

Orange County Opioid Abatement Settlement Plan

October 11, 2023



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The Opioid Crisis in Orange County

2021

- 1,358 people died of a drug or alcohol related cause
 - Over half of these deaths were opioid related (N=733)
 - The largest rates of overdose deaths were among 25–44-year-olds
 - Followed by those between the ages of 45–64 years.
 - African Americans experienced the highest overdose death rate and the steepest increase in overdose death rate, compared to all other races and ethnicities
 - Asian Pacific Islanders had the lowest overdose death rate.
 - Males continue to make up the majority of opioid overdose deaths in Orange County.*



- Fentanyl overdose death rates have increased dramatically in the last several years.
- Fentanyl has become the most frequent type of opioid involved in overdose deaths.
- Opioid overdose deaths have occurred across cities in Orange County, with some communities experiencing higher death rates than the county average.

* Orange County Health Care Agency (2022) "Drug and Alcohol Misuse and Mortality Dashboard" <https://bit.ly/45iui6z>

The Settlement & Distribution of Funds

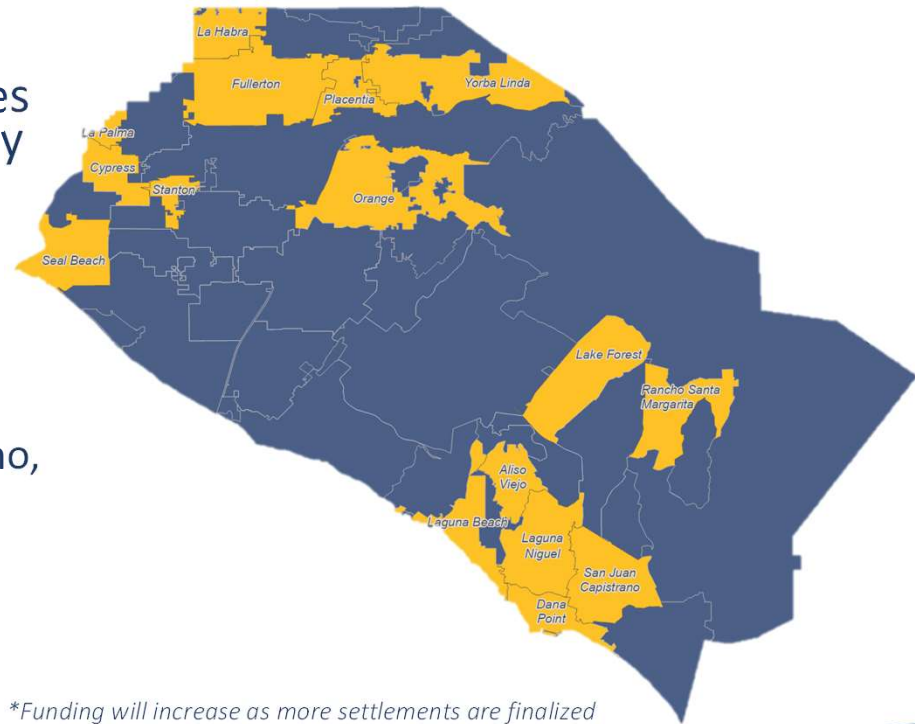
2022

- The California Attorney General announced the final settlement agreements with several large prescription opioid manufacturers.
 - Settlement dollars must address the opioid crisis through prevention and community education, treatment, recovery, and other supportive services.
- A detailed plan has been designed to leverage existing prevention, treatment and recovery systems already in place.
- Implementation of the plan strategies are data-driven, informed by OCHCA's data dashboard and will be implemented in municipalities demonstrating higher risk.

Funds Reallocated to Orange County

Orange County's scheduled \$3.3 million* (annually for 18 years) includes funds reallocated to the Orange County Health Care Agency (OCHCA) from 16 Orange County cities:

Aliso Viejo, Cypress, Dana Point, Fullerton, Laguna Beach, Laguna Niguel, La Habra, Lake Forest, La Palma, Orange, Placentia, Rancho Santa Margarita, San Juan Capistrano, Seal Beach, Stanton, Yorba Linda



**Funding will increase as more settlements are finalized*



Orange County's Abatement Plan: Four Strategies

This plan will address the opioid prevention, education and intervention needs of Orange County using Opioid Use Disorder standards of care and best practices.

These efforts will be sustained through Mental Health and Recovery Services (MHRS) staff expertise, contractors, and community coalitions.



1. Addressing the Needs of Criminal Justice-Involved Persons

- Provide Medicated Assisted Treatment (MAT) to individuals with Opioid Use Disorder who are incarcerated and offer recovery supports upon transition to the community:
 - Sublocade/Vivitrol/Buprenorphine/Suboxone for initiation
 - Staffing to support medication initiation
 - Naloxone to dispense upon release

Narcan Vending Machines



2. Addressing the Needs of Pregnant or Parenting Women and Their Families, Including Babies with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome

- In support of the Federal requirement of Plan of Safe Care (POSC) for any infant affected by substance use, including babies with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome:
 - Fund 2 Certified Alcohol & Drug Counselors to work with Maternal Health Collaboratives to receive referrals from local hospitals and OB/GYNs to coordinate family supports for family
 - Fund 1 Office Staff to coordinate appointments and clinical work

3. Preventing Misuse of Opioids & Overdose

- **FentanylisForeverOC.org** website
 - Opioid facts, dangers of illicit fentanyl, locations for Naloxone training/distribution, and local resources for treatment and recovery services
 - Public Service Announcements from various perspectives
- Multi-media education campaigns
 - Social & Digital Media
 - Outdoor Posters & Bus Shelter Advertisements
 - English, Spanish & Vietnamese

Fentanyl is Forever

We are witnessing a nationwide epidemic
of fentanyl deaths.

Just a few grains of fentanyl are enough to
kill you. Or your child.

[FIND HELP ▶](#)

*"I'd do anything to get
my son back."*

[SEE STORY ▶](#)

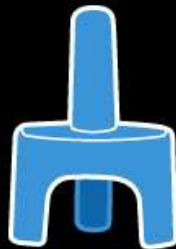
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What is Naloxone?

Naloxone is a life-saving medication that can **stop an opioid overdose**, including overdoses from heroin, fentanyl, and prescription opioids. Naloxone is safe and easy to use. It is most often given as a nasal spray.

Naloxone quickly stops an overdose by blocking the effects of opioids. It can restore normal breathing within 2 to 3 minutes in a person whose breath has slowed or stopped because of opioid overdose. More than one dose of naloxone may need to be given when stronger opioids like fentanyl are involved.

Even after administering naloxone to someone overdosing, they will need medical help.



GET NALOXONE ►

El Fentanilo es para Siempre

Estamos viviendo una epidemia nacional de muertes de fentanilo.

Solo unos pocos granos de fentanilo son suficientes para matarte a ti o a alguien importante para ti.

[ENCUENTRE AYUDA ►](#)

“Isabel encontró unas pastillas de un amigo que las consiguió de otro amigo – y ese amigo, ¿quién sabe?”

[VEA SU HISTORIA ►](#)

la
Amiga

Be prepared

Learn about and carry naloxone.

Know the signs of overdose:

- Difficult to wake up
- Slowed breathing
- Confusion
- Blue or pale lips and fingernails

If you notice these signs, [call 911](#)
immediately and give naloxone.



4. Preventing Overdose Deaths by Implementing Harm Reduction Services

- Naloxone education, training, and distribution
 - For clients, patients, parents, schools, youth and community members
- Overdose Prevention Kit distribution
 - Naloxone (Narcan or Kloxado) and fentanyl test strips



Addressing The Opioid Crisis in Orange County - Community Forums

cc health CARE AGENCY

**Hope for Recovery:
Addressing the Opioid
Crisis in Orange County**

**Wednesday, August 31
5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.**

BH Training Center
750 The City Drive S.,
Orange, CA 92668

The Orange County Health Care Agency (HC.A), Mental Health and Recovery Services Division invites you to attend 'Hope for Recovery,' a forum to share data on current trends, supportive services and resources, and information about the signs and symptoms of opioid use, misuse, and/or poisoning.

Participants will also learn more about Naloxone, how it can be used to reverse an overdose, and to how to administer it.

Hope for Recovery will take place on International Overdose Awareness Day and will support National Recovery Month in September.

RSVP
to reserve your seat
by August 24, 2022.

RSVP at
<https://forms.office.com/g/2mV6xVtH5a>

For questions call (714) 667-5600
or email at BHTS@ochca.com.

- Interpretation Services Available.
- Free Naloxone will be distributed.
- Refreshments will be served.

cc health CARE AGENCY **DONALD P. WAGNER**  Hosted by Donald P. Wagner, Chairman OC Board of Supervisors, 3rd District
City of Lake Forest and the OC Health Care Agency

**ADDRESSING THE
OPIOID
CRISIS IN
ORANGE
COUNTY**

For any questions about this event,
please contact ADEPT@ochca.com.

DATE:
Wednesday,
April 26, 2023

LOCATION:
Lake Forest Civic Center
100 Civic Center Drive,
Lake Forest, CA 92630

TIME:
6:30 p.m.
to 8:00 p.m.

TO REGISTER
for this forum [CLICK HERE](#)

DETAILS:

- A forum to raise awareness of the increase of opioid misuse and the rise of fentanyl overdose deaths.
- Information about how surging fentanyl deaths are preventable and how to access available resources will be shared.
- Ask questions to an expert panel.
- A brief training on how to administer Naloxone, a life-saving opioid overdose reversal drug, will be provided and each forum participant will receive a free box at the end of the forum.

cc health CARE AGENCY  Hosted by Supervisor Doug Chaffee, 4th District, OC Board of Supervisors,
Fullerton Joint Union High School District and Orange County Health Care Agency

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For any questions about this event,
please contact BHTS@ochca.com.

DATE:
Thursday,
January 26, 2023

LOCATION:
Fullerton Union High School
Theater
201 E. Chapman Avenue
Fullerton, CA 92832

TIME:
5:30 p.m.
to 7:15 p.m.

TO REGISTER
for this forum [CLICK HERE](#)

DETAILS:

Supervisor Chaffee, the Fullerton Joint Union High School District and the Orange County Health Care Agency Mental Health and Recovery Services is hosting a forum to raise awareness on the increase of opioid misuse and rise of opioid use and overdose deaths. This community forum is being held to share information about the dangers of drug use. We'll share how surging fentanyl deaths are preventable and how to access available support and/or resources.

Community Forums



Next Steps

- Fentanyl website and campaign launches late September/early October
- Expenditure reports for 2022/23 and planned expenditures for 2023/24 due to State
- In October, begin contacting City Managers of cities contributing funds to offer additional supports
- Narcan vending machine implementation anticipated fall 2023
- Update plan fall 2023

Orange County Opioid Abatement Settlement Plan Questions



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 **Links**
Call or Text (855) OC-LINKS