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OPIOID USE DISORDER IN THE BORDERLAND

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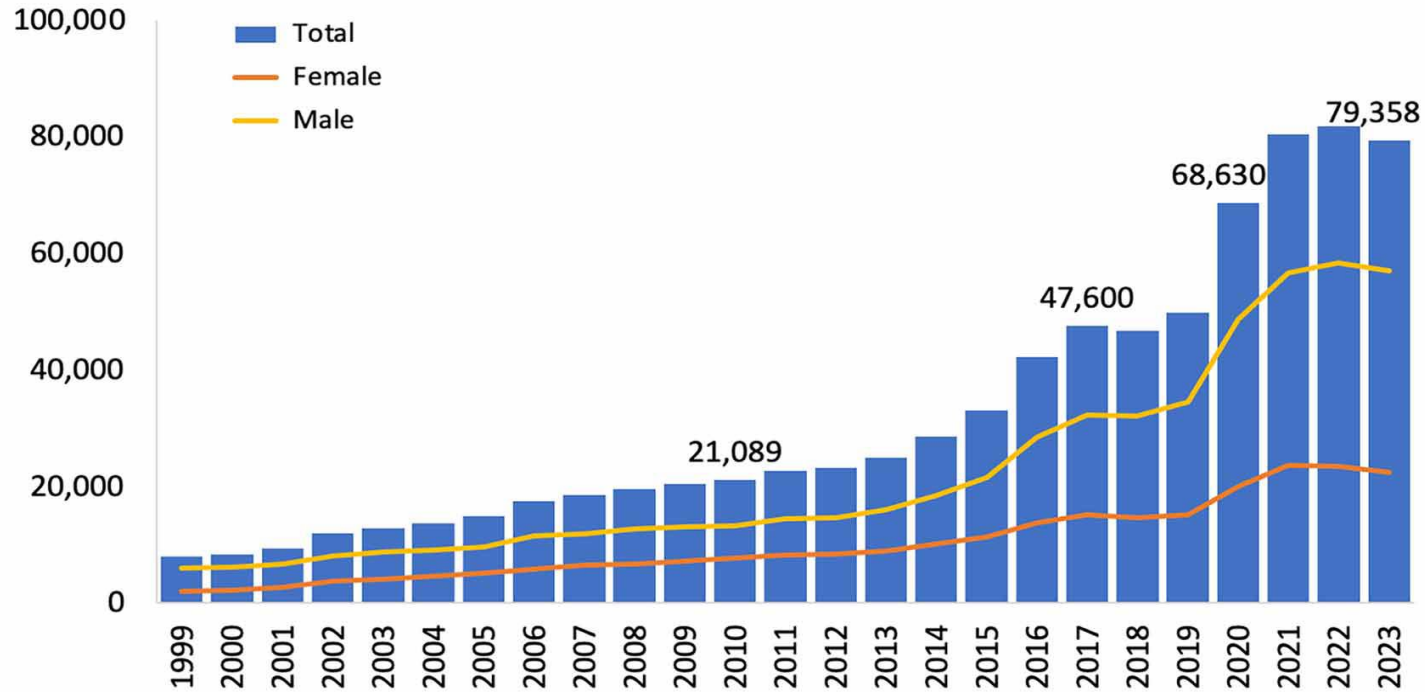
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Opioid Use Disorder Epidemic

- Opioid use disorder (OUD) is a problem affecting all communities in the U.S.
- It has reached epidemic proportions
- OUD is a complex Public Health problem



U.S. Overdose Deaths Involving Any Opioid* by Sex, 1999-2023



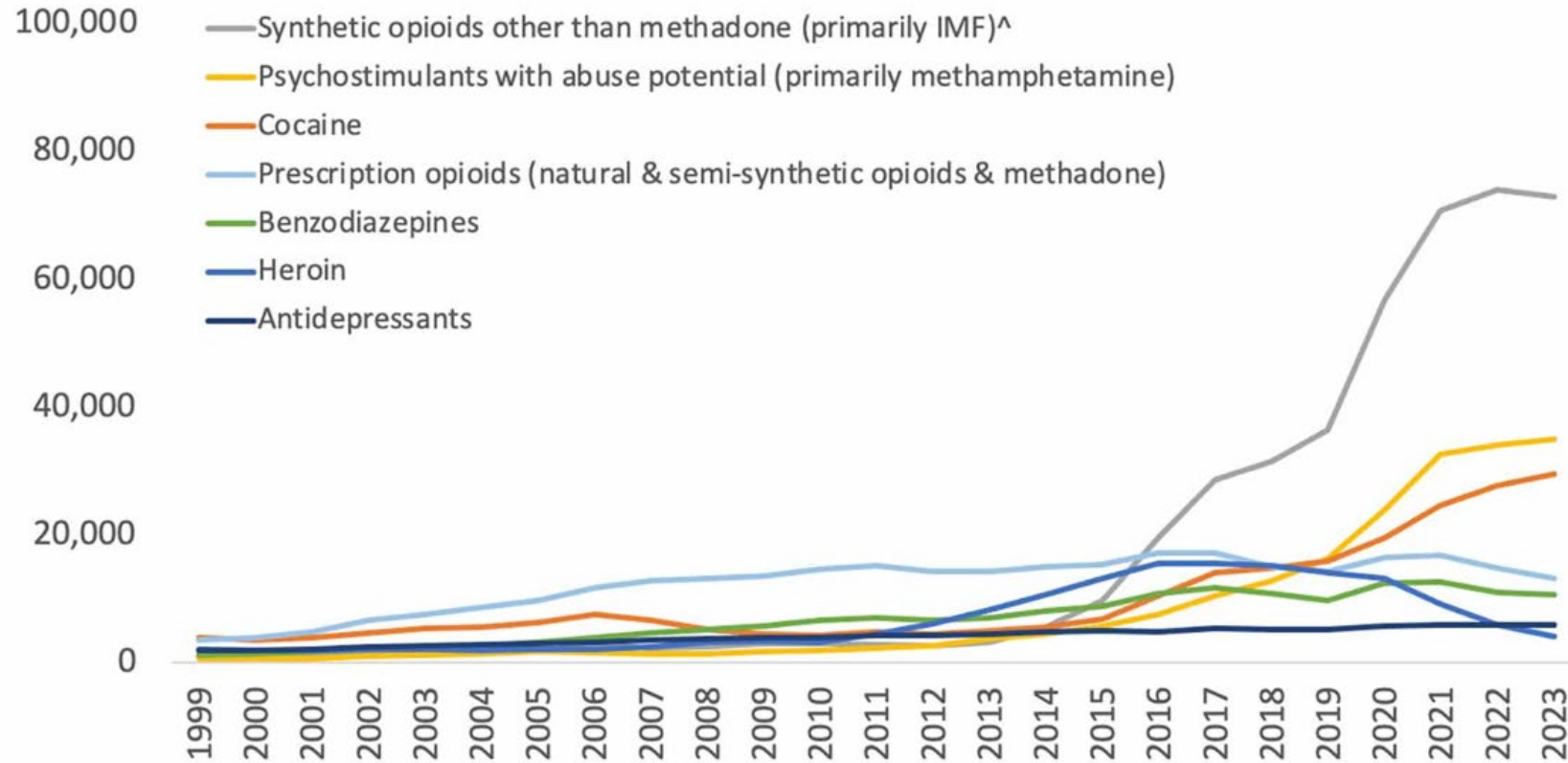
*Among deaths with drug overdose as the underlying cause, the “any opioid” subcategory was determined by the following ICD-10 multiple cause-of-death codes: natural and semi-synthetic opioids (T40.2), methadone (T40.3), other synthetic opioids other than methadone (primarily illicitly manufactured fentanyl or IMF) (T40.4), or heroin (T40.1). Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. Multiple Cause of Death 1999-2023 on CDC WONDER Online Database, released 1/2025.

Substance Use Disorder (SUD)

- People with SUD often rely on EMS
- Only small percentage seek treatment
- Treatment for SUD is complex and requires a multidisciplinary team



U.S. Overdose Deaths*, Select Drugs or Drug Categories, 1999-2023



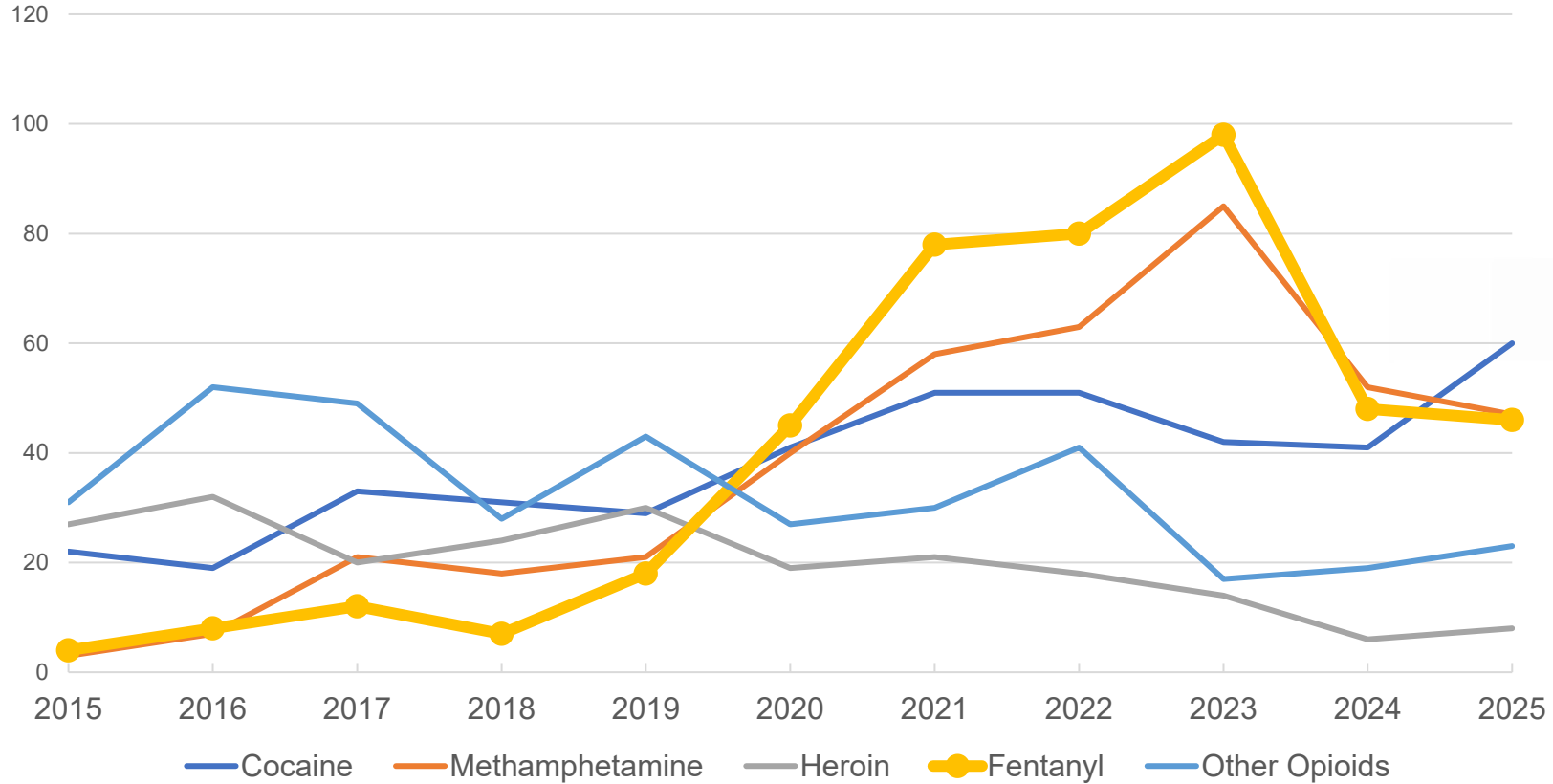
*Includes deaths with underlying causes of unintentional drug poisoning (X40–X44), suicide drug poisoning (X60–X64), homicide drug poisoning (X85), or drug poisoning of undetermined intent (Y10–Y14), as coded in the International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision. ^Illicitly manufactured fentanyl. Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. Multiple Cause of Death 1999-2023 on CDC WONDER Online Database, released 1/2025.

OUD Epidemic In Texas

- Drug Poisoning death rates in Texas have increased >75% over the last 5 years
- From **9.4 deaths** / 100,000 in 2017 to **15.8 deaths** / 100,000 in 2021
- Synthetic opioids are responsible for the rise in deaths



Drug-Related Deaths El Paso, TX



“other opioids” include: buprenorphine, codeine, hydrocodone, hydromorphone, methadone, morphine, mitragynine, opiate (unspecified), oxycodone, oxymorphone, and tramadol.

Source: El Paso County Office of the Medical Examiner
<https://www.epcounty.com/Archive.aspx?AMID=36>

Objective:

To decrease opioid-related deaths in El Paso County, TX



Strategic Interventions

- Harm Reduction
- Education
- Linkage to Care
- Data Analytics





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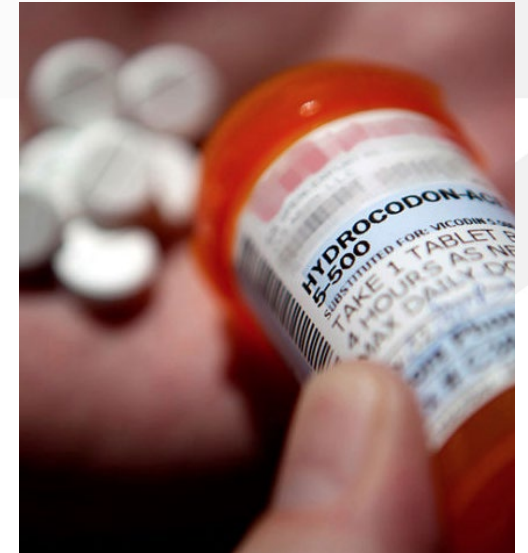
Core Strategies

Harm Reduction

- Availability of Naloxone
- Availability of Detera Drug Deactivation bags
- Take Back Program
- Training on use of Naloxone
- Prevention misuse of opioids



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Harm Reduction

- 534 Post-overdose responses
- 41 Community Outreach events
- 1,538 Nasal Naloxone doses
- 95 Registered Naloxone/AED cabinets



Naloxone/AED Cabinets

- (1) Animal Services
- (2) City Hall
- (22) Community Centers
- (7) Environmental Services
- (4) Fire Admin
- (5) Health Clinics
- (13) Libraries
- (2) Museum
- (5) Police Regional Command Centers
- (8) Sun Metro Transfer Centers
- (6) WIC Clinics
- (7) Zoo

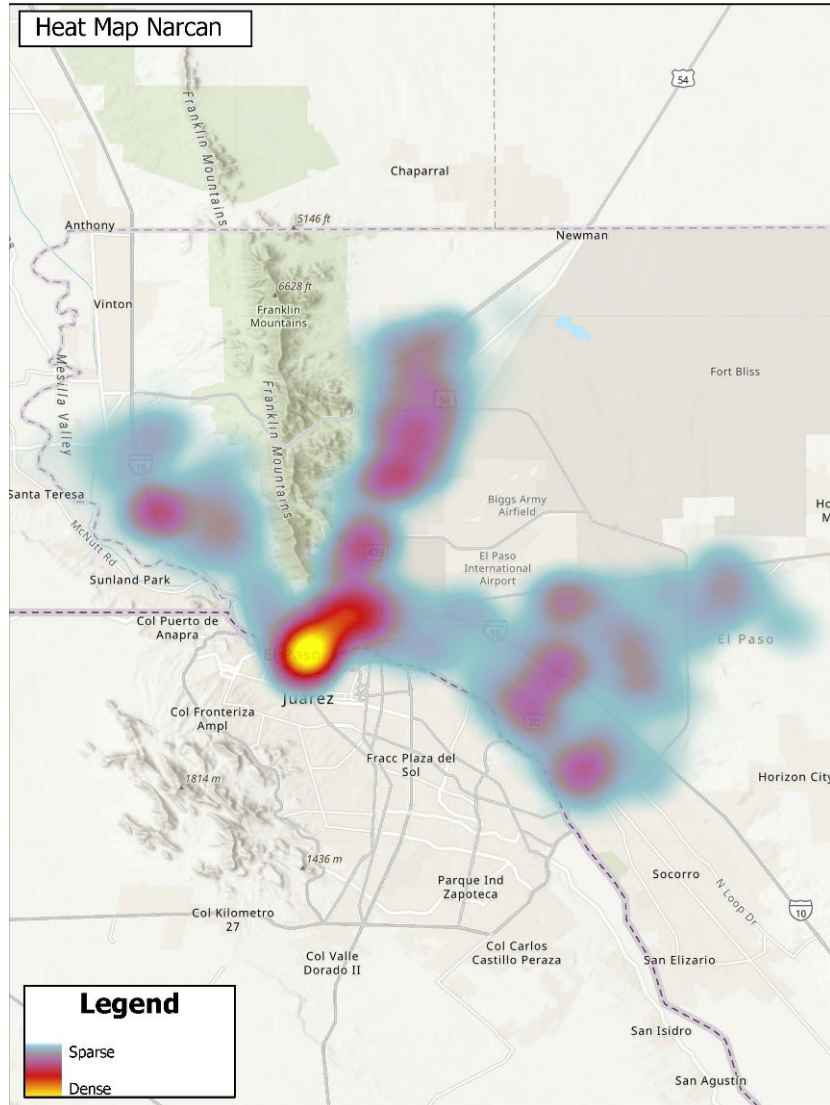


Harm Reduction

- Since 2021 El Paso PD has received and distributed Narcan Kits
- Narcan distribution began with the Narcotics Unit but gradually expanded to all Patrol Division
- By 2024, the collaboration between PD and FD made possible the distribution of over 1,100 Narcan Kits to sworn personnel



Naloxone Point of Dispensing



District 1

- Mobile Unit

District 3

- El Paso Community Clinic (4240 Alameda Ave)

District 4

- Areves E. Jones Transit Center (9348 Dyer)

District 7

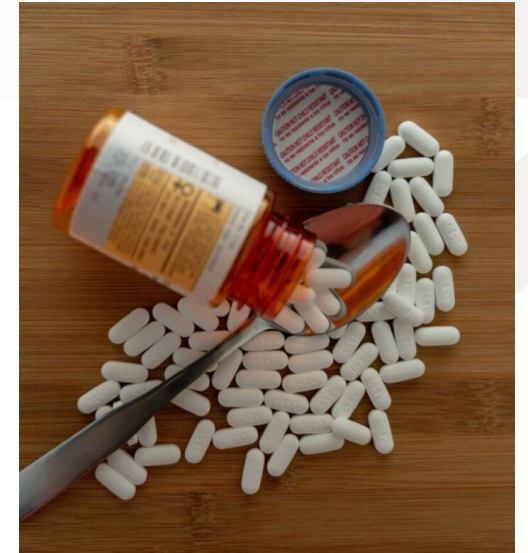
- Nestor Valencia Mission Valley (9055 Alameda)
- Judge Marquez Library Branch (610 Yarbrough)

District 8

- Bert William Transfer Center (601 Santa Fe)
- San Jacinto Plaza Visitor Center (112 W. Mills)

Education

- Expand training for first responders
- Continuing Education for Medical providers on best practices for Rx Opioids
- Expand training on overdoses to non-traditional stakeholders



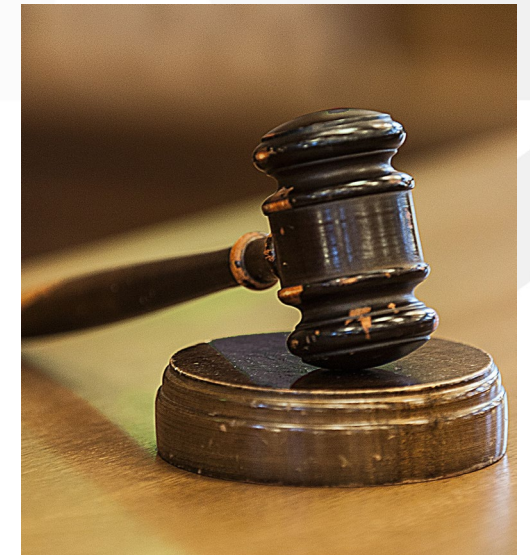
Education

- Since 2018 the El Paso Police Academy has generated six Naloxone Training Bulletins for sworn personnel.
- Ongoing education on SUD to all sworn personnel.
- The El Paso PD continues to provide Public Awareness Presentations across our community.
- Coordination with the Humanitarian Engagement Action Response Team (HEART) initiative, to educate the homeless population.



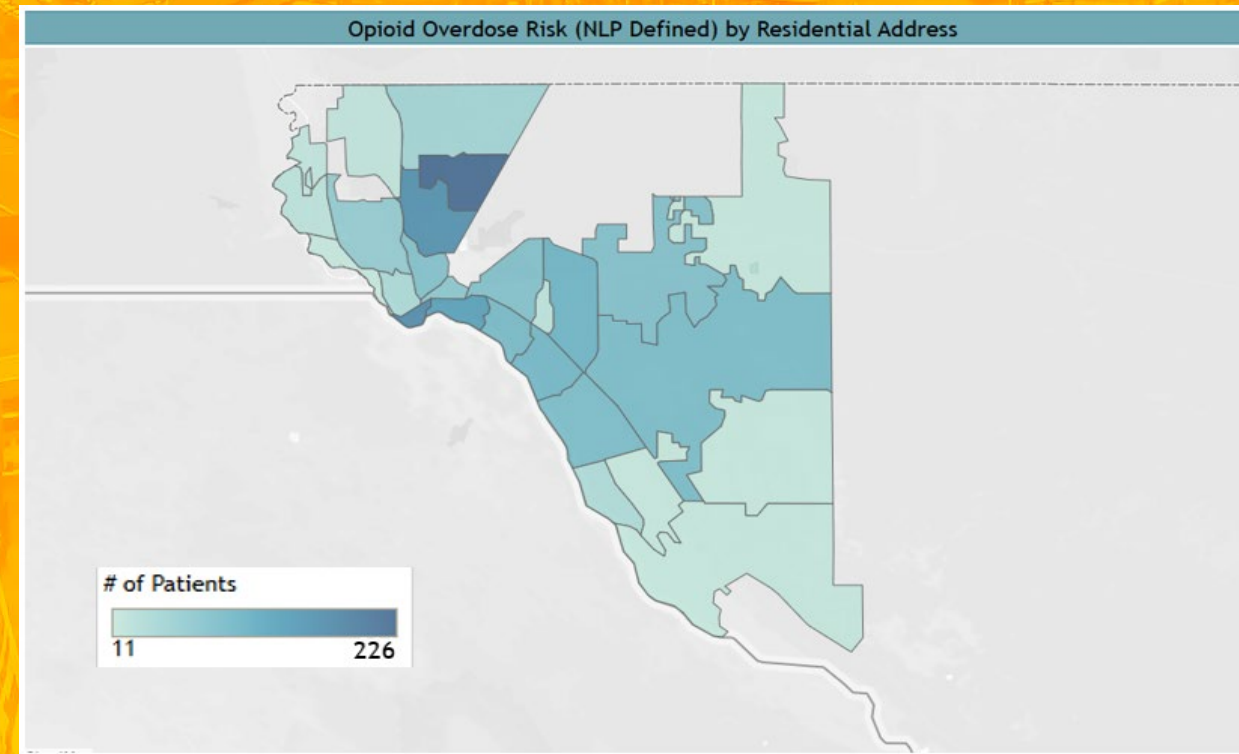
Linkage to Care

- Navigation services for people with SUD
- Support people with SUD to continue in recovery programs
- Address the needs of people involved in the criminal justice system
- Collaborate with faith-based groups and other organizations providing treatment for SUD



Data Analytics

- Collect and analyze relevant data on overdoses, fatalities and other variables related to SUD
- Report data to the public
- Implement data-driven interventions
- Expand collaboration
- Research opportunities



Budget

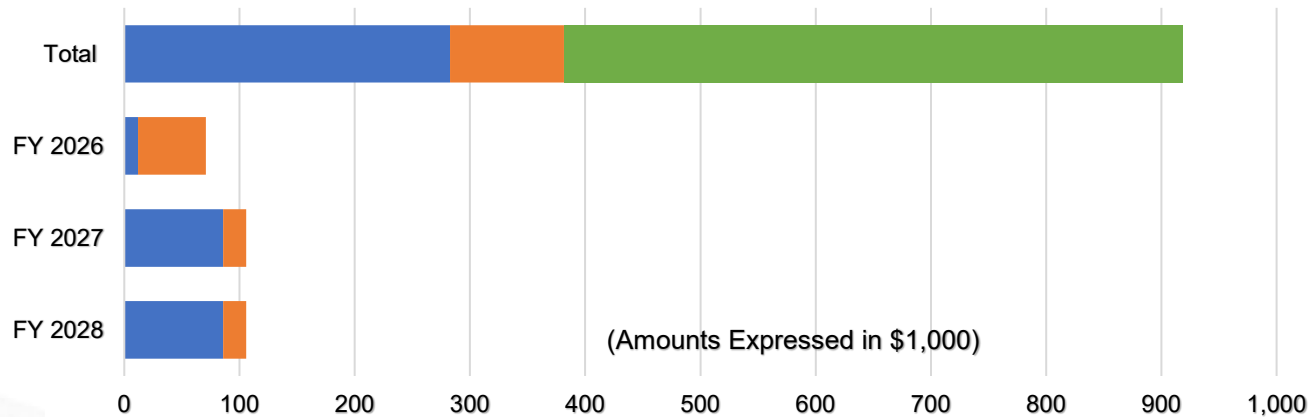
Data Analytics

OUD Surveillance System (in procurement).

- ❖ Analytics infrastructure
- ❖ Close-loop referrals
- ❖ Case Management

Expenditures and Uncommitted Funding

Opioid Settlement Funds



	FY 2028	FY 2027	FY 2026	Total
Education	\$85.90	\$85.90	\$11.90	\$282.70
Data Analytics	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$58.86	\$98.86
Uncommitted Funds				\$536.92

■ Education ■ Data Analytics ■ Uncommitted Funds



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