



STATEWIDE COUNCIL ON OPIOID ABATEMENT

MEETING PACKET



Combating the Opioid Epidemic

See how the State of Florida is serving communities by supporting prevention, treatment, and recovery efforts statewide.

March 11, 2025

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Statewide Council on Opioid Abatement

Meeting Agenda

March 11, 2025

2:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. EST

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Council Members

Attorney General James Uthmeier
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Delegate Chair

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| 2:00 – 2:05 | Welcome and Roll Call
LaDarius Gammage, MPH, Abatement Council Staff Liaison for Statewide Council on Opioid Abatement |
| 2:05 – 2:10 | Call Meeting to Order & Meeting Minutes Approval from October 30, 2024
Sheriff Dennis M. Lemma, Delegate Chair |
| 2:10 – 2:20 | Direction of the Statewide Council on Opioid Abatement
James Uthmeier, Attorney General |
| 2:20 – 2:40 | Fiscal Year 2025 Citrus County Opioid Settlement Funds
Todd Hockert, Citrus County |
| 2:40 – 3:00 | City of Jacksonville Opioid Settlement Funds Strategic Approach
Laura Viafora Ray, Jacksonville Fire Department and Rescue |
| 3:00 – 3:30 | The ATRAC Program
Dr. Samantha Thompson, ACE Medical – Jacksonville |
| 3:30 – 3:50 | State of the State: 2024 Florida's Opioid Recovery Efforts
Erica Floyd Thomas, Assistant Secretary for Substance Abuse and Mental Health Department of Children and Families |
| 3:50 – 3:55 | Public Comment |
| 3:55 – 4:00 | Closing Remarks
Sheriff Dennis M. Lemma, Delegate Chair |



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Statewide Council on Opioid Abatement

Virtual Meeting Minutes

October 30, 2024

1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M. EST

1:00 P.M. – Welcome and Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Designee Sheriff Dennis Lemma. Roll call was taken by Aaron Platt.

Attendance Summary:

Sheriff Dennis Lemma, Chair Delegate
Erica Floyd Thomas for Secretary Shevaun Harris
Amy Ronshausen
Major Todd Shear
Tara Wilde for Sheriff Robert Hardwick
Commissioner Chris Dougherty
Commissioner Lee Constantine
Commissioner Kathleen Peters

Approval of September 19, 2024, Minutes

The minutes for the September 19, 2024, meeting were approved with no opposition.

Annual Legislative Report

Chair Lemma discussed the implementation of the various strategies used to address opioid abatement that have been implemented in counties and municipalities across the State of Florida. The chair provided a high-level review of the eleven recommendations included in the draft report that address substance use and co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders.

Council Member Lee Constantine expressed concern with media reports suggesting Opioid Settlement dollars are being utilized to combat Amendment 3. Chair Lemma emphasized that Amendment 3 has not been discussed by this Council and reminded Council members that the Opioid Trust Fund has \$18 million allocated for primary prevention and media campaigns.

Final Vote on 2024 Statewide Council on Opioid Abatement Report

Council Member Peters motioned to approve the report with Council Member Dougherty providing a second. The motion carried with all members voting in favor.

Public Comment

Lenette Serlo, Founder of Generation O, a national organization for opioid exposed children, discussed her family's experience with neonatal exposed children, and the organization.

John Newcomer, CEO of South Florida Behavioral Health Network, commented that Florida needs to ensure the state can demonstrate that the utilization of opioid funds actually mitigates the opioid epidemic.

Closing Remarks

Chair Lemma provided closing remarks.

Meeting adjourned at 1:43 P.M. EST



FY 2025 Citrus County Opioid Settlement Funds

March 2025

History & Process



- December 12, 2023, Lutheran Services of Florida (LSF) presented information on the Opioid Settlement Funds to the Citrus Board of County Commissioners (BOCC)
- Commissioners authorized Citrus County Opioid Task Force take the lead in reviewing, prioritizing to fill the gaps in the community.
- Subcommittee was established.
- Projects were reviewed, discussed, and voted on by the subcommittee members.
- Approved projects were then forwarded to LSF for executing purchase orders and contracts.



Citrus County Opioid Task Force and LSF Health Systems - A Partnership to Mitigate the Opioid Crisis

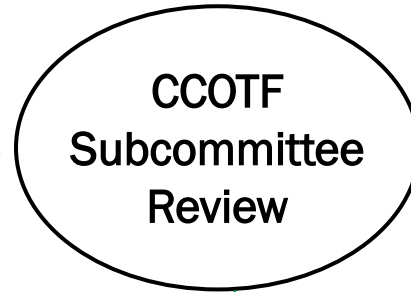
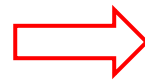
- LSF Health Systems, the Behavioral Health Managing Entity was given the responsibility to assist counties in the planning, contracting and disbursement of Opioid Settlement funds.
- Through this partnership the roles and responsibilities were determined to create an efficient and responsive process.
 - **LSF Health Systems**
 - Provide Technical Assistance on allowable use of funds
 - Executed Purchase Orders for approved vendors based on approved projects
 - Pays invoices, tracks and reconciles expenditures
 - Available to assist the County with administrative requirements such as data reporting and Implementation Plans

Subcommittee

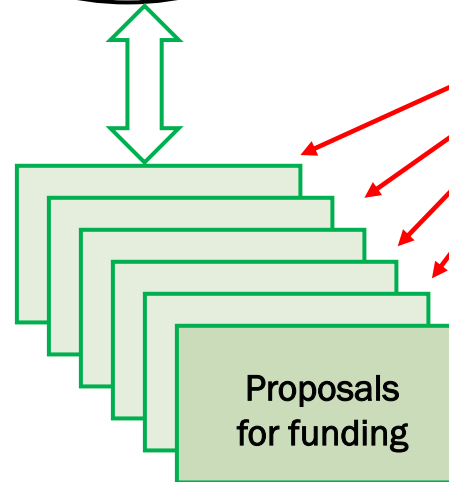
- Important to have representation from those working with individuals with substance use disorders.
 - Behavioral Health Providers
 - Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Providers
 - Coordinated Opioid Recovery network (CORE)
 - Citizens
 - Dept of Health
 - Board of County Commissioners
 - Law Enforcement



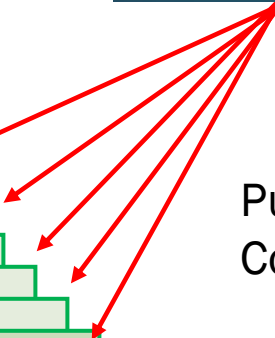
Process



Approved



Purchase Orders
Contracts



How We Started

- Challenges and gaps identified by task force members during monthly meetings.
- Goals for the dollars were to go to agencies that developed one-time programs or expanded services. (Exhibit A & B)
- Scope of work: treatment and recovery service, MAT, school age prevention, wrap around services, and expanded services.



Measures and Outcomes



- Several of the programs are still in the process of being implemented.
- Outcome data is collected by the managing entity through the scope of work. Invite recipients to report at future task force meetings.

Future Plans

- Working with managing entity for future funding.
- 100% of funding goes towards projects, no administrative fees are coming from the dollars.
- Continue to develop and increase in-county resources and support.





Approved Projects and Status



Provider	Project/Service	FY23/24 Funding
Citrus Fire Rescue	Continue CORE for community paramedics and MAT services	\$ 109,300.00
Eckard's Connect's E-Nini-Hassee	Relapse prevention and counseling	\$ 121,879.00
Langley Health System	Adding additional staff to expand services for opioid use disorder	\$ 271,296.00
Anti-Drug Coalition of Citrus County	Bring the program "Protect Your Game" from substance abuse in the Citrus County Schools	\$ 19,560.00
Operation PAR	Supplement medication assisted treatment funding	\$ 720,025.00
Zero Hour Life Center	Respite services for individuals in need of treatment for opioid use disorder or other substance use disorder – safe housing, peer support and case management to connect to treatment	\$ 230,670.00



Approved Projects and Status



Provider	Project/Service	FY 23/24 Funding
Citrus County Children's Advocacy Center	Treatment of trauma for youth individuals with OUD and family members	\$113,616.00

Contact Information

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City of Jacksonville Opioid Settlement Funds Strategic Approach

March 11, 2025



Presenter

Laura Viafora Ray, MPH, CPH
Program Coordinator - Opioid Abatement
Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department

Office of Opioid Abatement

- Established in 2023
- Manager of Opioid Abatement and Program Coordinator - Opioid Abatement
- Purview:
 - Opioid Settlement Proceeds Grants (OSPG) Program
 - Opioid and Substance Use Disorder (OSUD) Grants Committee
 - Coordinated Opioid Recovery (CORe)
 - Interlocal agreement
 - Outreach
 - Data
 - Reporting

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Opioid and Substance Use Disorder (OSUD) Grants Committee

Composition

- Healthcare Professional (2)
- Mental Health Professional (2)
- Peer Specialist (2)
- Health Administrator or Medical Director of the Florida Department of Health, Duval County (1)

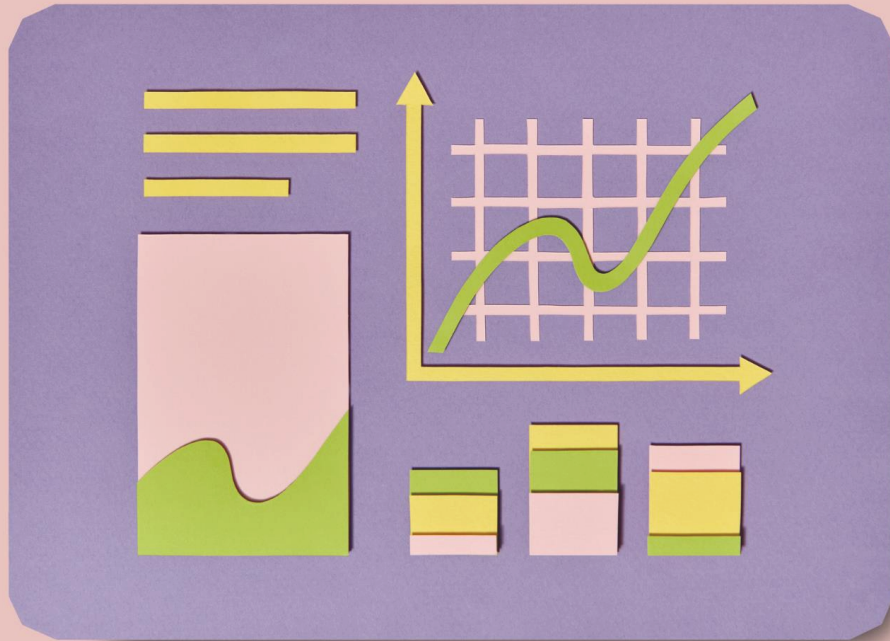
Functions & Responsibilities

- Review and assess community needs for programs and services related to the opioid epidemic
- Review, evaluate, and score each Opioid Settlement Proceeds Grant application Award

Opioid Settlement Proceeds Grants (OSPG) Program

- Opioid Settlement Proceeds Funded Categories
 - Prevention
 - Treatment
 - Recovery Support
- Eligibility
 - Providing services in Duval County for Duval County residents
 - In operation for a minimum of three years at time of application
 - Providing services related to the prevention, treatment, and/or recovery support for those with opioid use disorder and co-occurring substance use disorder or mental health conditions
- Application Process

Post-Award Activities



- Contracts and Purchase Orders
- Financial Reporting
- Quarterly Progress Reports
- Site Monitoring and Visits

FY 2023-2024 OSPG Program

- \$6.023 million budget
 - Individual program budgets ranged from ~ \$20,000 to \$500,000
- 24 programs across 19 agencies:
 - Prevention (10)
 - Treatment (6)
 - Recovery Support (8)

FY 2023-2024 OSPG Programs

Scope of Services - Prevention Examples

Youth	Screenings	Resource Campaign
After-school program to help young people develop healthy decision-making attitudes and skills and enhance their knowledge to prevent substance misuse, implemented across 45 sites, reaching more than 2,750 unduplicated youth	Hosted 30+ community outreach events where 200+ individuals were screened with evidence-based tools to identify individuals at risk for opioid use disorder and connect them to resources and services	Mailed postcards with information on Take Back Day, One Pill Can Kill, 988 Crisis Line, reached 400,000+ households in metro Jacksonville area

FY 2023-2024 OSPG Programs

Scope of Services - Treatment Examples

Mobile Units	Uninsured	Unhoused/Housing Insecure
Focused outreach in high-risk zip codes to enroll ~ 50 new clients into long-term addiction care	Provided 300+ uninsured patients with Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD)	30+ received MOUD and were connected to case management services and linked to resources such as primary care, health insurance, Medicaid, and SSI/SSD

FY 2023-2024 OSPG Programs

Scope of Services - Recovery Support Examples

Transportation	Justice-Involved	Supportive Housing
<p>Treatment center utilized UberHealth to provide transportation to MOUD treatment and counseling appointments 400+ patients</p>	<p>Provided workforce development, job placement services, and other recovery support services to 1,200+ justice-involved individuals</p> <p>130 clients also received recovery support housing</p>	<p>Multiple programs provided recovery or transitional housing support in conjunction with other recovery support services</p> <p>Many housing programs staffed by Certified Recovery Peer Specialists</p>

FY 2024-2025 OSPG Program

- \$5.069 million budget
 - Individual program budgets ranged from ~ \$122,000 to \$500,000
- 14 programs across 9 agencies:
 - Prevention (6)
 - Treatment (4)
 - Recovery Support (4)
- 8 programs re-awarded from FY 23-24, and 6 were newly awarded

Goals & Priorities

Improving OSPG Program processes

Sustainability and viability of OSPG Program

Identifying gaps in services needed in the community and underserved populations

Transparency and accountability to stakeholders



Thank You



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The ATRAC Program

Samantha Thompson, PharmD

ACE Medical

March 11, 2025

Disclosures

- Dr. Samantha Thompson has nothing to disclose at this time.



ACE MEDICAL

ACE Medical: A Strategic Approach to Opioid Abatement

March 2024-September 2024

Our Mission

- ACE Medical has been serving the Duval County community for over a decade utilizing a tailored patient-centered approach.
- This agency is proud to offer care that includes internal medicine, geriatric care, behavioral health, medication assisted treatment (MAT) center, home visits, intensive outpatient programs, after care, and of course opioid preventative, supportive and treatment strategies.
- This agency prioritizes continuous preventative and supportive care for all patients and families surviving opioid use, abuse, and addiction via in person and through technology.

Our Community

- Dedicated to treating addiction, ACE Medical is proud to serve over 350 patients per month in Jacksonville and St. Augustine, Florida
 - 15-25 patients seen daily
 - Up to 6000 suboxone patients treated annually
 - >200 patients seen pro bono

Funding

- In January of 2024, ACE Medical was awarded funding for **three** grants under the guidance and supervision of the OSUD Grants Committee in Duval County, Florida
- This funding was divided into three subsections:
 - Prevention: \$38,400.00
 - Recovery: \$29,850.00
 - Treatment: \$103,320.00
- In total: **\$171, 570.00** in funding was awarded to ACE Medical to for the ATRAC (Addiction, Treatment, Recovery, Access, and Counseling) Program

Prevention

\$38,400.00 awarded



3 Focus Groups



Middle and High School
Narcan Education



Health Fair Participation



Health Fair Host

Objectives

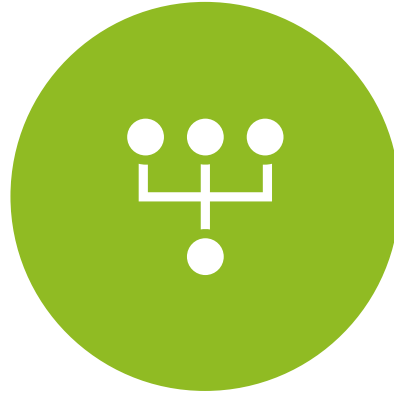


Treatment

:\$103,320.00 awarded in funding



3 FOCUS GROUPS



ATRAC CARE UNIT
(ACU)



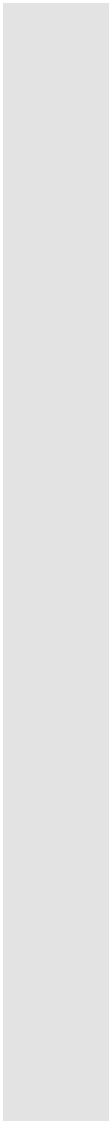
HEALTH FAIR HOST

Objectives



Recovery

\$29,850.00 awarded in
funding





3 FOCUS GROUPS



REMOTE LIFE HEALTH
SUPPORT



REMOTE LIFE HEALTH
MONITORING

Objectives

Data Review

The ATRAC Program

RLH Survey

(Recovery Arm)

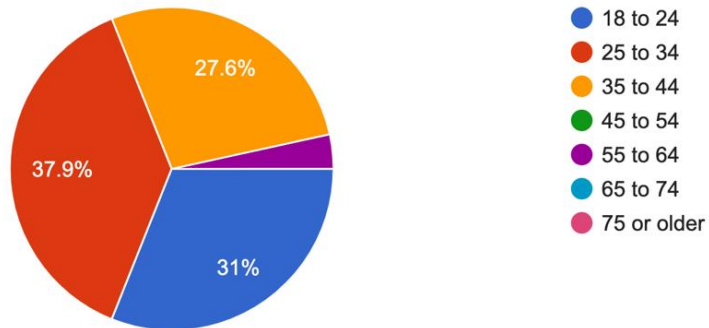
ATRAC Recovery Program

ATRAC RLH Device Assurance Survey

1. On a scale of 1 to 10, how satisfied are you with Remote Life Health (RLH)?
 2. On a scale of 1 to 10, how satisfied are you with communication with our providers using Remote Life Health (RLH)?
 3. On a scale of 1 to 10, how satisfied are you with quality of care given by the healthcare providers?
 4. On a scale of 1 to 10, how satisfied are you with ACE Medical?
 5. On a scale of 1 to 10, how satisfied are you with your device? If you have not received a device please move on to the next question.
 6. On a scale of 1 to 10, how satisfied are you with friendliness of our staff?
 7. Multiple Choice: How did you find us? (Telephone, email, live chat, in person, via social media)
 8. What suggestions do you have for improving your experience with Remote Life Health ?
 9. Would you recommend Remote Life Health to anyone else?
 10. What recommendations do you have for the Remote Life Health application?
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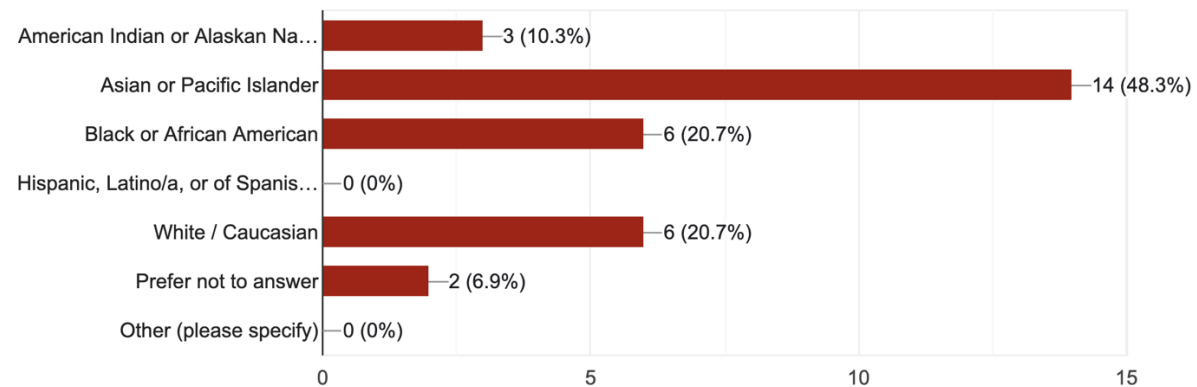
What is your age?

29 responses



What is your ethnicity? (Please select all that apply)

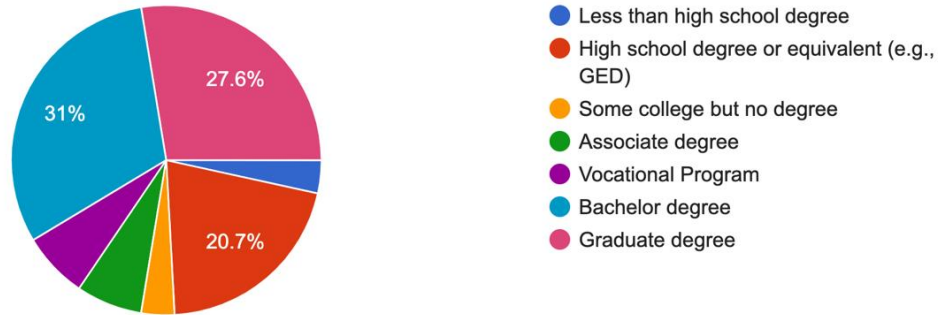
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ACU Pre-Visit Data Review (Treatment Arm)

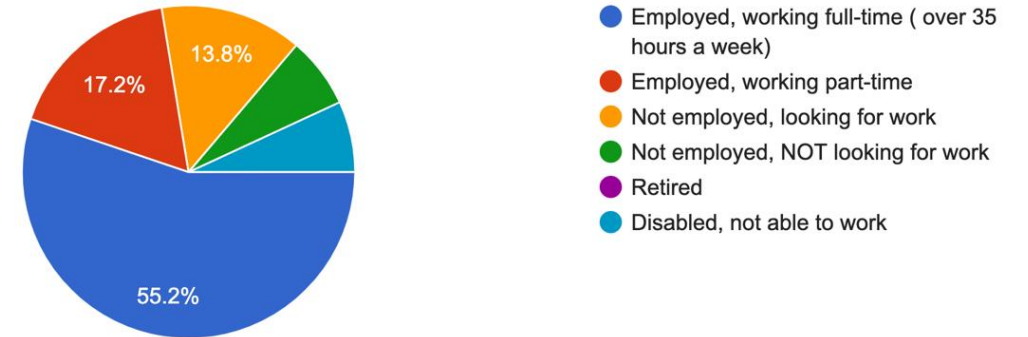
What is the highest level of school you have completed or the highest degree you have received?

29 responses



Which of the following categories best describes your employment status?

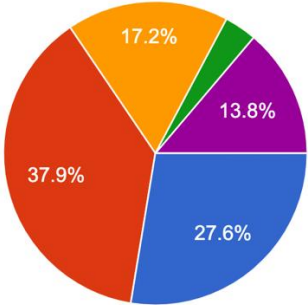
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ACU Pre-Visit Data Review (Treatment Arm)

How satisfied are you with your current living arrangement

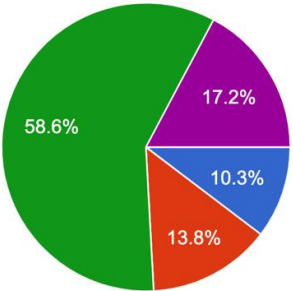
29 responses



- Very satisfied
- Somewhat satisfied
- Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- Somewhat dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied

What are your living arrangements (Past 30 days)?

29 responses

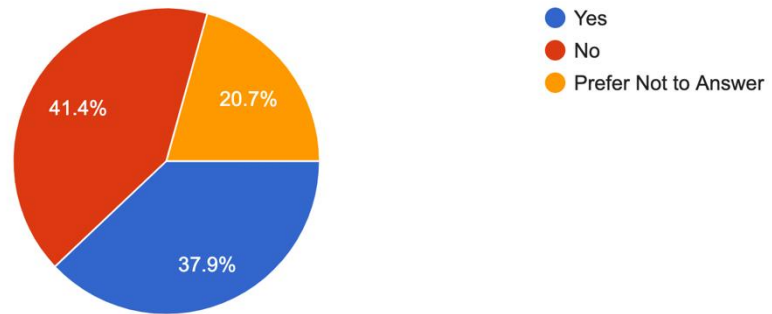


- Shelter
- Street/outdoors
- Institution
- Housed, Owned/Rented House or Apartment
- Housed, Someone Else's House or Apartment
- Residential Treatment/Halfway House
- Other (please specify)

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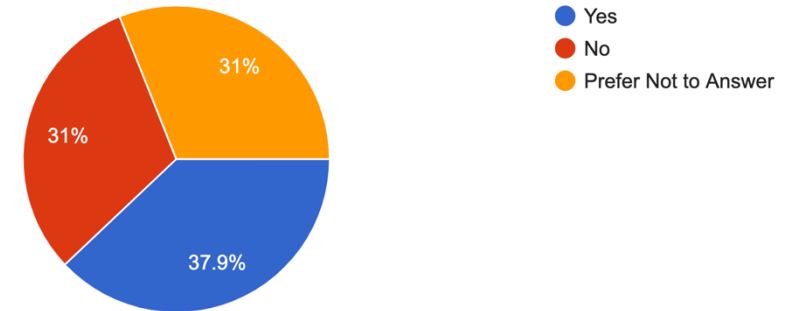
In the past 30 days have you suffered from more than 5 days of anxiety?

29 responses



In the past 30 days have you suffered from more than 5 days of serious depression?

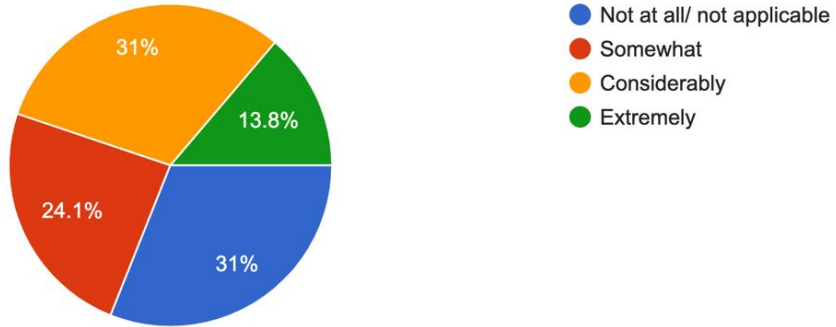
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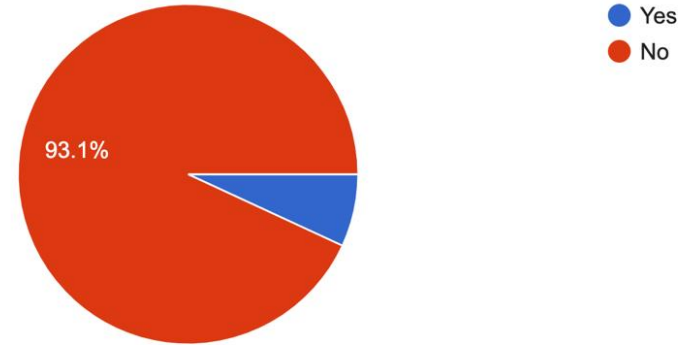
Have you had stress due to substance abuse in past 30 days?

29 responses



Are you currently awaiting trial or sentencing?

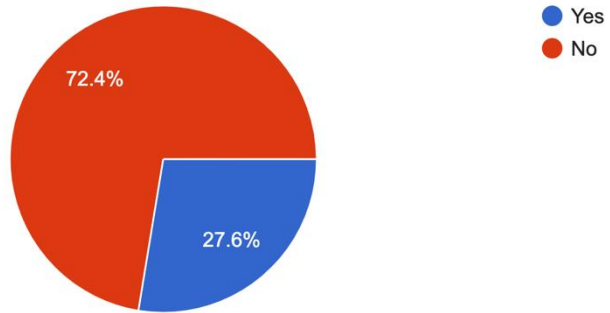
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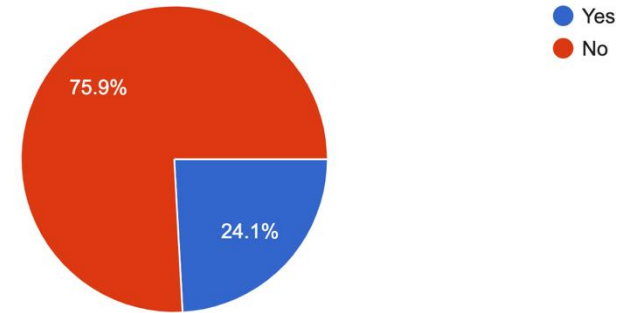
Do you currently have any form of health insurance?

29 responses



Do you currently have a primary care clinic (doctor, nurse provider)?

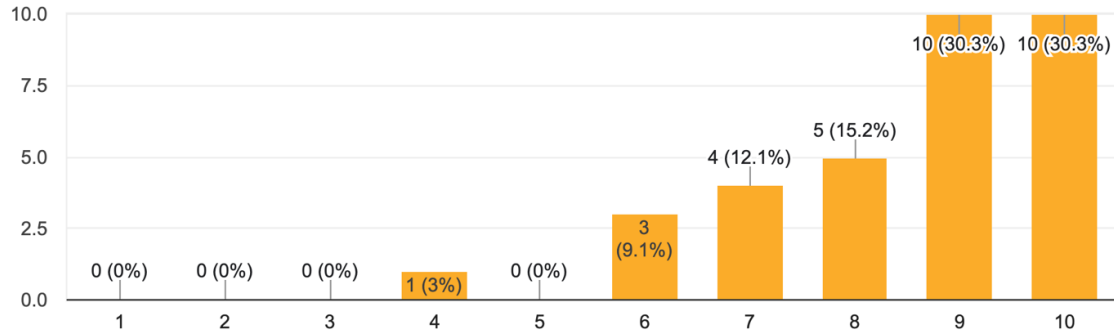
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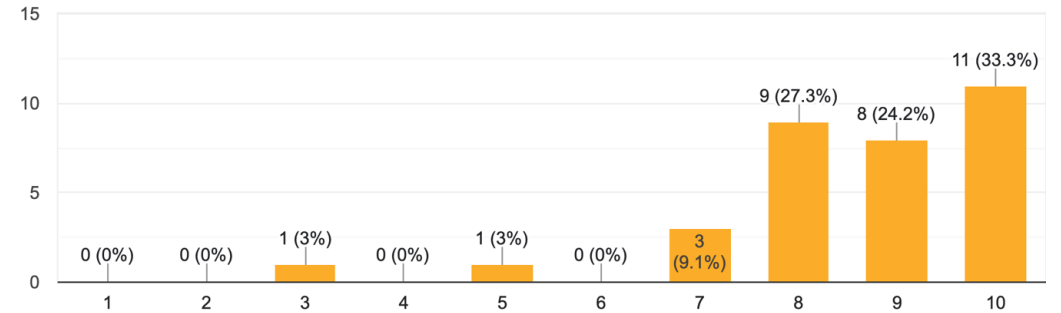
How satisfied are you with our mobile unit?

33 responses



How satisfied are you with quality of care given by the healthcare providers on our mobile unit?

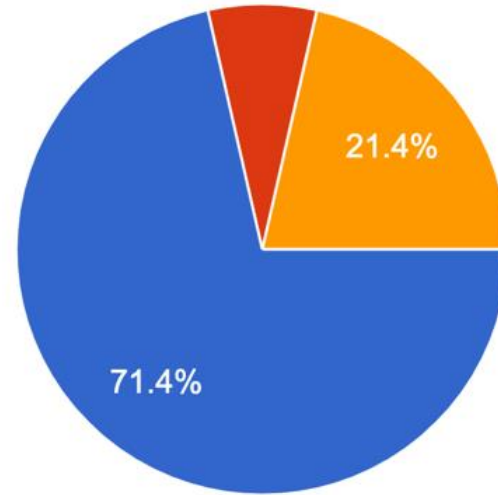
33 responses




ACU Post-Visit Data Review (Treatment Arm)

Would you visit us again on our mobile unit?

42 responses



ACU Post-Visit Data Review
(Treatment Arm)



High and Middle School Outreach

Prevention Arm

5000 Role Model Seminar

Fall 2024



ACE MEDICAL

PRIMARY CARE | ADDICTION MEDICINE | BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

5000 ROLE MODELS

PRESENTS:

OPIOID MISUSE STUDENT PREVENTION SEMINAR

Learn more about the dangers of street opioids,
Narcan use, and much more!



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This program, The ATRAC Program, is funded in whole by the City of Jacksonville through an Opioid Settlement Proceeds Grant

October 2024

Baldwin, Florida





Health Fair Vendor Participation (Prevention Arm)

April-June 2024

Women's Health Symposium

April 2024

- >50 participants
- -Recruitment
- -2 ATRAC Team Members




Woodlawn Presbyterian Health Fair

> 100 participants

>20 vendors

>4 ATRAC team members

Recruitment



Woodlawn
Presbyterian
Church, USA

**HEALTH
FAIR**

Saturday,
March 25th

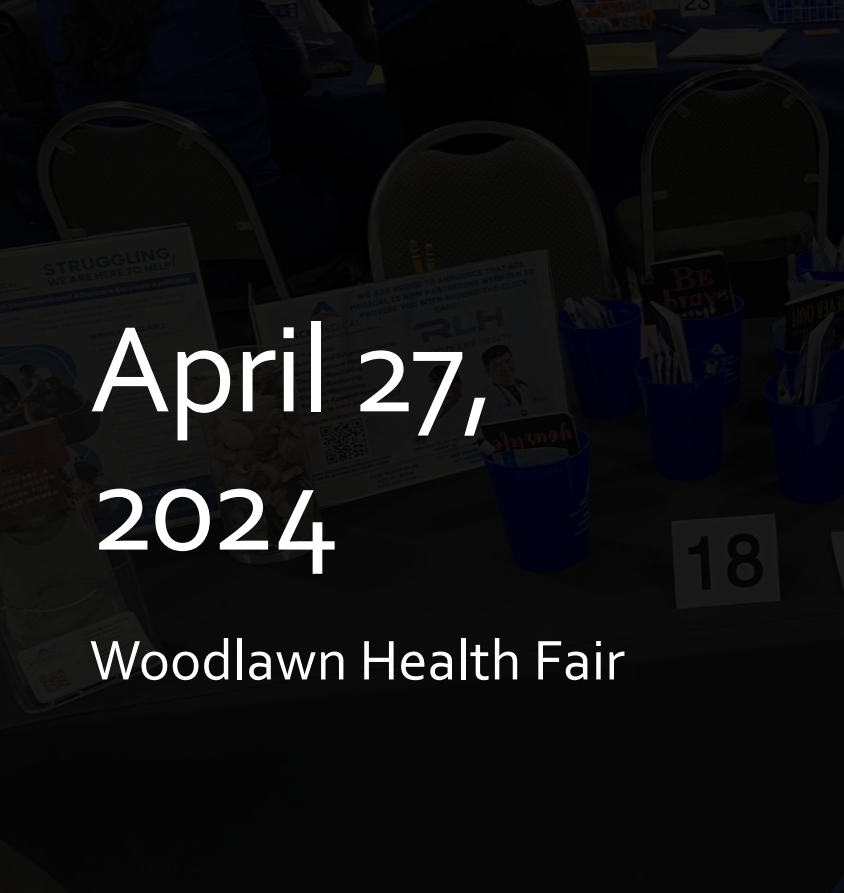
3026 Woodlawn Road
Family Life Center
10:00am - 2:00pm

Spring
Into
Good
Health

Get Free
Screenings &
Information

- *Buddy Bus
- *Mind, body & Spirit
Mental Counseling
- *Blood Pressure Checks
- *Diabetes Awareness
- *Women's Health





Community Health Fair June 8, 2024



Saturday, June 8
At 10AM - 2PM

COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR



Family Life Center

2119 Rowe Ave Jacksonville, FL 32208

At our health fair, you'll have the opportunity to receive:

- Free lunch!
- Free CPR demonstrations!



Community Health Fair

>160 participants

Survey Distribution

3 new patients recruited



ATRAC Hosted Health Fair



Why Attend This Free Event?

Health and Beauty Services: Discover new products and services.

Wellness Products: Explore a variety of wellness options.

Fitness and Nutrition Tips: Learn how to stay healthy and fit.

Mental Health Resources: Access valuable mental health support.

Free HIV and STD Testing: Get tested and know your status.

Fun for the Whole Family!

Food and Refreshments

Live Entertainment

Kids' Activities

Raffles and Prizes



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JACKSONVILLE FL 32216



2 PM-6PM
JUNE 29, 2024

**SPREAD THE WORD: INVITE YOUR FRIENDS, FAMILY,
AND NEIGHBORS.**

ATRAC Health Fair

- >100 participants
- > \$500 in prizes, gift cards, and sponsorships distributed to the community
- > Meals distributed to the community
- >30 vendors
- Survey Distributions





ATRAC Health Fair



Next Steps

- We are committed to continuing our mission to provide consistent wrap around addiction and primary care services
- ACE Medical is continuing our work for opioid abatement



ACE MEDICAL

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STATE OF THE STATE

YEAR IN REVIEW

2024 OPIOID RECOVERY EFFORTS

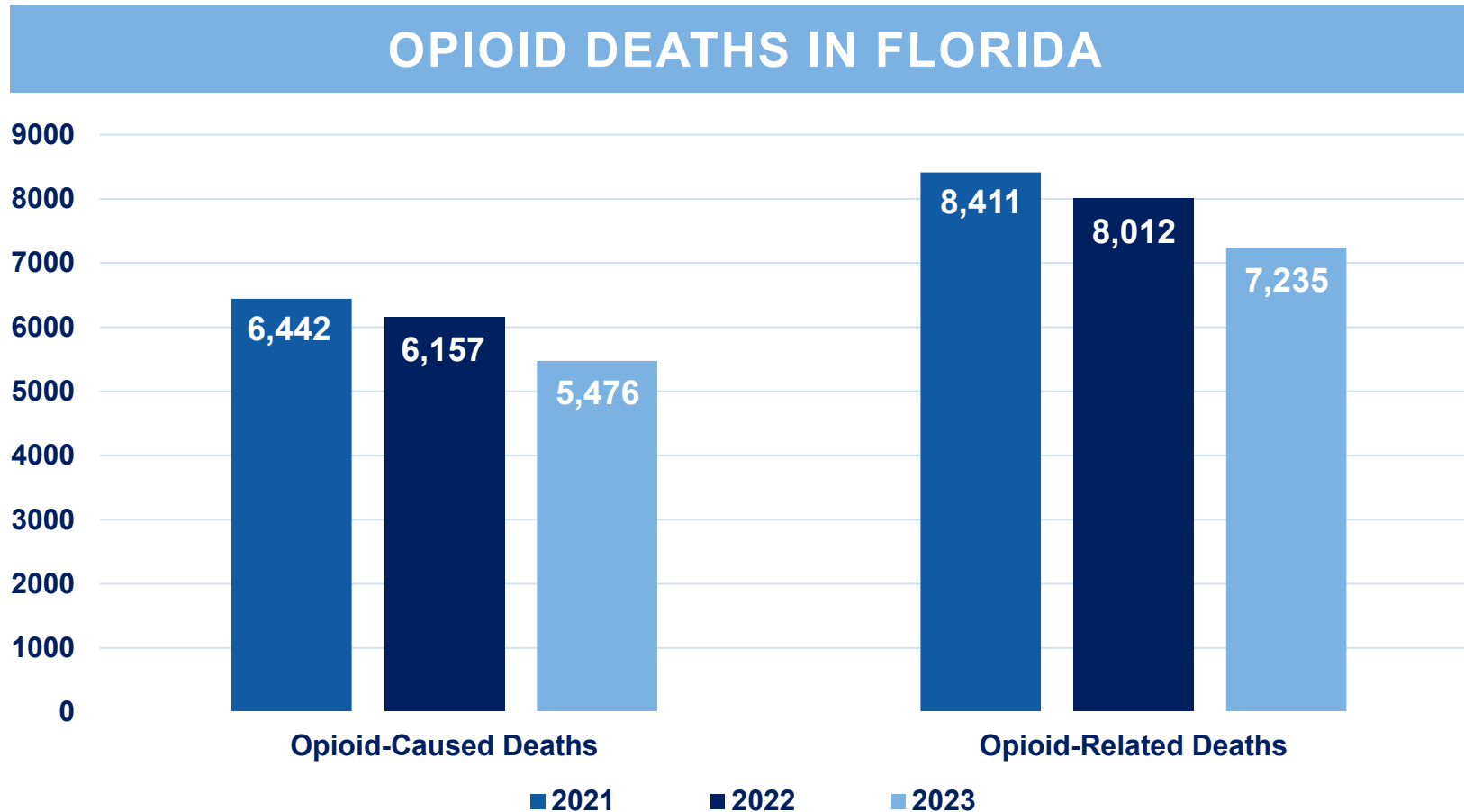
Erica Floyd Thomas, MSW

Assistant Secretary for Substance Abuse and Mental Health

Florida Department of Children and Families

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REDUCTION IN OPIOID-CAUSED AND OPIOID-RELATED DEATHS, 2021-2023



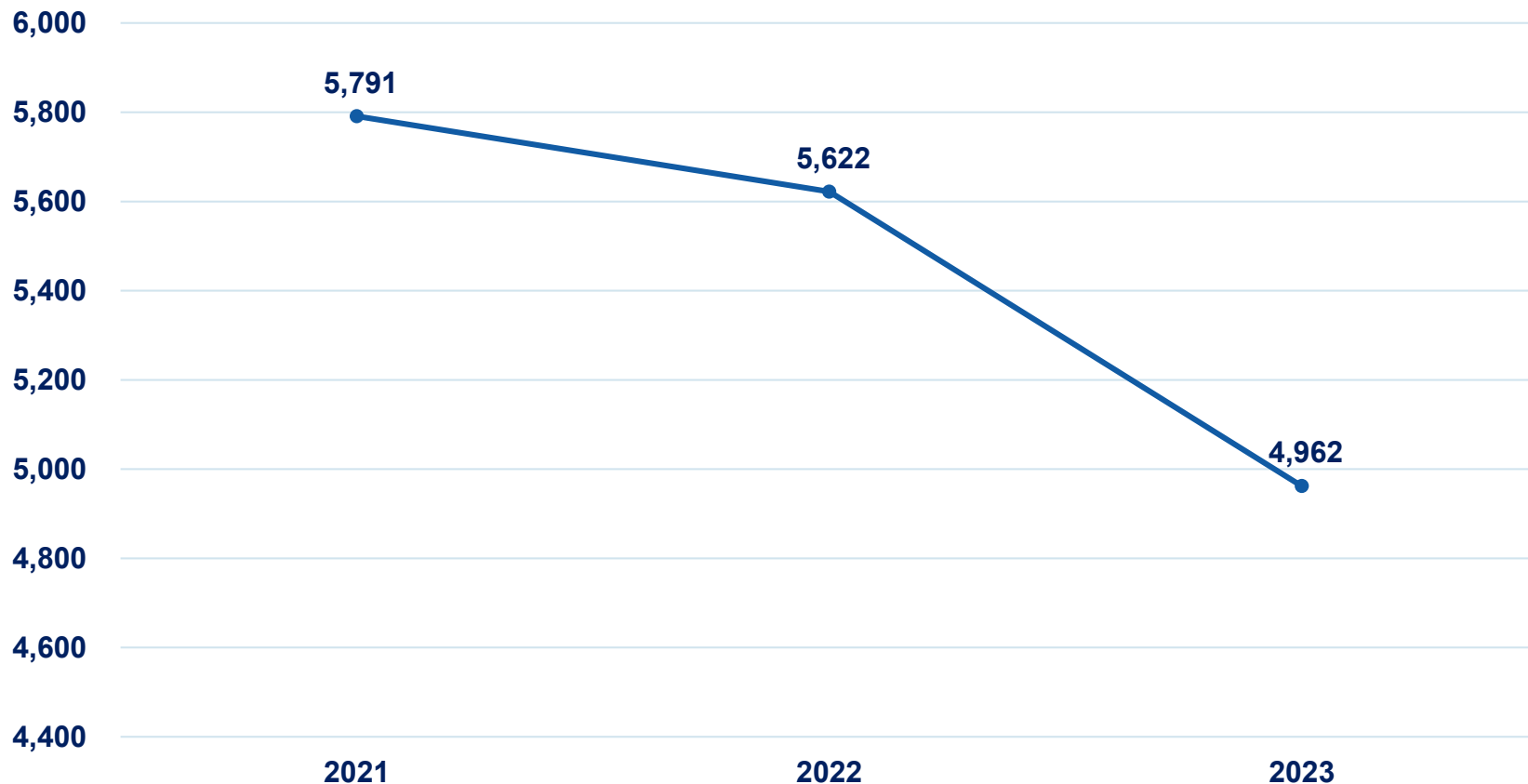
Florida saw a decrease in both opioid-caused deaths and opioid-related deaths from calendar years 2021 to 2023.



REDUCTION IN FENTANYL CAUSED DEATHS FROM 2021-2023

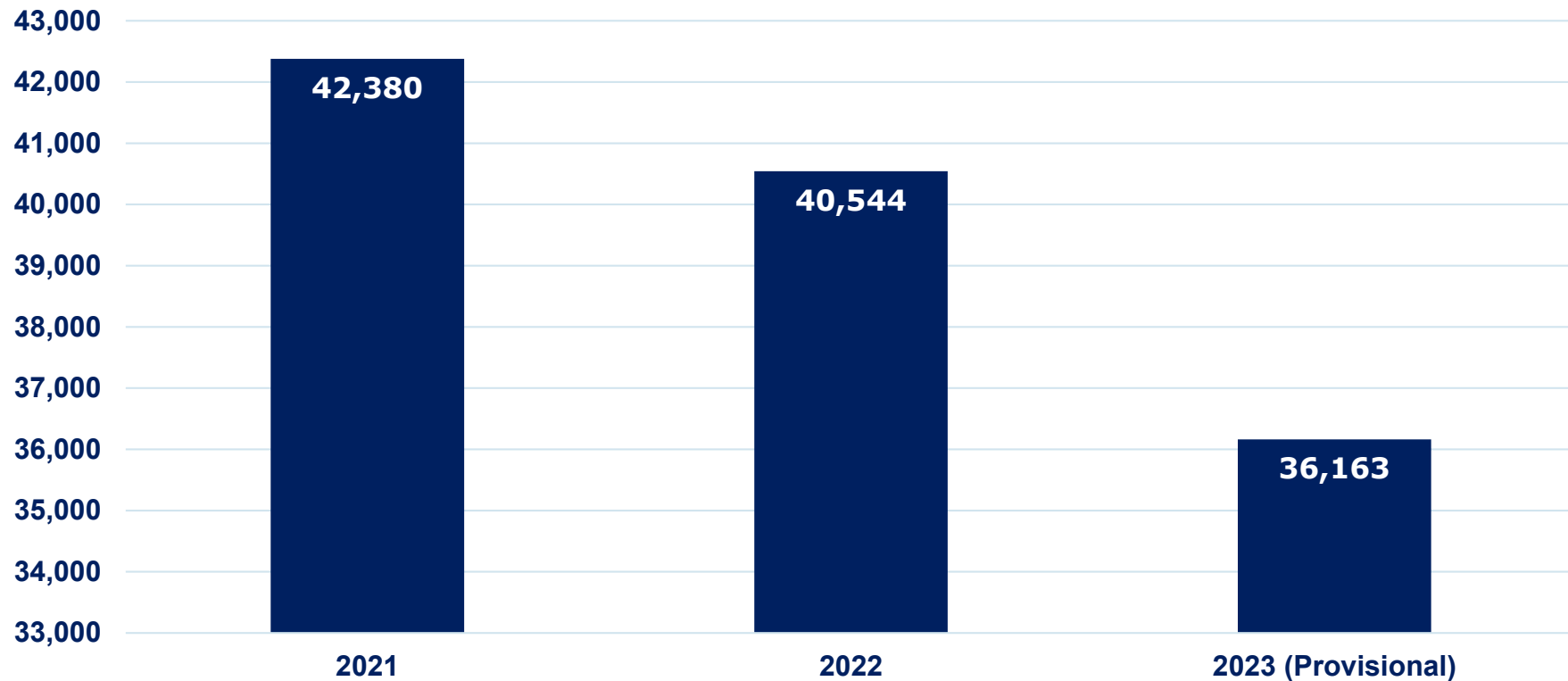
FENTANYL CAUSED DEATHS, 2021-2023

Florida Medical Examiners Commission Annual Drug Report



REDUCTION IN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE (EMS) SUSPECTED OPIOID OVERDOSE RESPONSES FROM 2021-2023

EMS RESPONSES TO SUSPECTED OPIOID OVERDOSE, 2021-2023
Florida Health Charts



LIFE-SAVING EFFORTS

Description	2023	2024
# of Naloxone Kits Distributed	404,902	696,850



Since program inception in 2016, **1.5 million** naloxone kits have been distributed.

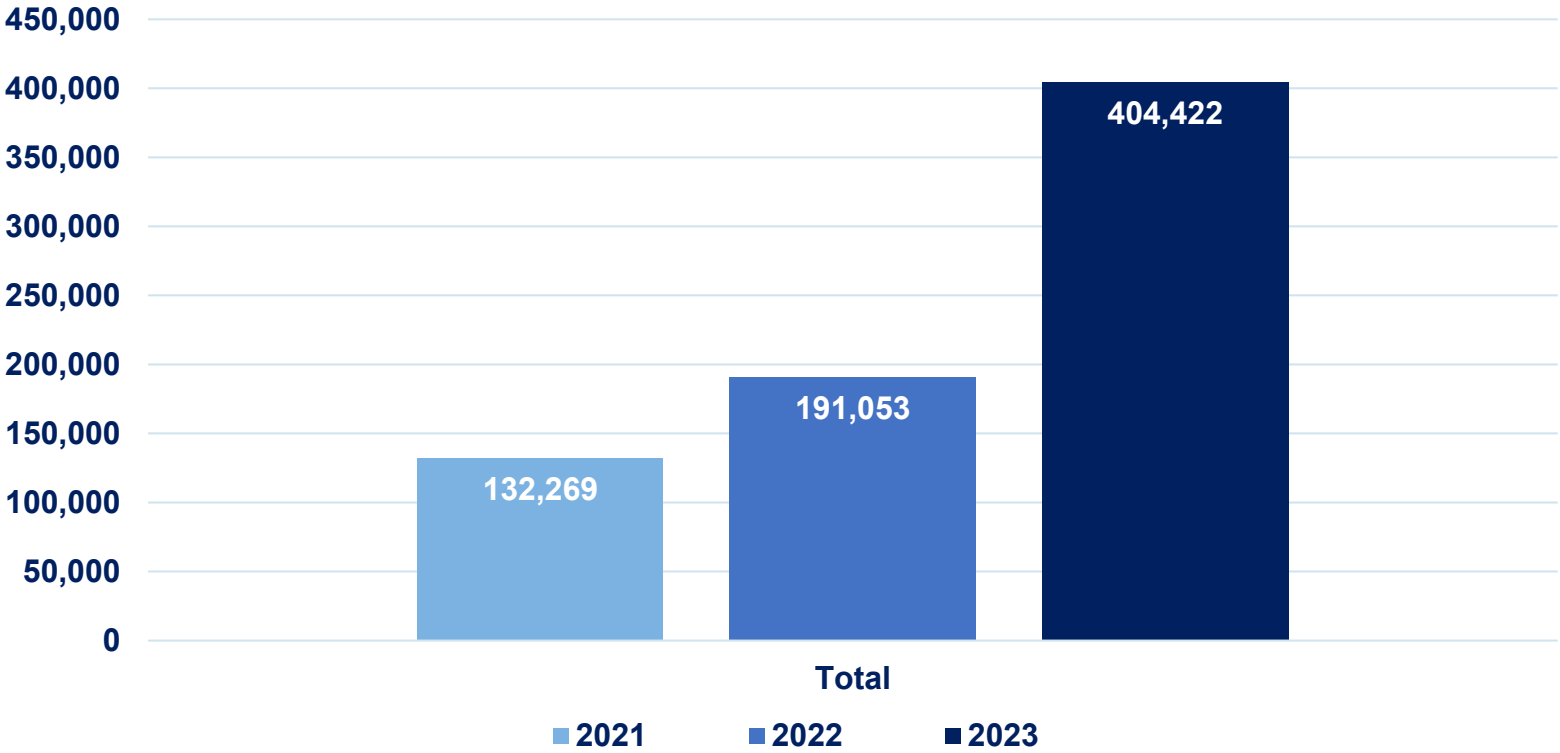
- 80,936 individuals have been trained.
- 59,343 reported overdose reversals.

RECOGNIZE ● **RESPOND** ● **REVERSE**



LIFE SAVING EFFORTS

NALOXONE DISTRIBUTION, 2021-2023 *State Opioid Dashboard*



COORDINATED OPIOID RECOVERY (CORE) NETWORK

FY 2023-2024 CORE EMS and Receiving Clinic Highlights

- EMS responded to 198,716 calls for individuals with substance use disorder (SUD), of which 24,215 were for individuals with opioid use disorder (OUD).
- EMS responded to 62,876 overdose calls and reversed an overdose with naloxone on 23,677 of the calls.
- CORE receiving clinics or treatment centers have served 64,381 individuals with SUD.
 - Of the 64,381 individuals served with an SUD, 28,344 (44%), had OUD.
 - Of the 28,344 individuals served with OUD, 18,200 received medication assisted treatment (MAT).

HOPE FOR ADDICTION RECOVERY



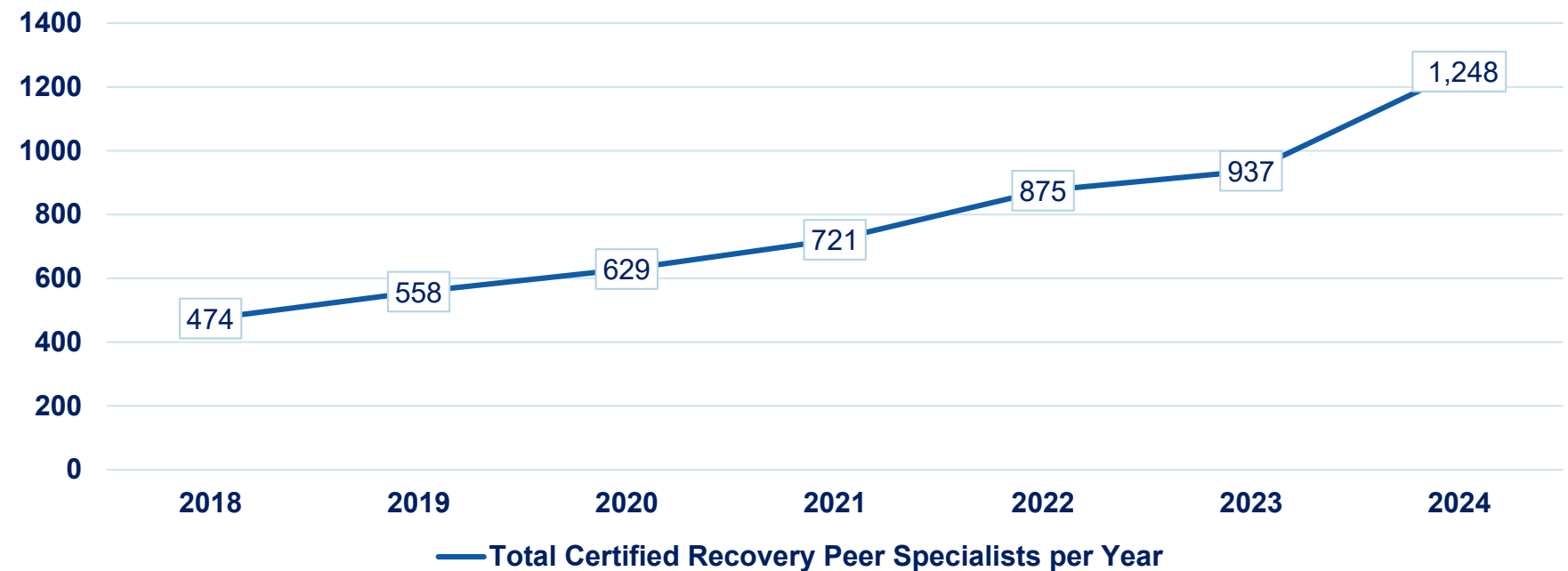
To date, the CORE Network has expanded to include 47 counties throughout Florida.



PEER SUPPORT SERVICES EXPANSION

Florida continues to steadily increase the number of Certified Recovery Peer Specialists who provide peer recovery support services throughout the state.

STATEWIDE CERTIFIED RECOVERY PEER SPECIALIST TREND





QUESTIONS?

