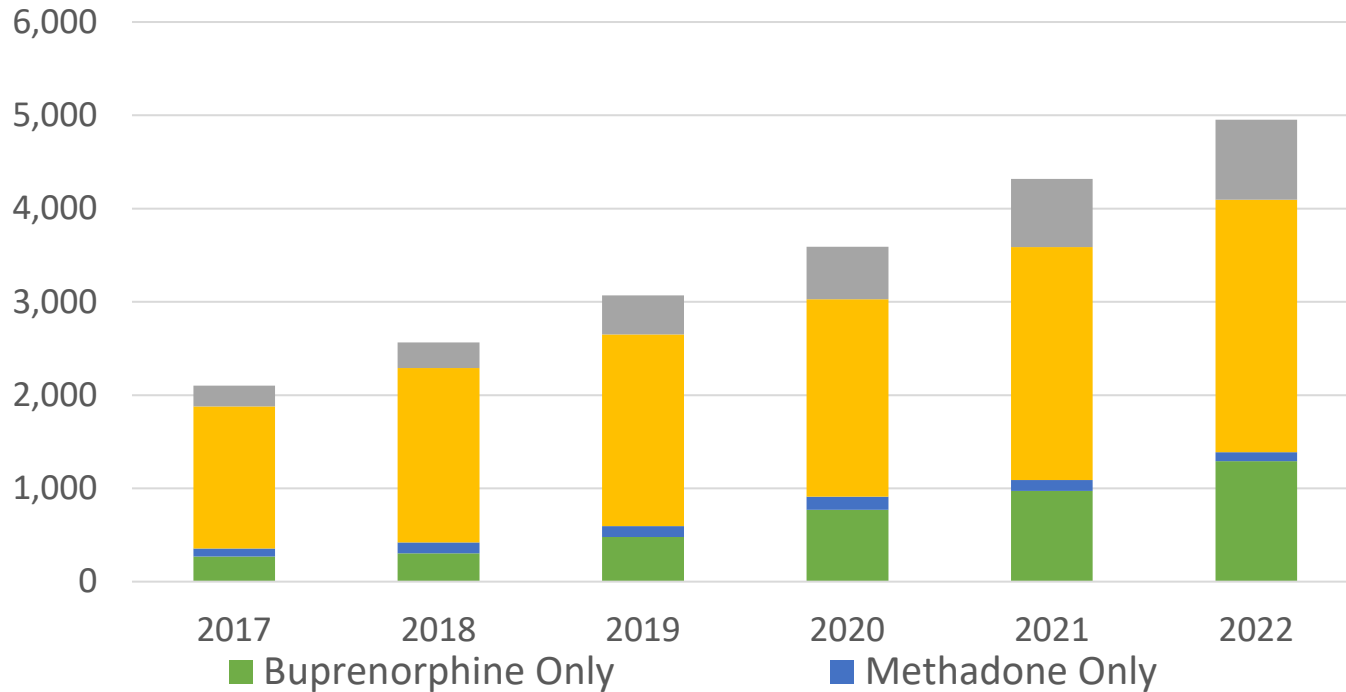
The screenshot shows the MDHHS Opioid Settlements website. The header includes a search bar and navigation tabs: "About the Epidemic", "Find Help", "Information for Health Professionals", "Michigan's Crisis Response", "Data", "News, Events & Legislation", and "Opioid Settlements". The main heading is "Opioid Settlements". Below this, there are three main sections:

- About the Opioid Settlements:** A text block explaining that Michigan is slated to receive nearly \$600 million from the opioid settlements over the next 18 years. Fifty percent (50%) of the settlement amount will be distributed directly to county, city, and township governments. The remaining 50% will be distributed to the state government's specially designated fund, The Michigan Opioid Healing and Recovery Fund. A link "Learn more about the settlements and how much local governments will get" is provided.
- Opioid Settlement Resources:** A text block stating there are resources available to help understand opioids and their impacts, as well as no-cost technical assistance offerings for counties and municipalities. A link "View opioid settlement resources" is provided.
- Michigan Opioid Healing and Recovery Fund:** A text block explaining that approximately 50% of settlement funds will be placed into this fund, which was created in 2022 by the state legislature. The Opioid Advisory Commission, created in 2022 and staffed by the legislative council, is charged with making recommendations on the fund's spend. A link "Learn more about Michigan's settlement investments" is provided.

Each text block is accompanied by a relevant image: a gavel for the "About the Opioid Settlements" section, the Michigan State Capitol building for the "Opioid Settlement Resources" section, and a group of people clapping for the "Michigan Opioid Healing and Recovery Fund" section.

Key Program Impacts: Treatment

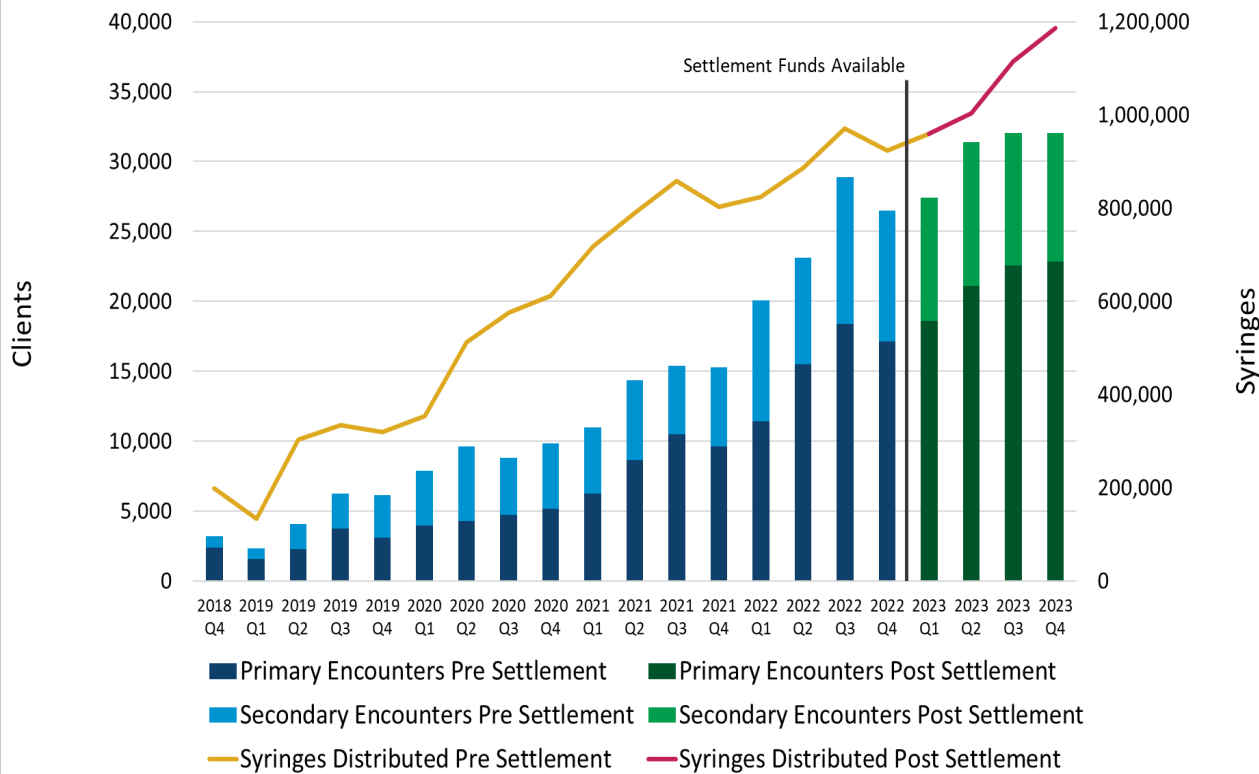
Number of Unique Providers with MAT Prescription/Outpatient Administration to ≥ 1 Medicaid Beneficiary, by Fiscal Year



Key Program Impacts: Harm Reduction Activities



Syringe Service Program (SSP) Service Delivery



As of December 2023:

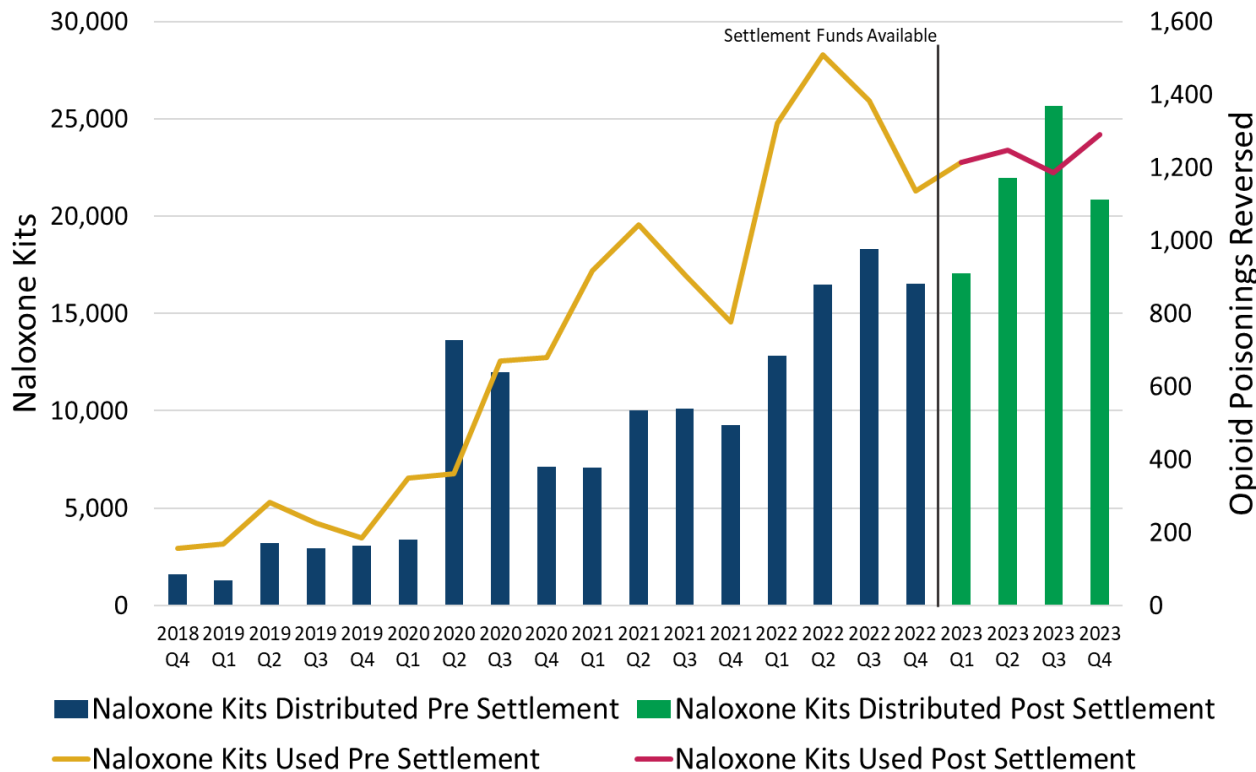
- **36** SSPs operate in Michigan.
 - **103** sites are operated by these programs.
- More info on SSPs and complete directory can be found at: Michigan.gov/SSP.

Data source: Michigan SSP Utilization Platform.

Key Program Impacts: Harm Reduction Activities



Naloxone Distribution & Utilization Through Syringe Service Programs (SSP)

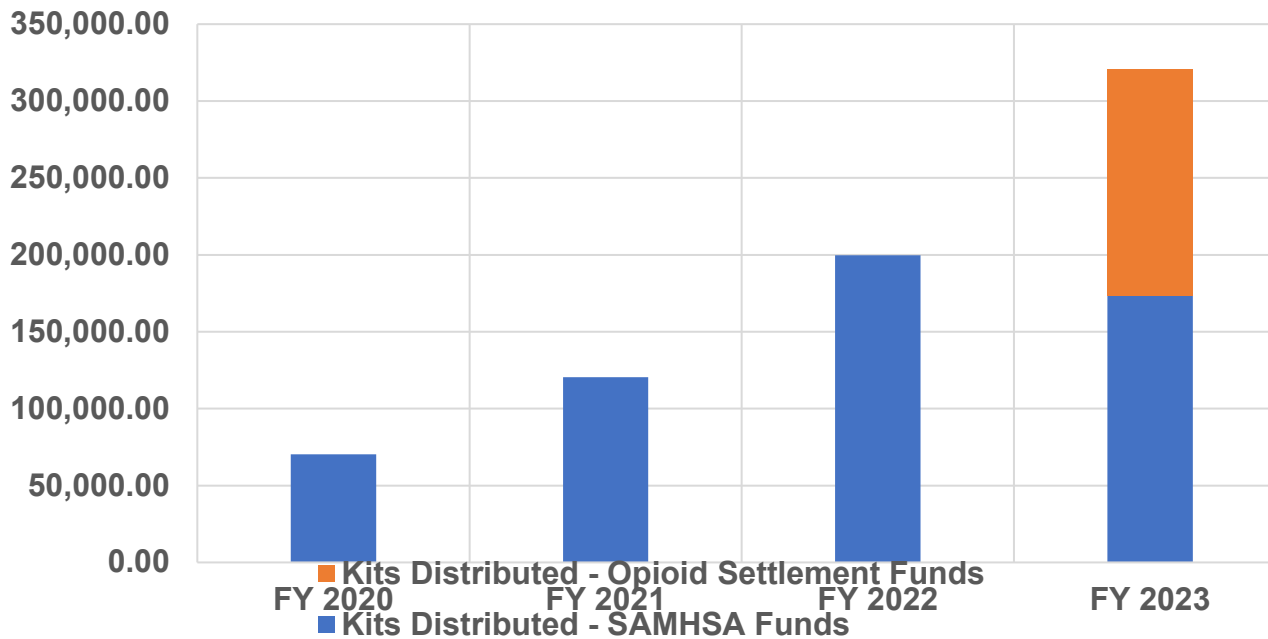


- Approximately **1 in 10** Naloxone rescue kits distributed through a Michigan SSP is used to successfully reverse an opioid overdose.
- Opioid Poisonings Reversed is self-reported by participants that interact with SSP staff.

Data source: Michigan SSP Utilization Platform.

Key Program Impacts: Overdose Prevention

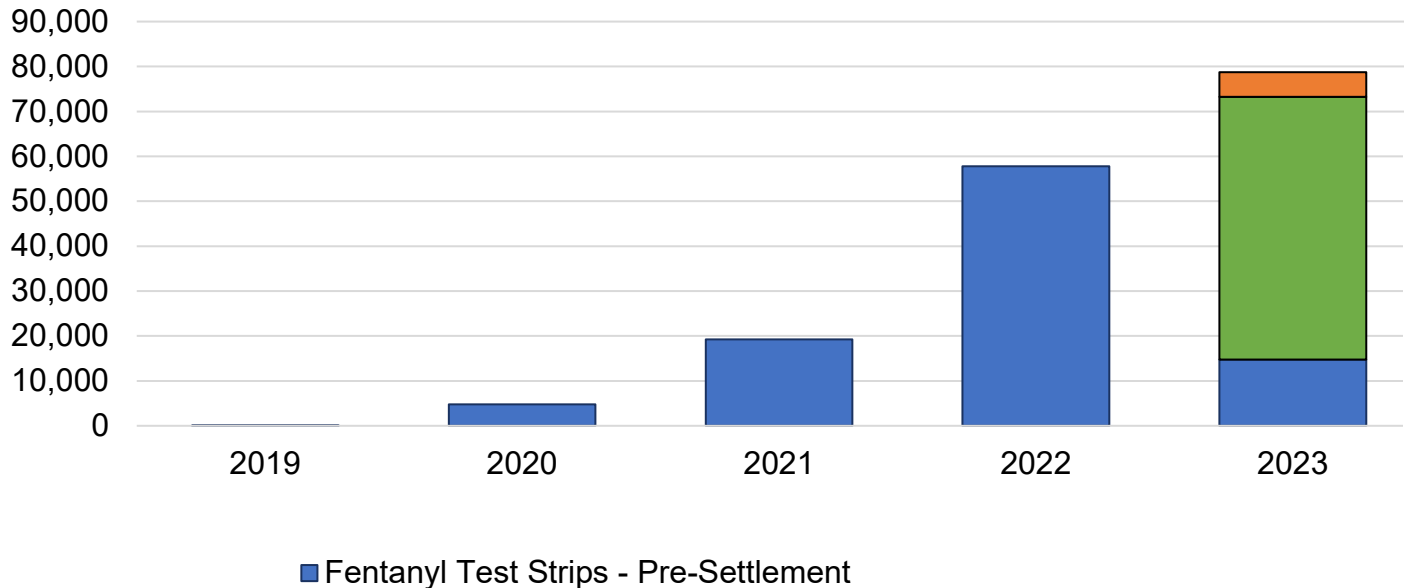
NARCAN Direct Naloxone Kits Distributed by Fiscal Year



Settlement funds allowed the NARCAN Direct Portal to distribute an additional **147,000 NARCAN kits** to **404 unique organizations** and **2,605 overdose reversals** were reported.

Key Program Impacts: Harm Reduction

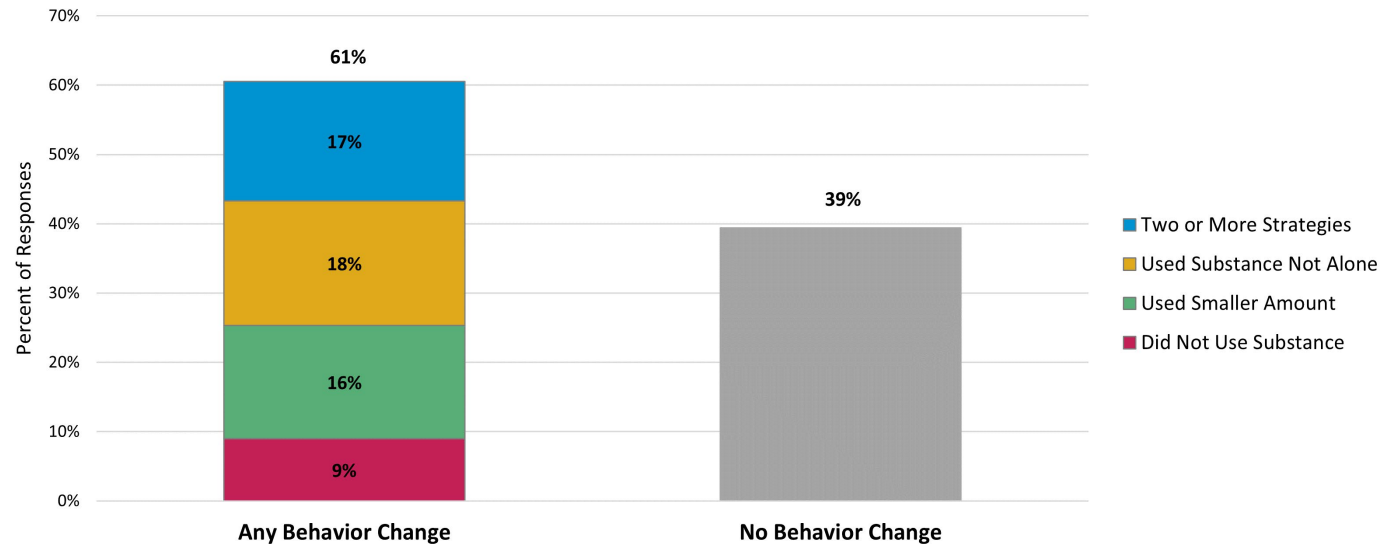
Fentanyl and Xylazine Test Strip Distribution
by Michigan Syringe Service Programs, FY 2019 – FY 2023



FY23 settlement funds covered the cost of **58,450 fentanyl test strips** and **5,530 xylazine test strips** through SSPs in Michigan.

Key Program Impacts: Harm Reduction

Self-Reported Behavior Change Following Positive FTS Result Among SSP Participants 2021-2023, n=1,709



Responses are voluntarily self-reported at subsequent encounters and is not a requirement for SSP participation. Participants may use more than one strategy and responses are not mutually exclusive.

Data Source: Michigan SSP Utilization Platform

FTS = Fentanyl Test Strip, SSP = Syringe Service Program

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Opioid Settlement Funds

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Disclosures

- No disclosures

Opioid Settlements Overview

- Total estimated funds coming to Michigan - **\$1,654,091,933**
 - Total estimated state share - **\$908,095,150**
 - Total estimated subdivision share - **\$745,329,973**
 - Estimated totals from settlements with:
 - Distributors (McKesson, Cardinal Health, and AmerisourceBergen)
 - J&J
 - Walgreens
 - Walmart
 - CVS
 - Teva
 - Allergan
 - McKinsey & Co.
 - Mallinckrodt
 - Meijer
 - Publicis Health
 - Kroger

Technical Assistance

Supports through MAC

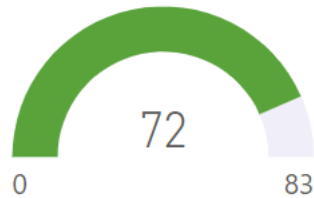
- General Settlement Questions and Settlement Landscape Assistance
- Strategic Planning
- Advising on Allowable Uses
- Spending Plan Development and Review
- Request for Proposals Development and Scoring
- Policy Analysis
- Resource Linkage
- Resource Library
- Monitoring and Accountability
- Peer to Peer Learning – Local Government Learning Community

MAC Engagement

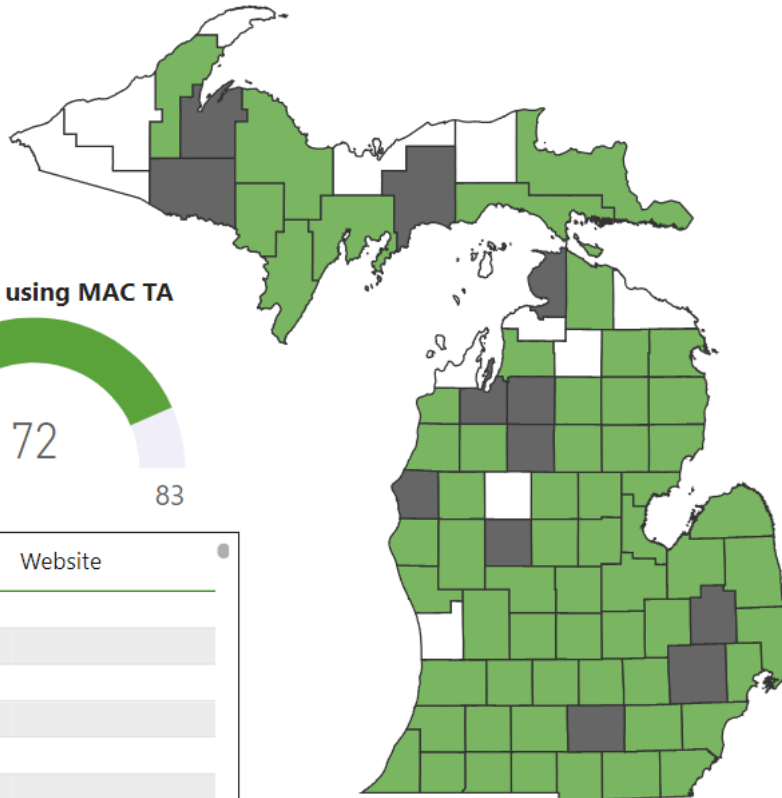
Map of MAC Technical Assistance Engagement

Engagement type ● Engaged ● Information Request ● None

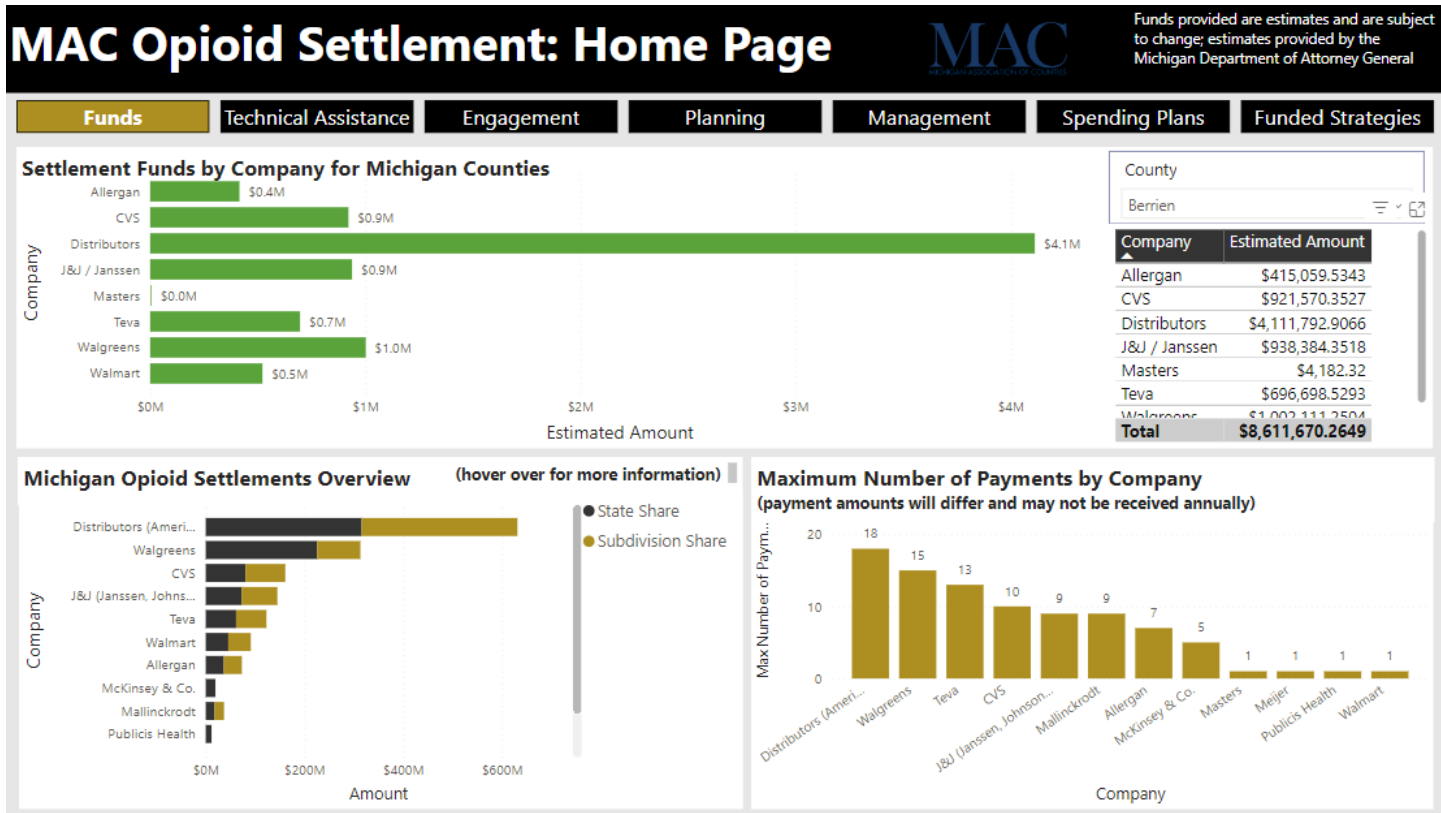
Counties using MAC TA



County	Website
Alcona	
Alger	
Allegan	
Alpena	
Antrim	
Arenac	



MAC Settlement Dashboard



Michigan Opioid Settlement Fund Toolkit: A Guide for Local Spending

Michigan Opioid Settlement Funds Toolkit

A Guide for Local Spending
— January 2023



The Michigan Opioid Settlement Funds Toolkit: A Guide for Local Spending is a roadmap for local governments to assist with planning for, and utilization of, opioid settlement funds.

The toolkit is intended to provide direction on process and linkage to existing resources provided by local and national entities and to assist with creation of targeted efforts from any starting place.

https://micounties.org/wp-content/uploads/Michigan-Opioid-Settlement-Funds-Toolkit_Executive-Summary.pdf

Templates and Tools

- **Webinars**

- [Voices of Lived Experience: Meaningful Engagement & Effective Uses of Opioid Settlement Funds](#)
- [Overdose Data in Our Backyard: Resource and Collaboration for Opioid Settlement Spending](#)

- **Planning**

- Planning Worksheet Template ([PDF](#)) ([Word](#))
- ***Steering Committee Development and Tips for Processing Requests for Funds Guidance Document** ([PDF](#))
- Steering Committee Creation Resolution Template ([PDF](#)) ([Word](#))
- Opioid Settlement Work Plan Template ([PDF](#)) ([Excel](#))

- **Spending**

- Spending Plan Template ([PDF](#)) ([Excel](#))
- Request for Proposals Review Committee and Oversight Committee Creation Resolution Template ([PDF](#))([Word](#))
- Request for Proposals and Associated Budget Template ([PDF](#)) ([Word](#)) ([Excel](#))
- Request for Proposals Scoring Template ([PDF](#)) ([Excel](#))
- Vendor/Contractor Agreement ([PDF](#)) ([Word](#))
- Pass-through Entity Agreement ([PDF](#)) ([Word](#))
- Vendor/Contractor Reporting Form Template ([PDF](#)) ([Word](#))
- Spending Plan Adoption Resolution Template ([PDF](#)) ([Word](#))
- Public Input/Feedback Session Resolution Template ([PDF](#)) ([Word](#))

- **Transparency**

- ***Transparency, Monitoring and Accountability Guidance Document** ([PDF](#))
- Annual Report Template ([PDF](#)) ([Word](#))
- Public-facing Planning Process Document ([PDF](#)) ([Word](#))

- **General**

- PowerPoint Presentation Template (July 2023) ([PDF](#)) ([PowerPoint](#))
- Overdose Awareness Day and Recovery Month Proclamation (August 31 and September) ([PDF](#)) ([Word](#))

Administration of Funds

- Most counties are determining an average annual amount of funds to spend to ensure funds are available for the duration of the 18 years
- Many counties are developing request for proposal (RFP) processes
- Some counties are setting aside funds for emerging needs
- MAC has created templates for the RFP process
- Some counties are asking specific departments or entities to administer funds
- Reporting of grantees/vendors is critical

Barry County

- Expected Funds: \$1,499.034.03
- Ongoing engagement with MAC
- [Public-facing website](#)
- Steering committee in development
- Community assessment underway

Berrien County

- Expected Funds: \$8,611,670.26
- Ongoing engagement with MAC
- [Public-facing website](#)
- Steering committee developed
- Request for proposals (RFP) review committee developed
- RFP released
- Funds awarded

Calhoun County

- Expected Funds: \$11,424,126.52
- Meijer Settlement Received: Unrestricted with no reporting requirements
- Regular engagement with MAC
- [Public-facing website](#)
- Steering committee developed
- Request for proposals (RFP) review committee developed
- RFP developed

Kalamazoo County

- Expected Funds: \$14,602,234.39
- Meijer Settlement Received: Unrestricted with no reporting requirements
- Intermittent engagement with MAC
- Community assessment completed
- Steering committee developed
- Plans to monitor funds by using [Opioid Settlement Principles Resource and Indicators \(OSPRI\)](#)

Cass County

- Expected Funds: \$2,474,410.92
- Intermittent engagement with MAC
- [Public-facing website](#)
- Steering committee developed
- Funding plan and RFP released

Branch County

- Expected Funds: \$3,848,152.37
- Meijer Settlement Received: Unrestricted with no reporting requirements
- Intermittent engagement with MAC

St. Joseph County

- Expected Funds: \$1,476,872.13
- Intermittent engagement with MAC

Van Buren County

- Expected Funds: \$2,643,281.68
- Intermittent engagement with MAC

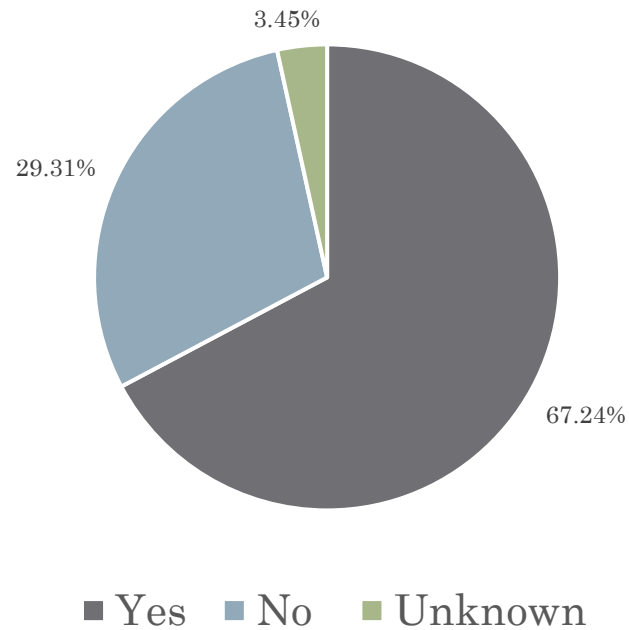
Statewide Overview

MAC Reporting Survey Data

- The purpose of the survey was to gauge:
 - Annual reporting information on county planning for, and utilization of, opioid settlement funds
 - Technical assistance needs
- Participation was voluntary and the potential for a financial incentive was offered
- The survey was open from April 8 – May 10
- 64 of the 83 counties completed the survey (77%)
- Responses from this survey have been used to develop:
 - [MAC Opioid Settlement Dashboard](#) updates
 - [Data report and recommendations](#)

MAC Reporting Survey Data

Community Involvement in Understanding Priorities, Needs and Strengths



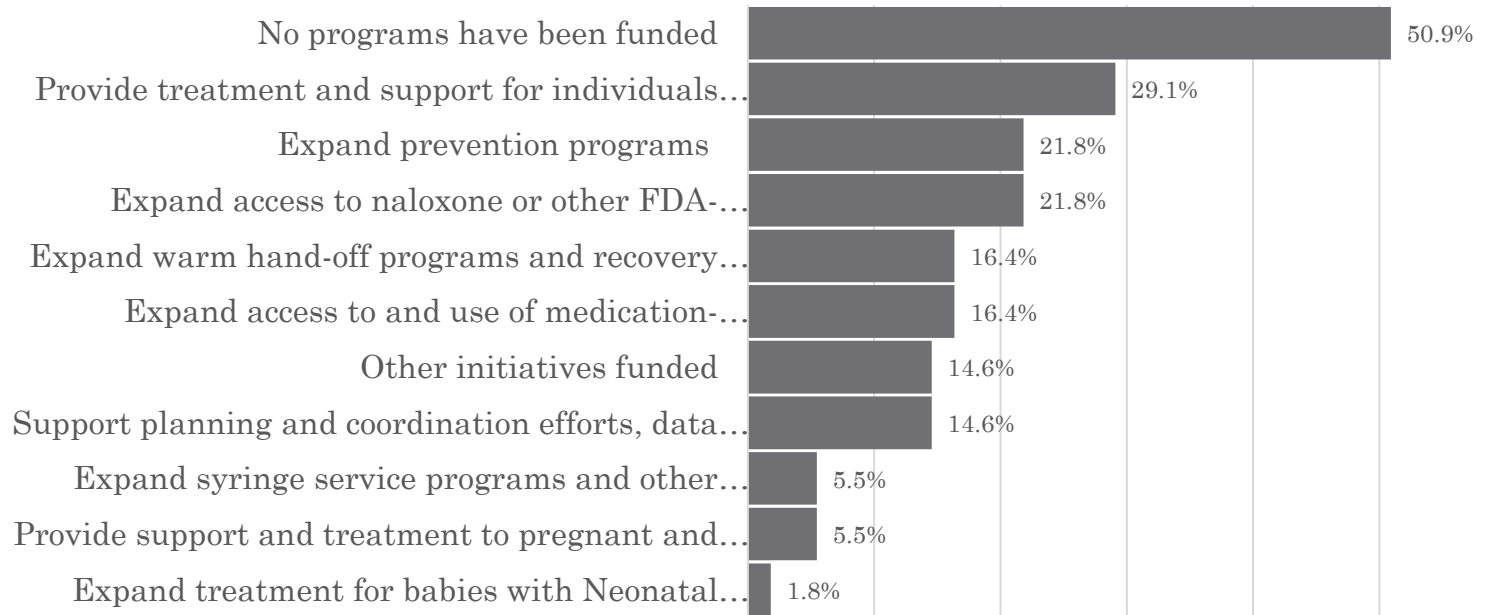
MAC Reporting Survey Data

Community Engagement



MAC Reporting Survey Data

Strategies Funded in 2023



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Kalamazoo County

Opioid Settlement Fund Implementation

Commissioner Jen Strebs

Kalamazoo County Opioid Settlement Fund Task Force Chair





Disclosures

None



Settlement Resources Expected in Kalamazoo County



As a result of settlements reached with pharmacies and pharmaceutical drug companies for rueling the opioid crisis, Michigan and local governments are set to receive settlement payments from these entities.

Over the next two decades, Kalamazoo County Government is currently estimated to receive approximately \$14.6 million.



Varying Payment Schedules

Settlement Totals Per Calendar Year

Kalamazoo County

<--- Dropdown Selection List

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
McKinsey	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Distributors	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$578,764.12	\$359,972.22	\$359,972.22	\$359,972.22	\$359,972.22
Janssen	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,024,481.59	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$55,247.98	\$55,247.98
Mallinckrodt	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Meijer	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,556,250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Teva	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$165,985.61	\$82,992.80	\$82,992.80	\$82,992.80
Allergan	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$183,646.03	\$91,823.01	\$91,823.01	\$91,823.01
CVS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$183,426.63	\$162,605.19	\$162,605.19	\$162,605.19
Walmart	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$808,169.34	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Walgreens	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$198,775.23	\$79,035.93	\$79,035.93	\$79,035.93
Total:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,159,495.70	\$1,899,975.05	\$776,429.16	\$831,677.14	\$831,677.14

NOTE: If you are a De-minimis Share Local Government, check the individual settlements to ensure accuracy of your payment. De-minimis Share Local Government specific and receive their full amount in the first payment from the State share. Afterwards, payments to the De-minimis Share Local Government are routed to back to This chart shows both payments.

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Opioid Community Needs Assessment (ONCA)



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Opioid Community Needs Assessment to Guide Kalamazoo County's Opioid Settlement Strategy

KALAMAZOO, Mich. – Kalamazoo County launched the Opioid Community Needs Assessment (OCNA) today to deepen our understanding of the opioid crisis and empower us to make the best use of National Opioid Settlement funding to save lives, prevent opioid use, and remedy the impacts opioids have on our community.

“Collaboration is critical in solving the opioid crisis. The feedback we receive will help us understand where we can best support organizations that are actively doing the work of implementing substance use prevention strategies,” Deputy County Administrator for External Services Lyndi Smith said. “And not only that, but where there may be opportunities to fill in any gaps to leverage existing partnerships and funding streams to reduce duplication and maximize community benefit.”

In December of 2023, the BOC received the Opioid Community Needs Assessment (OCNA). Within the OCNA, page 17 outlines recommendations for community action such as:

1. Creating an easily accessible resource guide / asset map
2. Having a central hub for addressing SUD and supporting Recovery.
3. Reporting outcomes of settlement-funded programs to the community while not creating a reporting burden on those programs.
4. Providing support for First Responders who identified experiencing increased workloads, lack of ability to have adequate staffing, limited capacity to respond effectively, and the need to address the negative emotional effects related to their role in responding to the opioid epidemic.



How we developed the ONCA

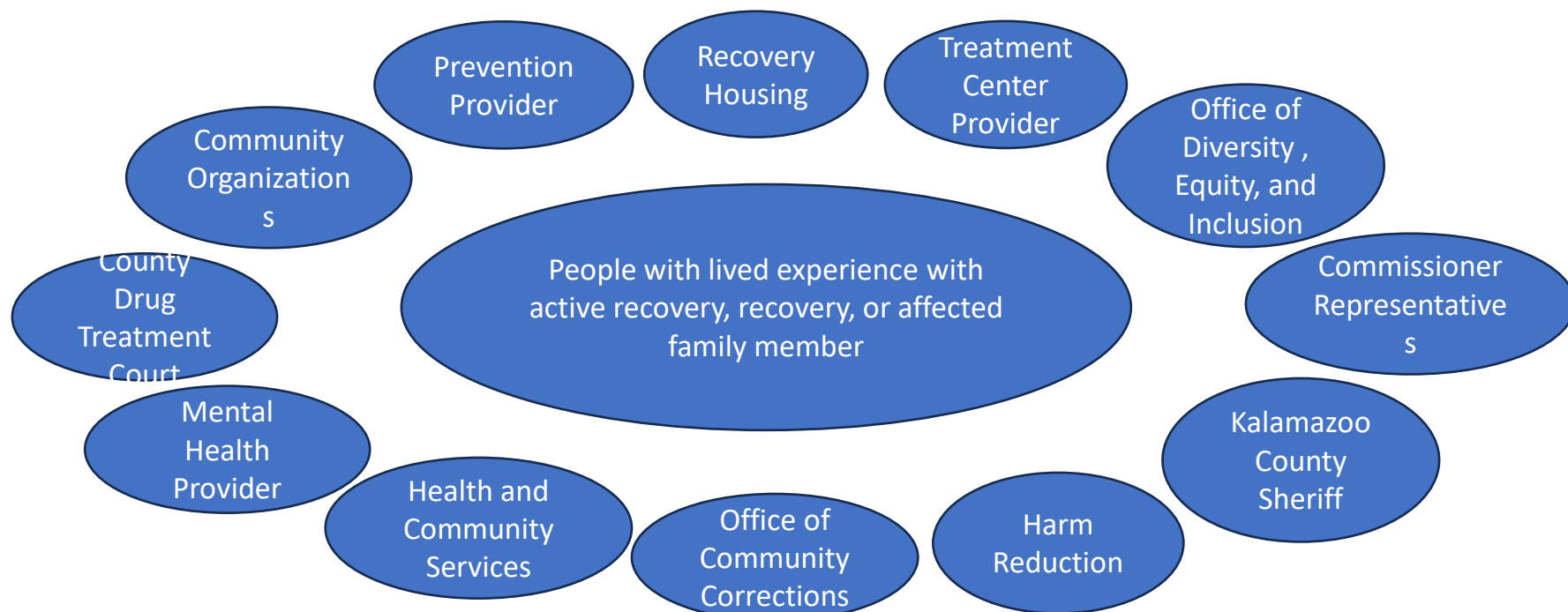
- With MSU’s guidance, a local OCAN working group was formed with broad community representation provision.
- Met June to August to identify guiding questions for the assessment; what do we want to know, how and why will we ask it?
- Direction of the assessment was determined collaboratively. Members of the working group suggested populations to speak with, hosting space for focus groups, and recruiting participants.
- Kalamazoo County Government prioritized **hearing the voices of People With Lived Experience (PWLE)** with substance use, and people directly impacted by substance use, such as family and friends, throughout the assessment process.
- People whose occupations are impacted by substance use were given the opportunity to be heard and the community at large had the option to attend a public listening session, participate in focus groups, and take the community-wide survey.
- The information gathered through the surveys, focus groups, a community listening session, and personal interviews will serve to help identify local strategies, inform new funding opportunities, and strengthen both the community and local governments’ understanding from a variety of perspectives.

Table of Focus Groups, Interviews, and Survey Participants and Respondents

Method	Responses/Participants
Community-Wide Survey	563 Respondents
Emergency Services Survey	7 Respondents
Criminal Justice Survey	10 Respondents
Community-Based Organizations Survey	16 Respondents
Provider Survey	16 Respondents
People with Lived Experience Focus Groups	31 Participants
Loved Ones Focus Group	2 Participants
Community-Based Organizations Focus Group	2 Participants
Providers Focus Groups	11 Participants
Public Safety/Law Enforcement Focus Group	9 Participants
Person with Lived Experience Interview	1 Participant
Provider Interview	1 Participant
Medical Examiner’s Office Interview	1 Participant



Establishment of the Kalamazoo County Opioid Settlement Fund Taskforce





Opioid Settlement Fund Task Force Members

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Active Recovery, Addiction, or a Family Member

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Questions for the Taskforce



1. What does OCNA tell us about the needs of our County?
2. Where should the County Board concentrate funding towards opioids remediation for the next 3-5 years?
3. What funding categories should be created based on the OCNA Report?
4. What timeline should the County operate on for releasing funding in the community, i.e. when should a granting portal be open and is there alignment when other funding opportunities are released that should be considered with the timeline?
5. Should the County consider one-year or multi-year funding request proposals?
6. Should the county assume the role of collaborator and when appropriate grant writer with community partners for state and federal funding opportunities?
7. Is a community-wide prevention and education campaign needed to promote de-stigmatization of opioid use and people seeking help for it?
8. Is a county-wide alert system and network collaborative needed to communicate with county residents when there is a cluster of overdoses, or a deadly batch of Fentanyl laced drugs that occur in Kalamazoo County?
9. Are there additional locations or accessible points that need to be considered county-wide for the distribution of Narcan/Naloxone (i.e. vending machines, government buildings, pharmacies, neighborhood associations, etc.)
10. How should the co-occurring substance use disorders and mental health disorders be considered with this funding?
11. Should settlement funds be used to provide trauma-informed, culturally competent mental health services to adults and children that have been impacted by the loss of a loved one due to opioids?

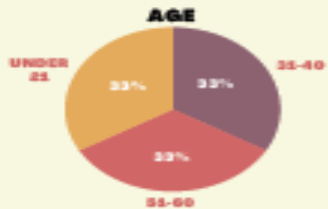
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KALAMAZOO OVERDOSE FATALITY REVIEW

Findings and recommendations resulting from multi-disciplinary Overdose Fatality Reviews (OFRs) in Kalamazoo County, Michigan from June – August, 2024. Fatalities reviewed (n=6) did not necessarily occur during this time period.

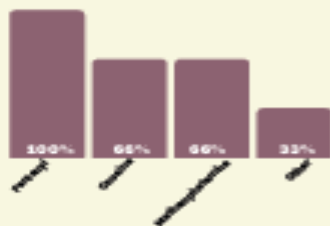
CHARACTERISTICS OF DECEDENTS



HISTORY OF HOUSING INSTABILITY



SUBSTANCES CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH



HAD THE FOLLOWING MENTAL HEALTH DISORDERS



RECOMMENDATIONS FOR KALAMAZOO

Develop an innovative approach to educate those that use substances on how substances may interact with each other, illicit and/or prescribed.

Educate church and religious leaders on substance use, and how to best support members that use substances.

Provide loved ones with training on how to respond to a potential overdose.

Improve the response and support offered to those grieving the loss of a loved one that has passed from an overdose.



ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS

MESSAGING

- Raise awareness about the dangers of fentanyl through messaging
- Educate healthcare professionals on available harm reduction resources to suggest to their at-risk patients
- Raise awareness in the community on available recovery and treatment programs
- Educate on substance use disorders to reduce stigma

EDUCATION

- Provide education on fentanyl-testing supplies and make them accessible
- Provide education on Naloxone during highly attended events (e.g., festivals)
- Improve Naloxone education and discourage independent drug use

AGENCY

- Develop protocols for social workers to automatically connect with patients admitted for an overdose
- Improve communication between county-level agencies
- Improve how out-of-county minors are treated compared to in-county minors

THE TEAM

The Kalamazoo County OFR team has representation from the following agencies: Sheriff's Department and Local Law Enforcement, Mental Health Services, Medical Examiner's Office, Rehabilitation Services, Substance Use Prevention Services, Harm Reduction Services, Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, County Circuit Courts, Local Hospitals, Emergency Medical Services, Health Department, Housing Authority, and LGBTQ+ Services.





Crosswalk for Settlement Priorities within Exhibit E

Blue Font = Core Strategies (Schedule A) / Black Font = Approved Uses (Schedule B)

	Priority Category	Priority Area
Ensuring Equity & Community Collaboration	Prevention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevention Programs • Prevent overprescribing and ensure appropriate prescribing and dispensing of opioids • Prevent misuse of opioids
	Rescue & Harm Reduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nalaxone to reverse opioid overdoses • Expanding syringe service programs • Prevent overdose deaths and other harms (harm reduction) • First responders
	Treatment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medications-assisted treatment distribution and other opioid-related treatment • Expanding treatment for Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) • Treatment for incarcerated populations • Treat Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) • Connections to Care
	Recovery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expansion of warm hand-off programs and recovery services • Support people in treatment and recovery
	Social Determinants of Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pregnant & Postpartum women • Address the needs of criminal justice-involved persons • Address the needs of pregnant or parenting women and their families, including babies with neonatal abstinence syndrome
	Data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence-based data collection and research • Research
	Effective Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analyzing the effectiveness of abatement strategies within the County • Leadership, planning and coordination • Training

Exhibit E

Part of the Settlement Agreements directing approved uses for settlement funds



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Kalamazoo County and Kalamazoo Community Foundation to Launch Opioid Remediation Mini Grants

KALAMAZOO, Mich. – As the opioid epidemic continues to impact communities across the nation, Kalamazoo County Government is taking decisive action. In partnership with Kalamazoo Community Foundation (KZCF), the County is proud to announce the launch of the Opioid Remediation Mini Grants program, aimed at delivering immediate support to local organizations working to address this critical issue.

This initiative, backed by \$250,000 in opioid settlement funds, is designed to provide swift and targeted funding to local organizations committed to addressing the opioid epidemic and are currently serving individuals impacted by opioid use disorder in Kalamazoo County.

“This partnership with the Kalamazoo Community Foundation allows us to ensure that the opioid settlement funds are distributed where they can make the most impact,” said Lyndi Smith, Deputy

Mini Grant Timeline:

- Opening Date: Tuesday September 10, 2024, at 8am
- App. Deadline: Tuesday October 1, 2024, by 5pm
- Grant Award Notifications: Monday October 28, 2024



Transparency for the Community

The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the page https://www.kalcounty.com/administrator/opioid_settlements.htm. The page header includes the Kalamazoo County Government logo and navigation links for DIRECTORIES, SERVICES A-Z, EMPLOYMENT, and PUBLIC MEETING NOTICES. A social media bar features icons for Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Instagram, LinkedIn, and RSS, along with a '2-1-1' emergency services button and a 'TRANSLATE SELECT LANGUAGE' option.

The main navigation menu includes: OFFICIALS & DEPARTMENTS, COURTS & LAW, COMMUNITY HEALTH, NEWS & EVENTS, HOW DO I..., VISITORS, and ABOUT. A green banner below the menu reads '2024 Elections'.

The page content is titled 'Opioid Settlements' and includes a breadcrumb trail: Office of Administrator / Opioid Settlements. The text explains that as a result of settlements with pharmacies and pharmaceutical companies, Michigan and local governments will receive settlement payments. The State of Michigan is slated to receive nearly \$800 million over the next 18 years, with 50% distributed directly to county, city, and township governments. Kalamazoo County Government is currently estimated to receive approximately \$14.6 million over the next two decades.

A 'Planning Process' section begins with the text: 'Opioid Settlement Funds must be spent on opioid remediation, which is defined as the care, treatment, and other programs and expenditures designed to:'. The 'Contact Us' sidebar provides the address (201 West Kalamazoo Avenue, Kalamazoo, MI 49007), phone number (269-384-8111), and email (communications@kalcounty.com).



SPENDING PLAN – FY 2023

Department or Organization	Description	Costs (One-Time Only)	Costs (Ongoing)	Expenditures (End of Year)	% of Annual Funds Utilized
Kalamazoo County Office of the Administrator	This was a one-time funding requests for anticipated costs associated to conducting a Community Needs Assessment.	\$5,000	-	\$1,285.41	26%
Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services Department	This is an ongoing funding request for a Health Educator for Opioid Response/Harm Reduction position to provide community-wide health education surrounding Opioid Addiction Prevention and evidence-based harm reduction strategies.	-	\$94,000	\$22,360.62	24%
Kalamazoo County Jail	This is an ongoing funding request for a nurse position within the Kalamazoo County Jail to provide expansion of medication assisted treatment (MAT) services that can be offered to the inmates within the county jail. Please note this position has not been filled.	-	\$89,600	-	0%
Kalamazoo County Jail	This is a one-time funding request to purchase TEK84 full-body scanner equipment.	\$196,500	-	\$196,500	100%
Kalamazoo County Office of Community Corrections	This is an ongoing funding request to provide assistance with the cost of drug testing and monitoring for individuals involved with the Office of Community Corrections who are not able to cover the cost themselves.	-	\$89,300	-	0%
Opioid Settlements Received FY23:				\$3,163,402.15	
Grants Received FY23:				\$50,000.00	
Allocated Funds FY23:				\$474,400.00	
Expenditures FY23:				\$220,145.93	

Opioid Settlement Fund Balance: \$2,993,256.22

Last Updated: 6/4/24

SPENDING PLAN – FY 2024

Department or Organization	Description	Costs (One-Time Only)	Costs (Ongoing)	Expenditures (End of Year)	% of Annual Funds Utilized
Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services Department	This is an ongoing funding request for a Health Educator for Opioid Response/Harm Reduction position to provide community-wide health education surrounding Opioid Addiction Prevention and evidence-based harm reduction strategies.	-	\$94,000	\$44,051.31	47%
Kalamazoo County Jail	This is an ongoing funding request for a nurse position within the Kalamazoo County Jail to provide expansion of medication assisted treatment (MAT) services that can be offered to the inmates within the county jail. Please note this position has not been filled.	-	\$89,600	-	0%
Kalamazoo County Office of Community Corrections	This is an ongoing funding request to provide assistance with the cost of drug testing and monitoring for individuals involved with the Office of Community Corrections who are not able to cover the cost themselves.	-	\$89,300	\$248.96	0%
Carryover FY23:				\$2,993,256.22	
Opioid Settlements Received FY24:				\$1,453,941.55	
Grants Received FY24:				\$0.00	
TOTAL REVENUE:				\$4,447,197.77	
Allocated Funds FY24:				\$272,900.00	
Expenditures FY24:				\$44,300.27	
TOTAL EXPENSES REMAINING:				\$228,599.73	

Opioid Settlement Fund Balance: \$4,174,487.71
(excludes allocated FY24)

Last Updated: 6/4/24



Additional Resources

[Kalamazoo County Task Force Meetings](#)

https://www.kalcounty.com/administrator/opioid_settlements.htm

<https://www.kalcounty.com/administrator/Kalamazoo%20County%20Opioid%20Community%20Needs%20Assessment%20Report.pdf>

[Opioid Settlement Principles Resource and Indicators \(OSPRI\)](#) - interactive online tool to monitor strategies funded with opioid settlement funds.

Michigan Department of Attorney General – Opioids Website <https://www.michigan.gov/ag/initiatives/opioids>

Principles for Spending o Principles for the Use of Funds From the Opioid Litigation

- [Opioid-Principles-Doc.pdf \(jhsph.edu\)](#)

Evidence-Based Strategies and Promising Practices

- [TheOpioidEbatement-v3.pdf \(lac.org\)](#)

Michigan Overdose Data to Action Dashboard

- [Data \(michigan.gov\)](#)

Michigan Substance Use Disorder Data Repository (SUDDR) and Data Visualizations

- [Michigan Substance Use Disorder Data Repository \(mi-suddr.com\)](#)

Questions?