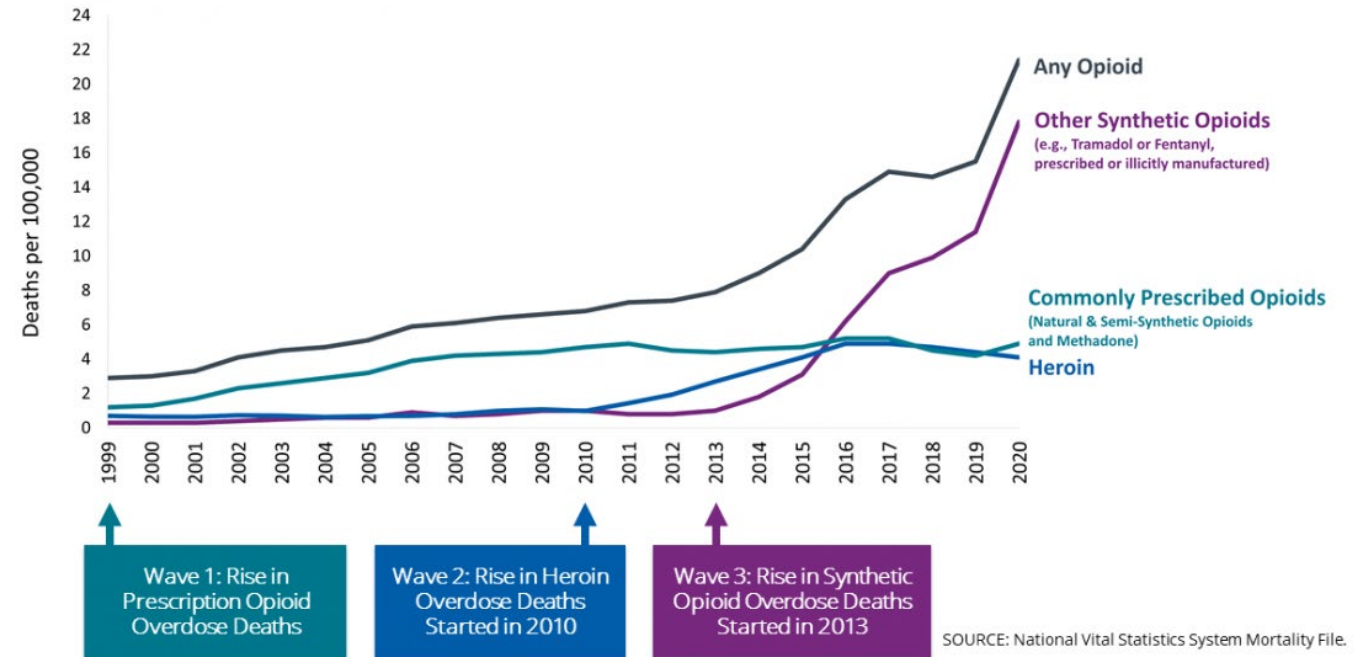


Opioid Crisis in the Kansas City Region

February 28, 2023



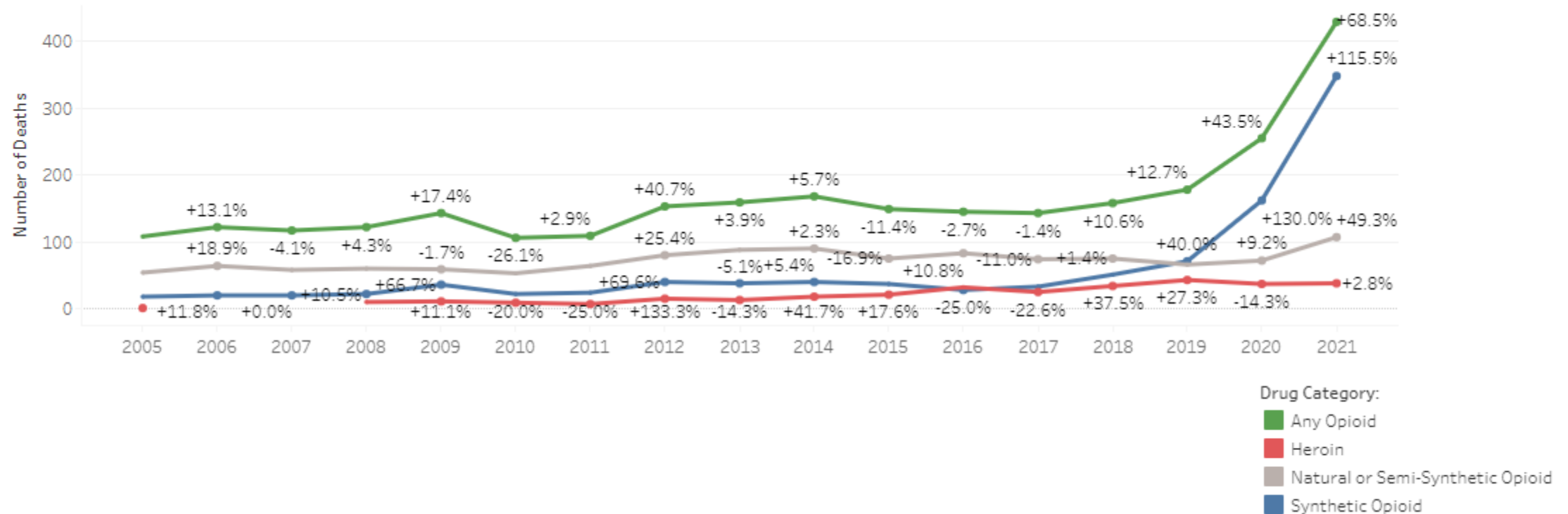
Three Waves of Opioid Overdose Deaths



In Kansas, overdose deaths by synthetic opioids increased **116%** between 2020 and 2021.

Kansas Overdose Data Dashboard: Statewide Deaths

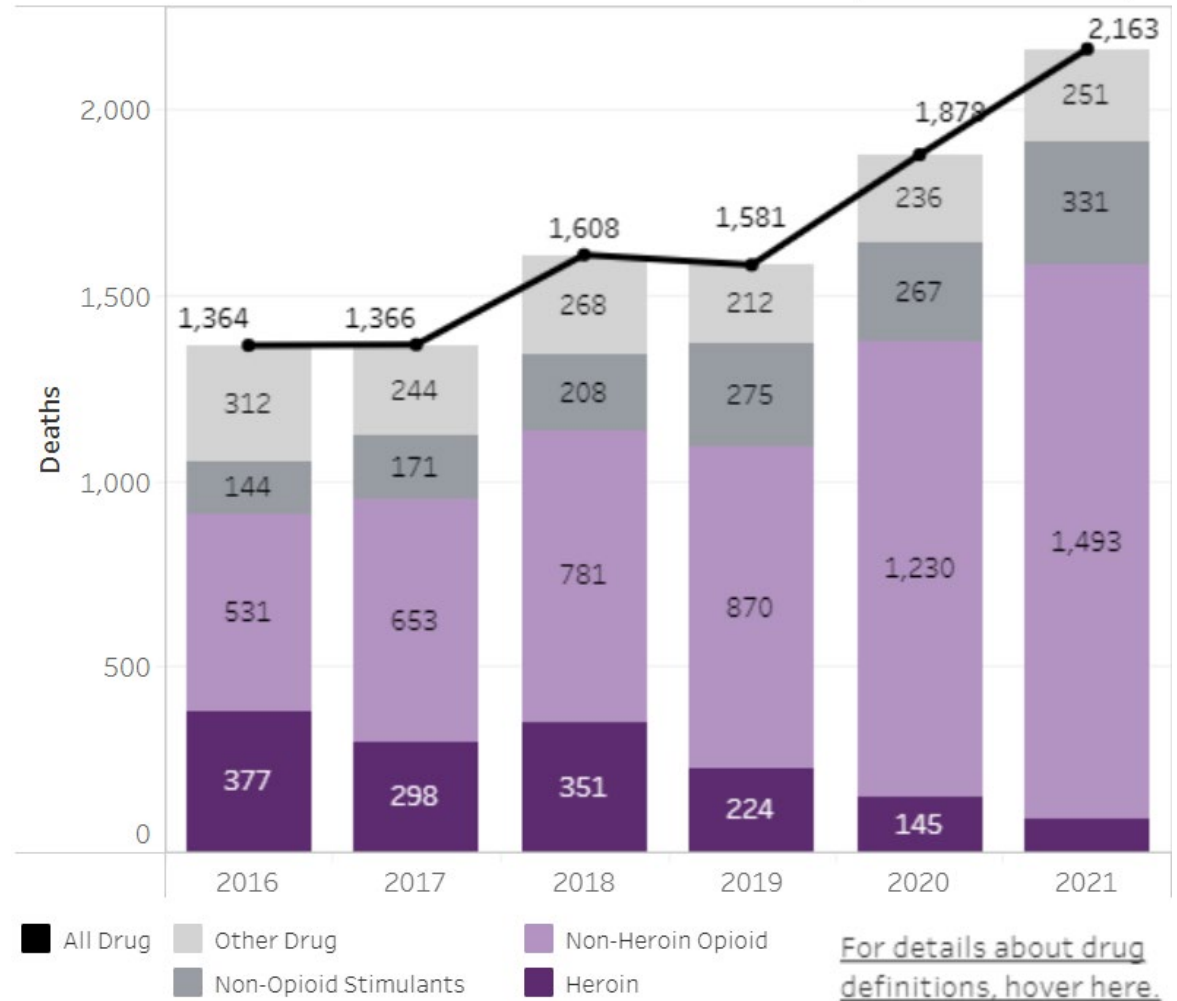
Kansas Any Opioid, Heroin, Natural or Semi-Synthetic Opioid and 1 more Overdose Death Totals and Percent Change by Year, 2005-2021



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Missouri Resident Overdose Deaths

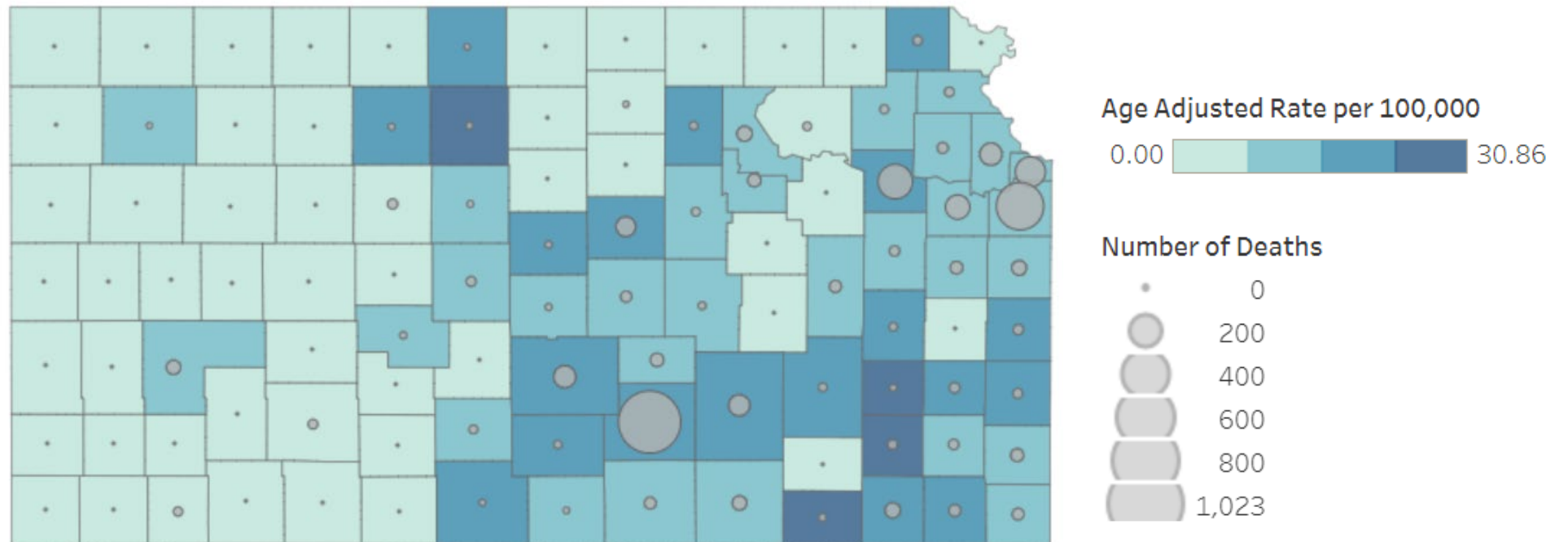
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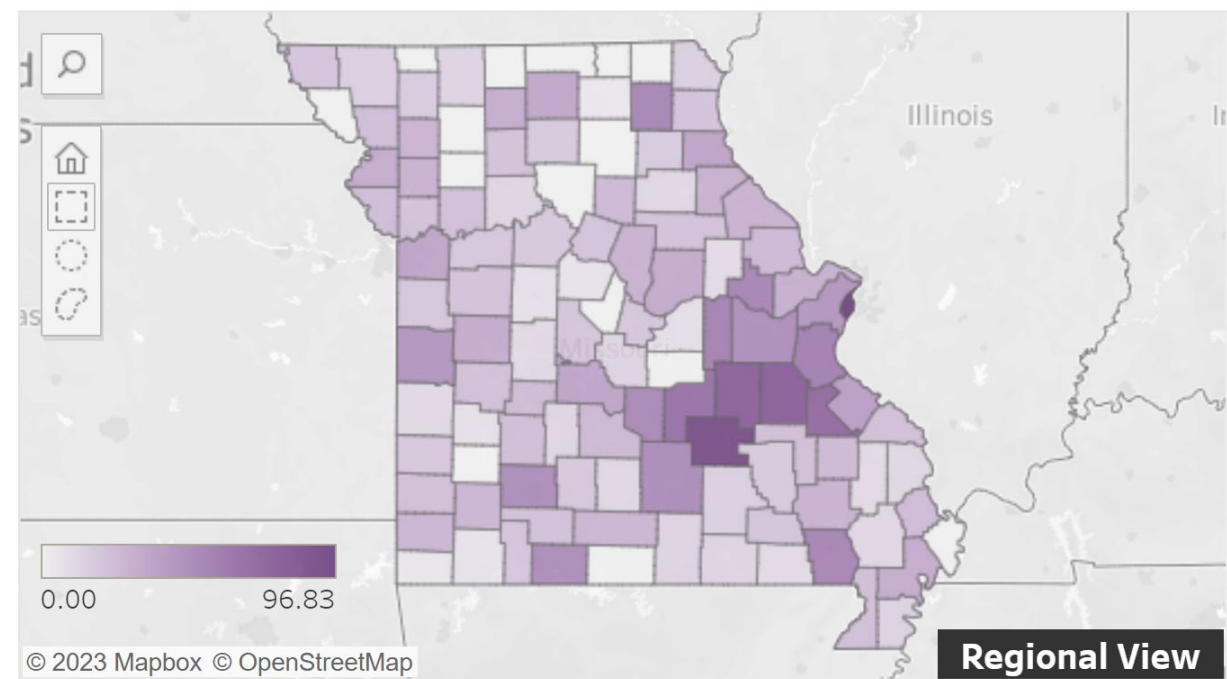
Kansas Overdose Data Dashboard: Deaths by County, 2012-2021

Kansas 10-Year-Average All Drug Overdose Mortality Rates by County

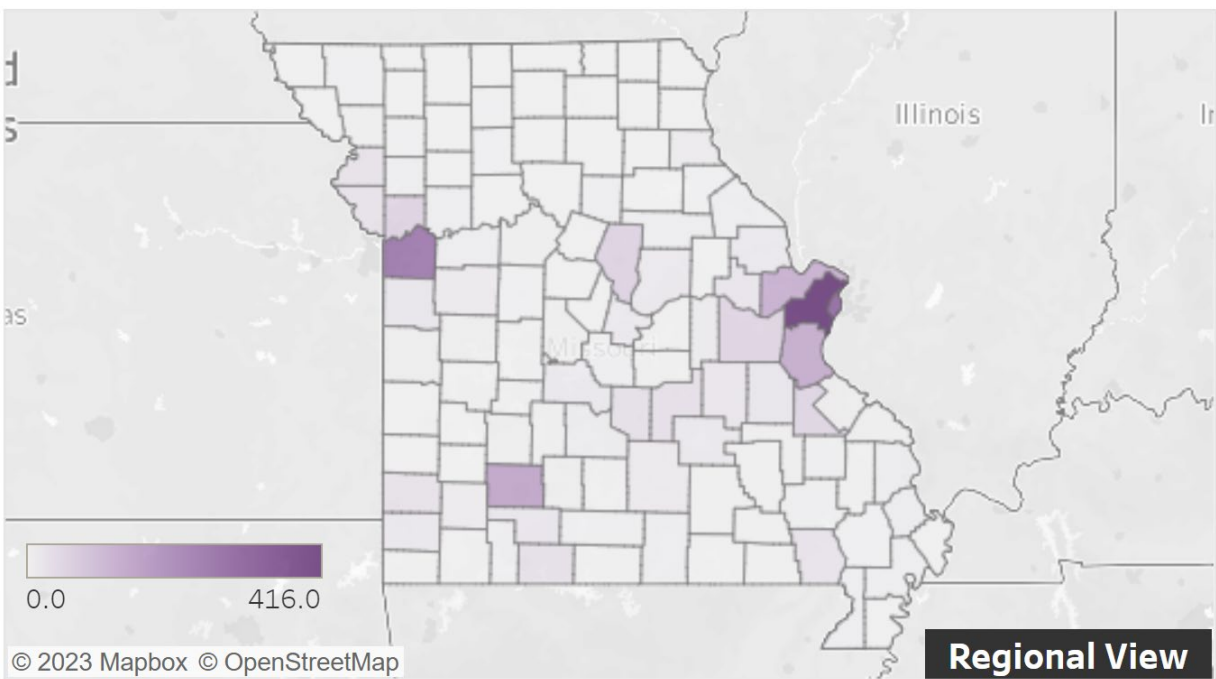


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All Drug Overdose Mortality Rates in Missouri
(Year: 2021)



All Drug Overdose Mortality Counts in Missouri
(Year: 2021)



Opioid Settlement Funds

Kansas (\$45M)

- Johnson County- approx. \$3M
- Unified Government- approx. \$3M

Missouri (\$458M)

- Clay County- approx. \$1.4M
- Jackson County- approx. \$13M
- Kansas City- approx. \$15M

A Summary of Expert Recommendations for

Utilizing Opioid Settlement Funds



JACKSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT



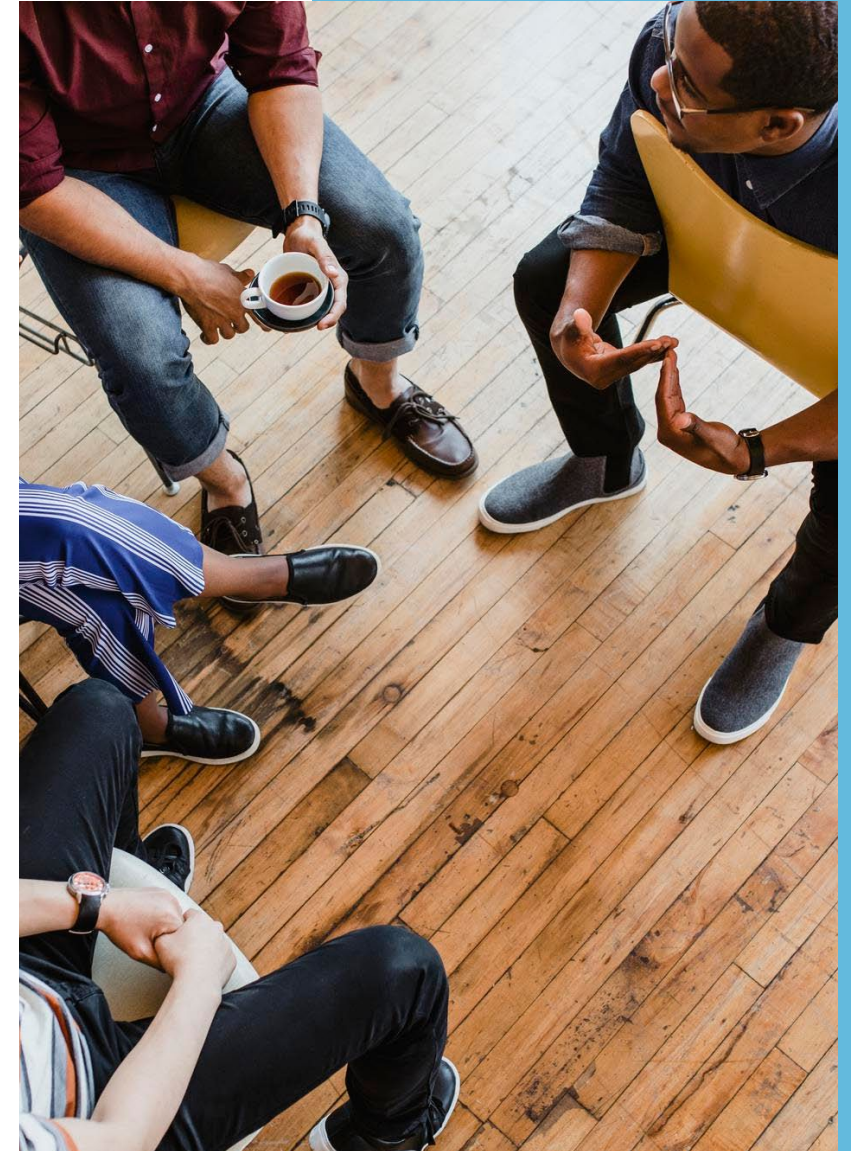
Guiding Principles

- Saving Lives
- Focus on Equity
- Evidence-Based Action
- Systems Efficiency & Collaboration
- Improving Data Systems & Capacity

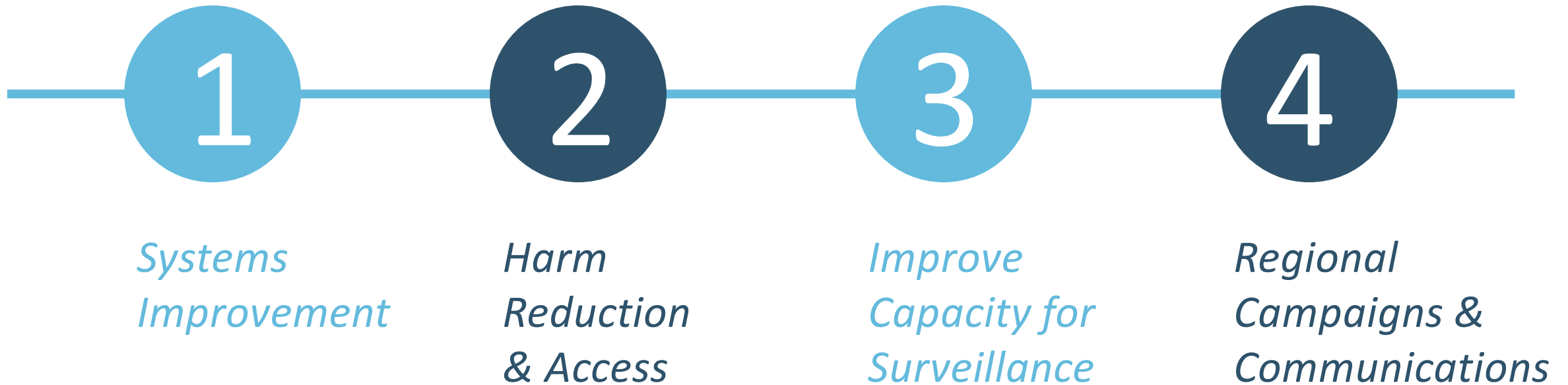


Considerations

- Determine areas of need
- Collect input from groups that touch different parts of the plan
- Ensure there is representation that reflects the diversity of affected communities when allocating funds
- Determine a comprehensive plan that allows for innovative methodologies and a system to evaluate strategies



Four Priority Areas



01

PRIORITY AREA ONE

Systems Improvement

- Improve coordination and collaborations among substance use disorder providers, organizations, and government partners
- Convene a diverse group of stakeholders, including those with lived experience
- Complete a systems mapping exercise to identify the most effective portfolio of solutions for action

02.

PRIORITY AREA TWO

Harm Reduction & Access

- Increase community-based distribution of naloxone
- Increase community-based distribution of safer use supplies and low-threshold care
- Set up a bulk purchasing fund to procure naloxone and Medications Assisted Treatment (MAT) at lower prices
- Provide naloxone training, MAT access, and related care for people who are involved in the criminal legal system
- Invest in community development and safety net programs, and remove abstinence-only conditions that further punish drug use

03.

PRIORITY AREA THREE

Improve Capacity for Surveillance

- Improve surveillance systems to capture non-fatal and fatal overdose data in real-time
- Work with healthcare providers to establish a data-sharing platform to collect data on overdose events
- Establish a regional wastewater surveillance program to track near real-time opioid misuse data

04.

PRIORITY AREA FOUR

Regional Campaigns & Communications

- Create a regional campaign and communications plan to address stigma and misconceptions around drug use and treatment, both in the general public and among clinicians
- Implement a campaign to reduce stigma related to drug use/addiction
- Implement a campaign to provide education on naloxone and where it can be accessed
- Implement a campaign to reduce stigma surrounding MAT for medical professionals and students



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