



Updates on Initiatives in Addressing the Opioid Crisis

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Initiatives covered in today's presentation

- Drug and Alcohol Misuse and Mortality Dashboard
- Opioid Misuse and Overdose Prevention
- Community Narcan education and distribution
- Increasing Access to Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) and Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Treatment Services
- Supports for Pregnant/Parenting Women and Their Families
- OC Opioid Abatement Settlement Plan Proposal

Drug and Alcohol Misuse and Mortality Dashboard

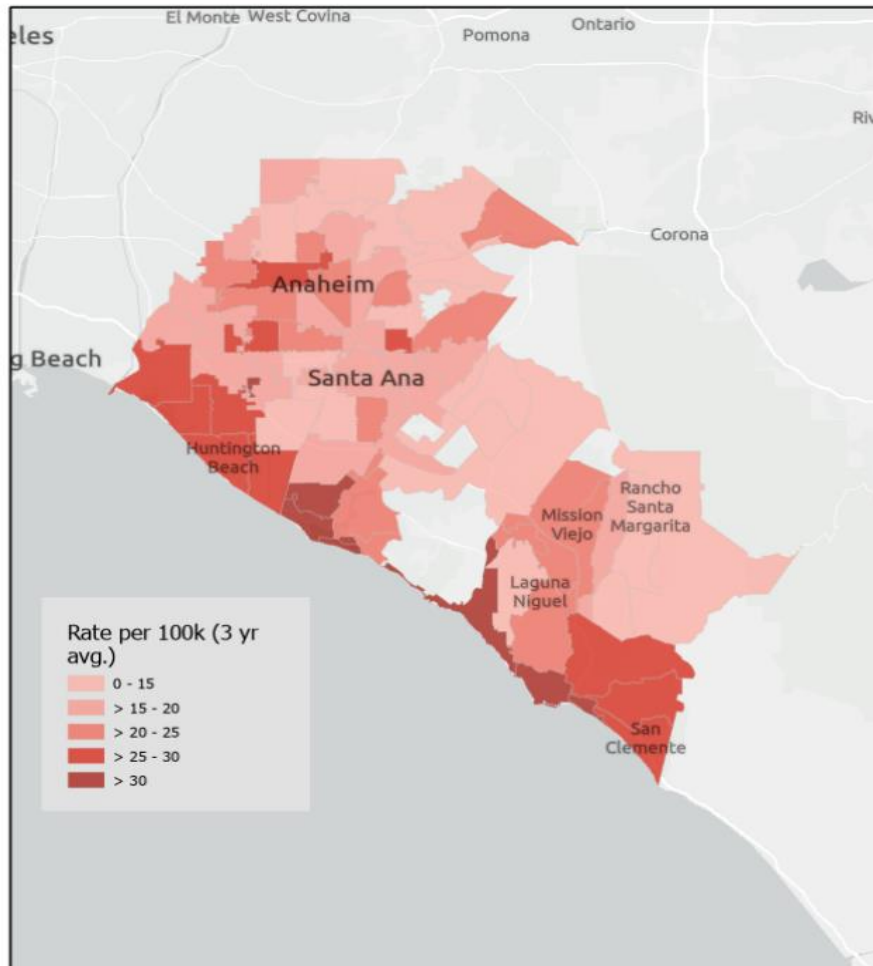


<https://www.OCHealthinfo.com/data-dashboards>

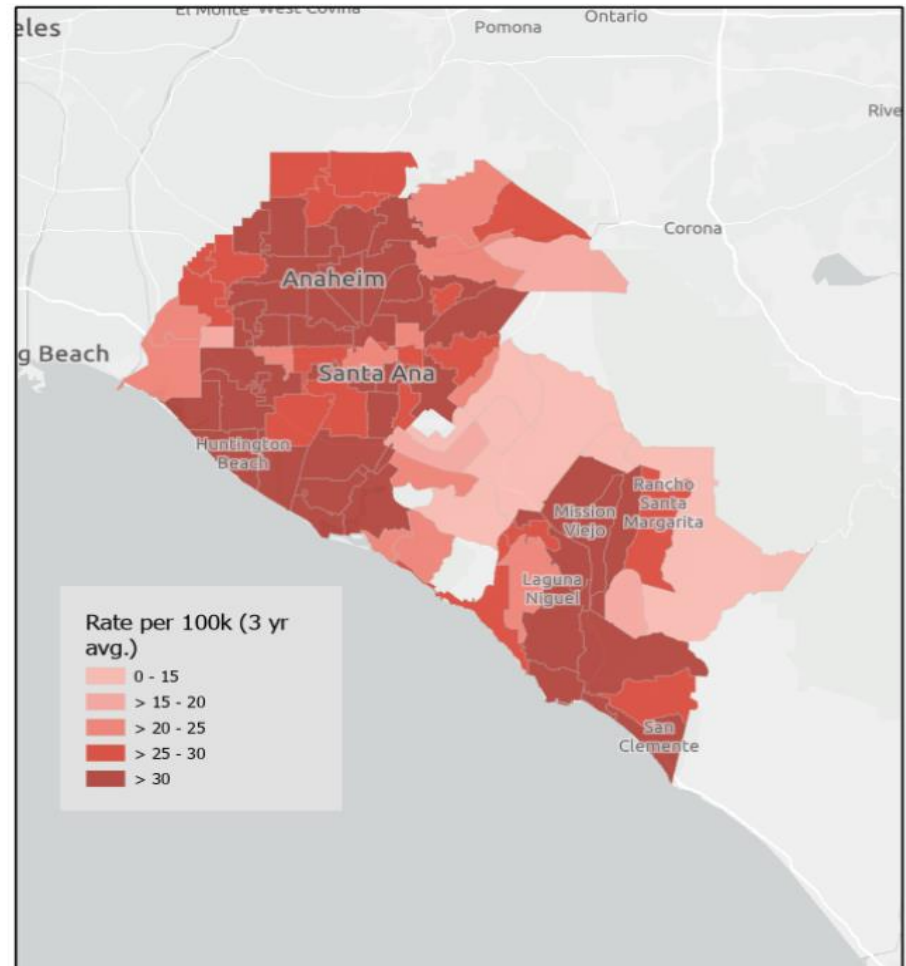
- Highlights OC Drug & Alcohol Trends from **2010** through **2021** on HCA internet
- Interactive Dashboard allows users to view, search and filter the latest available data on mortality trends by demographic information, substances used related to death and geographic trends

Drug and Misuse and Mortality Dashboard

2010-2012 Drug & Alcohol Mortality Rates

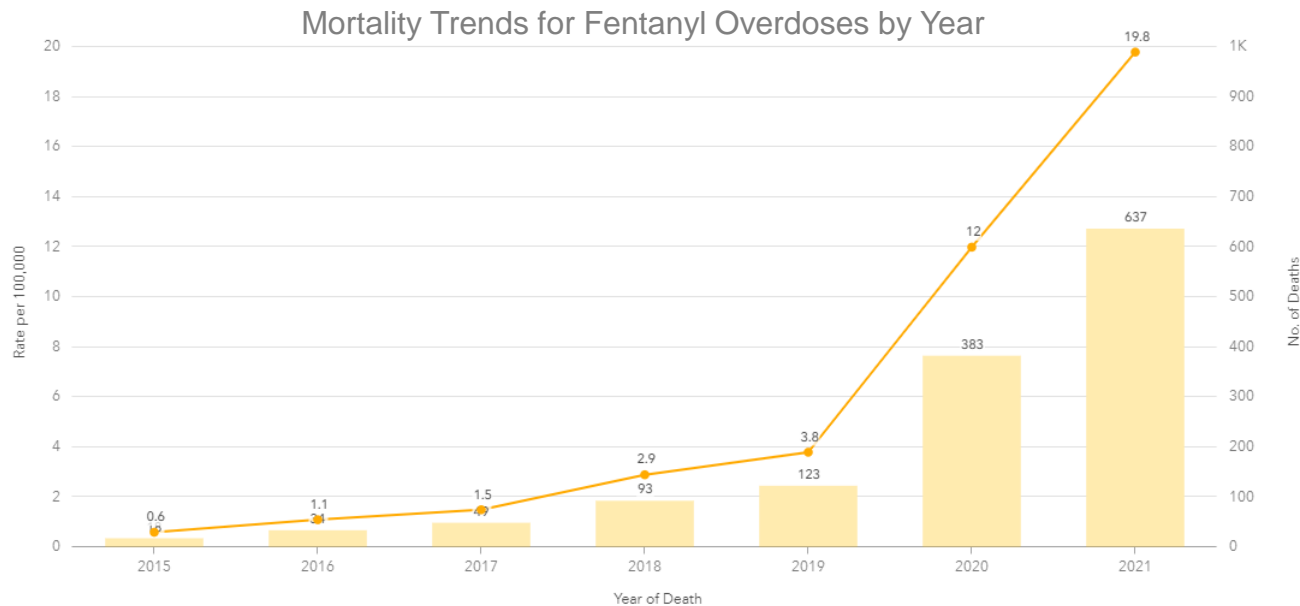


2019-2021 Drug & Alcohol Mortality Rates



Drug and Misuse and Mortality Dashboard

- Included in the Dashboard is an opioid specific Dashboard that highlights the same information from 2015 through 2021
- Fentanyl overdose mortality trends and opioid prescription trends are also displayed



Opioid Misuse and Overdose Prevention



- Adult and Youth Media Campaigns
- Youth SUD Prevention Services expanded in FY 2022/ 23 to reach more youth countywide
- Hope for Recovery and Addressing the Opioid Crisis and Poisonings forums

Opioid Misuse and Overdose Prevention

Ongoing efforts :

- Orange County Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention Coalition
- Monitor Secure and Destroy Campaign
- National Prescription Drug Take Back Day



Community Narcan Education and Prevention



- In partnership with the Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation, HCA provides overdose prevention education and training on the use of naloxone to the community
- All HCA Mental Health and SUD clinical staff are trained and able to distribute naloxone
- Naloxone training available throughout the Mental Health & Recovery Services system of care, including county-contracted providers
- HCA expanded participation in the state Naloxone Distribution Project (NDP)
 - Available at all Adult & Older Adult and Children, Youth & Prevention programs,
 - Outreach & Engagement (O&E) Team
 - SUD outpatient and residential treatment providers, including recovery residences

Increasing Access to MAT and SUD Treatment Services

Access:

- OC Links 24/7/365 Access Line provides warm link to SUD County clinics during business hours
- Beneficiary Access Line 24/7/365 days and able to schedule throughout the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) for an initial assessment to determine the most appropriate level of care
- O&E, Centralized Assessment Team (CAT), County MH Clinics and Open Access, AB109 Screeners and CSU staff can directly refer and schedule an initial assessment

Increasing Access to MAT and SUD Treatment Services

Access:

- HCA staff coordinating care with Correctional Health Services (CHS) to link individuals to an outpatient SUD provider, including MAT services. This is to ensure that individuals who were receiving SUD/MAT receive seamless care upon release
 - This includes in-reach and transportation support
- 'In-Custody SUD Treatment' program provides SUD treatment including group, individual and case management services while in custody; helps with linkage to outpatient or residential treatment services after discharge
- Peer Mentoring Program assist with supportive services to ensure successful linkage to SUD treatment and other community-based programs
- Additional MAT providers
 - Santa Ana SUD Clinic
 - County-Contracted Providers

Supports for Pregnant/Parenting Women and heir Families

Federal Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA) of 2016 requires States to implement **Plans of Safe Care (POSC)** for infants “affected by substance use”

The Goal of Plans of Safe Care is to ensure:

- Maintain a substance-affected infant in the home safely
- If child is detained, allow for reunification as quickly as possible
- Connect the infant, mother and family with the services and supports
- Provide an opportunity for systems coordination to support families affected by SUD’s

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Current Activities supporting POSC Implementation:

- A robust **Family Treatment Task Force** has been working on planning and related-activities to support POSC implementation in Orange County
- OC awarded grant to participate in the **2023 Policy Academy for advancing Collaborative Practice and Policy: Promoting Healthy Development and Family Recovery** with a core workgroup with representation from the Courts, SSA, hospitals, CalOptima and HCA

OC Opioid Abatement Settlement Plan Proposal

- OC is scheduled to receive **\$3.3 million** for the Nationwide Settlement of Claims Against Opioid Distributors annually for **18 years**, including funding from **16 cities** that have reallocated their funds to the County.
- MHRS has put together a proposed plan with **four strategies**, based on evidenced based practices that are standards of care when it comes to addressing Opioid Use Disorder and prevention

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1. Addressing the Needs of Criminal Justice-Involved Persons:

- Fund MAT to individuals with Opioid Use Disorder who are incarcerated and offer support recovery support via transition to continued MAT upon release along with harm reduction supports

2. Addressing the Needs of Pregnant or parenting Women and Their Families including Babies with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome(NAS)

- Fund Coordinators for perinatal services and supports to work directly with referrals received from Maternity Wards in OC to help coordinate POSC supports for Opioid Use Disordered (OUD) mothers and Opioid affected babies

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3. Prevent Misuse of Opioids

- Support efforts to prevent the misuse of opioids through evidence based/ informed strategies specific to Adults and Youth by leveraging and adding to the current SUD prevention campaigns

4. Prevent Overdose Deaths and Other Harm Reduction

- Training and education regarding Narcan for community
- Purchase Overdose prevention kits that include Narcan and Fentanyl test strips
- Provide distribution of free overdose prevention kits through community coalitions



Questions