STATEWIDE COUNCIL ON OPIOID ABATEMENT

MEETING PACKET

August 25, 2026

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August 25, 2026
9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. EST
Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

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9:00 – 9:15	Welcome/Call Meeting to Order/Opening Remarks **Sheriff Dennis M. Lemma, Delegate Chair**
9:15 – 9:20	Roll Call and Approval of June 22, 2026 Meeting Minutes **Aaron Platt, DCF Staff Liaison**
9:20 – 9:45	Legislative Update **Amanda VanLaningham, Assistant Secretary for Substance Abuse and Mental Health**
9:45 – 10:20	The DrugTrac, Tracking.Reporting.Advocacy.Coordination **Kendall Cortelyou, PhD, MHA Professor & Director, School of Global Health Management & Informatics College of Health Professions & Sciences, University of Central Florida**
10:20 – 10:55	Seminole County Coordinated Opioid Recovery Network and the Seminole Collaborative Opioid Response Efforts Team **James Witherspoon, Community Health Program Manager** **Chantel Reed, Community Health Case Manager** **Sergeant Michelle Lord, S.C.O.R.E Fatal/Non-Fatal Overdose Response Unit**
10:55 – 11:30	Mobile Medication Assisted Treatment, A Mobile Integrated Health-Community Paramedicine Approach **John Mikula, Senior Director, Crisis Center of Tampa Bay**
11:30 – 11:50	Public Comment
11:50 – 12:00	Closing Remarks **Sheriff Dennis M. Lemma, Delegate Chair**

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In-Person Meeting Minutes
June 22, 2026
1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M. EST

Welcome/Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by Delegate Chair, Sheriff M. Lemma.
Roll call was taken by Aaron Platt.

Attendance Summary

Sheriff Dennis Lemma, Delegate Chair
Amanda VanLaningham for Secretary Taylor Hatch, Vice Chair
Amy Ronshausen, Governor's Appointee
Sheriff Robert Hardwick, Office of the Speaker's Appointee
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Opening Remarks

Delegate Chair Lemma opened the meeting by welcoming Council members and providing opening remarks.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

A motion passed to approve minutes from the March 31, 2026, meeting.
Motion: Council Member Keith James
Second: Council Member Amy Ronshausen

Peer Prescriber Mentor Program

Dr. Mark Stavros provided a presentation to the Council on the Peer Prescriber Mentor Program. The program is funded by the Florida State Opioid Response (SOR) grant awarded to the Florida Department of Children and Families through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

Florida Billion Pill Pledge Program

Joshua Barnett, PhD, Director of Provider Success with Goldfinch Health, provided an overview of the Florida Billion Pill Pledge Program. The program tracks dispensing rates across the state to target communities with high opioid dispensing rates to engage prescribers, surgeons and hospital systems on opportunities to implement evidence-based protocols for managing post-operative pain with fewer opioids. The Billion Pill Pledge Program started with funding from the Central Florida Behavioral Health Network and allowed partnerships with hospitals in Hillsborough, Manatee, Sarasota and DeSoto counties.

Hospital Bridge Program

Claudia Vicencio, Director of Outpatient Behavioral Health Services, and Gretchen Haddad, Behavioral Health Transition Clinic Manager with the Memorial Healthcare System Hospital Bridge Program educated the Council on the Memorial Medication Assisted Treatment/Zero OD Program. This is an emergency department-initiated medication assisted treatment program that provides a warm hand-off to coordinated outpatient care and recovery support.

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Public Comment

Dana McCool, advocate representing the recovery residence Foundations to Freedom: Ms. McCool recently attended a National Opioid Task Force meeting in Denver, Colorado, and made a request to present to the Council on the "National Roadmap" for opioid funding.

Council Member Constantine supports Ms. McCool presenting to the Council.

Delegate Chair Lemma voiced support for State councils similar to the Statewide Council on Opioid Abatement to convene a meeting to share best practices across the United States.

Maureen Kielian, President of Southeast Florida Recovery Advocates: Ms. Kielian advocated for the increased participation of the Recovery Community on the Statewide Council on Opioid Abatement, and for the increased utilization of medication assisted treatment in jails.

Closing Remarks

Sheriff Lemma provided closing remarks and thanked Council members. The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:08 PM.

OPIOID SETTLEMENT TRUST FUND

FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 LEGISLATIVE APPROVED ALLOCATIONS

Amanda VanLaningham, Esq.

Assistant Secretary for Substance Abuse and Mental Health

Florida Department of Children and Families

August 25, 2026

OVERVIEW

Role of the Department of Children and Families (Department)

As the single state agency for Substance Abuse and Mental Health and the State Opioid Treatment Authority, the Department is responsible for:

Providing treatment for substance abuse through a community-based provider system that offers detoxification, treatment and recovery supports for children and adults affected by substance misuse, abuse, or dependence.

Planning, managing, and evaluating a statewide program of mental health services and supports, including community programs, crisis services, state residential treatment facilities, and children's mental health services.

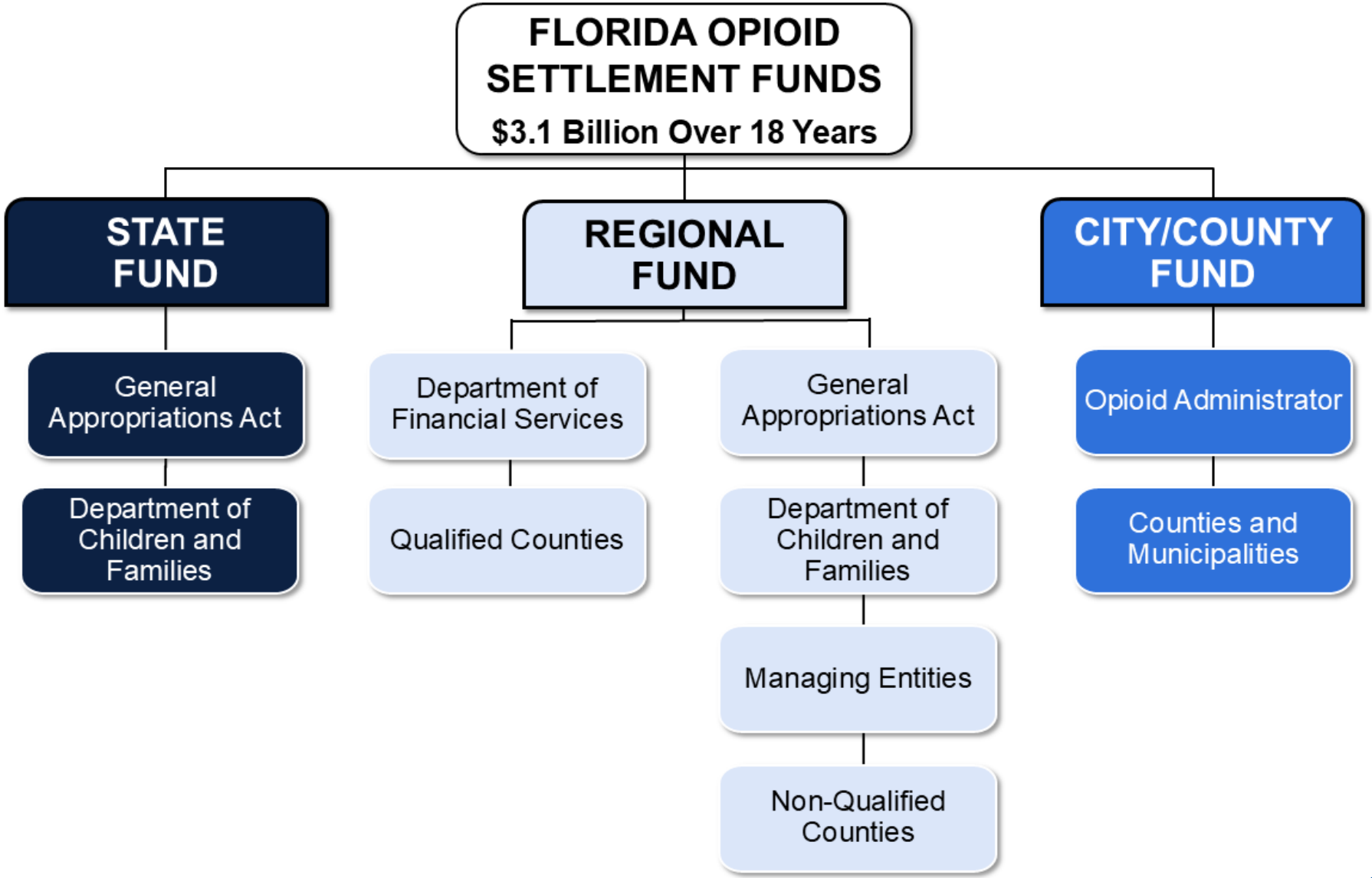
OVERVIEW (CONTINUED)

The Department of Children and Families also:

Contracts with seven Managing Entities to operate the behavioral health system of care that serves uninsured and underinsured individuals needing treatment, recovery, and other supports.

Offers administrative support to the Statewide Council on Opioid Abatement, which is established in s. 397.335, Florida Statutes.

Has responsibility for preparing and developing the Legislatively Budget Request (LBR), state plan and budget allocations for the Opioid Settlement Trust Fund (OSTF), in accordance with the allowable uses in the Florida Opioid Allocation and Statewide Response Agreement.


FLORIDA OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS
$3.1 Billion Over 18 Years
STATE FUND
General Appropriations Act
Department of Children and Families
REGIONAL FUND
Department of Financial Services
Qualified Counties
General Appropriations Act
Department of Children and Families
Managing Entities
Non-Qualified Counties
CITY/COUNTY FUND
Opioid Administrator
Counties and Municipalities

FY 2026–2027 OPIOID SETTLEMENT TRUST FUND

Approved Budget Highlights

The **FY 2026–2027 Opioid Settlement Trust Fund (OSTF)** budget introduces new **categories** that consolidate several individual activities previously used since the creation of the fund.

- These umbrella categories group related activities that complement one another and are more effectively represented under a single program name. The individual activities will remain active internally for financial tracking and reporting purposes.
- The primary purpose of implementing umbrella categories is to provide greater flexibility in the use of funds, particularly for the Managing Entities, where the majority of these funds are allocated.
- This new structure will allow the Department to reallocate budget allotments among related activities, when appropriate, optimize the use of available funding, and improve the overall efficiency of budget management.

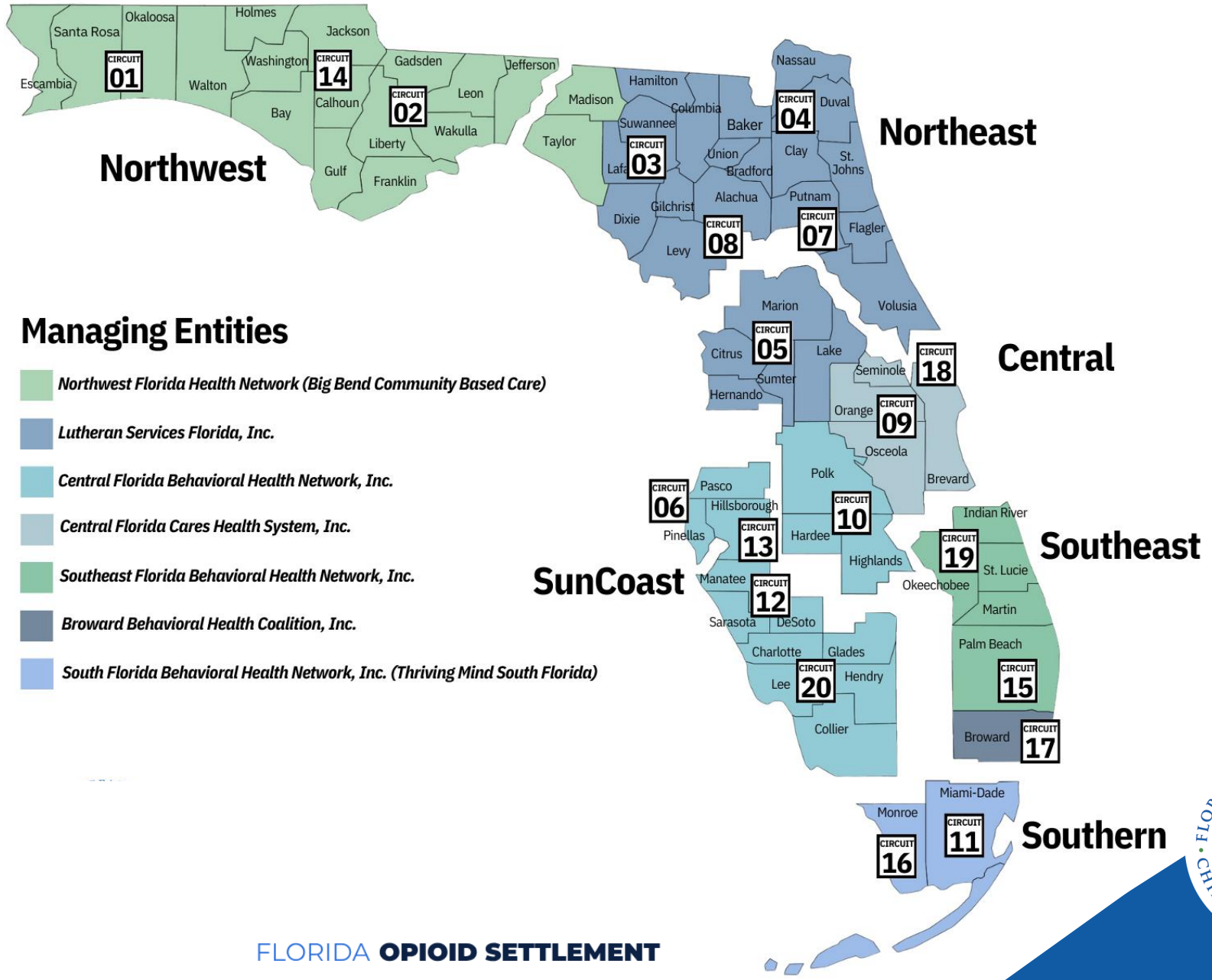
HISTORICAL CATEGORIES VS NEW CATEGORIES

Historical Categories	New Categories
Opioid Settlement - Applied Research	Opioid Settlement - Technology and Research
Opioid Settlement - Technology And Data Supports	
Opioid Settlement - Bed Availability System	
Opioid Settlement - Court Diversion Program	Opioid Settlement - Treatment, Recovery, Housing and Support Services
Opioid Settlement - On-Demand Mobile Medication Assisted Treatment	
Opioid Settlement - Hospital Bridge Programs	
Opioid Settlement - Jail-Based Medication Assisted Treatment	
Opioid Settlement - Naloxone	
Opioid Settlement - Peer Supports And Recovery Community Organizations	
Opioid Settlement - Recovery Housing	
Opioid Settlement - Treatment And Recovery Support Services	
Opioid Settlement - Prevention And Media Campaigns	Opioid Settlement - Prevention Services (4300220)
Opioid Settlement - Family Preservation	

FY 2026-2027 BUDGET ALLOCATIONS BY CATEGORY

Issue	Issue Title - Categories	New Issue Title – Consolidated Categories	FY 2026-2027 Recurring	FY 2026-2027 Non-Recurring	FY 2026-2027 Total
4300010	Opioid Settlement - Office Of Opioid Recovery	Opioid Settlement - Office Of Opioid Recovery	$4,597,965		$4,597,965
4300020	Opioid Settlement - Specialized Training - Graduate Medical Education	Opioid Settlement - Specialized Training - Graduate Medical Education	$4,066,854		$4,066,854
4300030	Opioid Settlement - Applied Research	Opioid Settlement - Technology and Research	$1,000,000	$500,000	$7,950,000
43002C0	Opioid Settlement - Technology And Data Supports		$5,000,000		
43003C0	Opioid Settlement - Bed Availability System		$1,450,000		
4300040	Opioid Settlement - Coordinated Opioid Recovery (CORE) Network	Opioid Settlement - Coordinated Opioid Recovery (CORE) Network	$28,054,964	$3,000,000	$31,054,964
4300050	Opioid Settlement - Court Diversion Program	Opioid Settlement - Treatment, Recovery, Housing and Support Services	$2,000,000	$27,794,023	$70,958,244
4300070	Opioid Settlement - On-Demand Mobile Medication Assisted Treatment		$1,500,000		
4300080	Opioid Settlement - Hospital Bridge Programs		$2,000,000		
4300090	Opioid Settlement - Jail-Based Medication Assisted Treatment		$2,000,000		
4300120	Opioid Settlement - Naloxone		$5,000,000		
4300140	Opioid Settlement - Peer Supports And Recovery Community Organizations		$2,000,000		
4300150	Opioid Settlement - Recovery Housing		$8,720,560		
4300190	Opioid Settlement - Treatment And Recovery Support Services		$19,943,661		
4300110	Opioid Settlement - ME Administrative Support	Opioid Settlement - ME Administrative Support		$2,000,000	$2,000,000
4300160	Opioid Settlement - Non-Qualified Counties	Opioid Settlement - Non-Qualified Counties		$13,863,003	$13,863,003
4300130	Opioid Settlement - Prevention And Media Campaigns	Opioid Settlement - Prevention Services		$13,250,000	$13,250,000
4300XXX	Opioid Settlement - Family Preservation				
6P00600	Children And Families Services - Member Projects	Children And Families Services - Member Projects		$13,320,500	$13,320,500
990G000	Grants and Aids - Fixed Capital Outlay	Grants and Aids - Fixed Capital Outlay		$3,425,000	$3,425,000
xxxxxxx	Opioid Settlement - Funded Mandates/Proviso Projects	Opioid Settlement - Funded Mandates/Proviso Projects		$750,000	$750,000
xxxxxxx	Opioid Settlement - Unfunded Mandates/Proviso Projects	Opioid Settlement - Unfunded Mandates/Proviso Projects	$750,000		$750,000
		Total	**$88,084,004**	**$77,902,526**	**$165,986,530**

MANAGING ENTITIES



FY 2026-2027 OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS DISTRIBUTED TO THE MANAGING ENTITIES

Managing Entities Major Programs/Activities Funded by OSTF		Recurring	Non-Recurring	Total
Opioid Settlement - Coordinated Opioid Recovery (CORE)	Opioid Settlement - Coordinated Opioid Recovery (CORE)	$ 17,612,500	$ -	$ 17,612,500
Opioid Settlement - Hospital Bridge Programs	Opioid Settlement - Treatment, Recovery, Housing and Support Services	$ 2,000,000	$ 27,794,023	$ 36,927,391
Opioid Settlement - Peer Supports And Recovery Community Organizations		$ 2,000,000		
Opioid Settlement - Treatment And Recovery Support Services		$ 19,943,661		
Opioid Settlement - ME Administrative Support	Opioid Settlement - ME Administrative Support	$ -	$ 2,000,000	$ 2,000,000
Opioid Settlement - Non-Qualified Counties	Opioid Settlement - Non-Qualified Counties	$ -	$ 13,863,003	$ 13,863,003
Children And Families Services - Member Projects	Children And Families Services - Member Projects	$ -	$ 13,320,500	$ 13,320,500
	TOTAL	$ 41,556,161	$ 34,827,233	$ 76,383,394

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QUESTIONS?

For more information on the Florida Opioid Settlement , scan the QR code:

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Kendall Cortelyou, PhD, MHA

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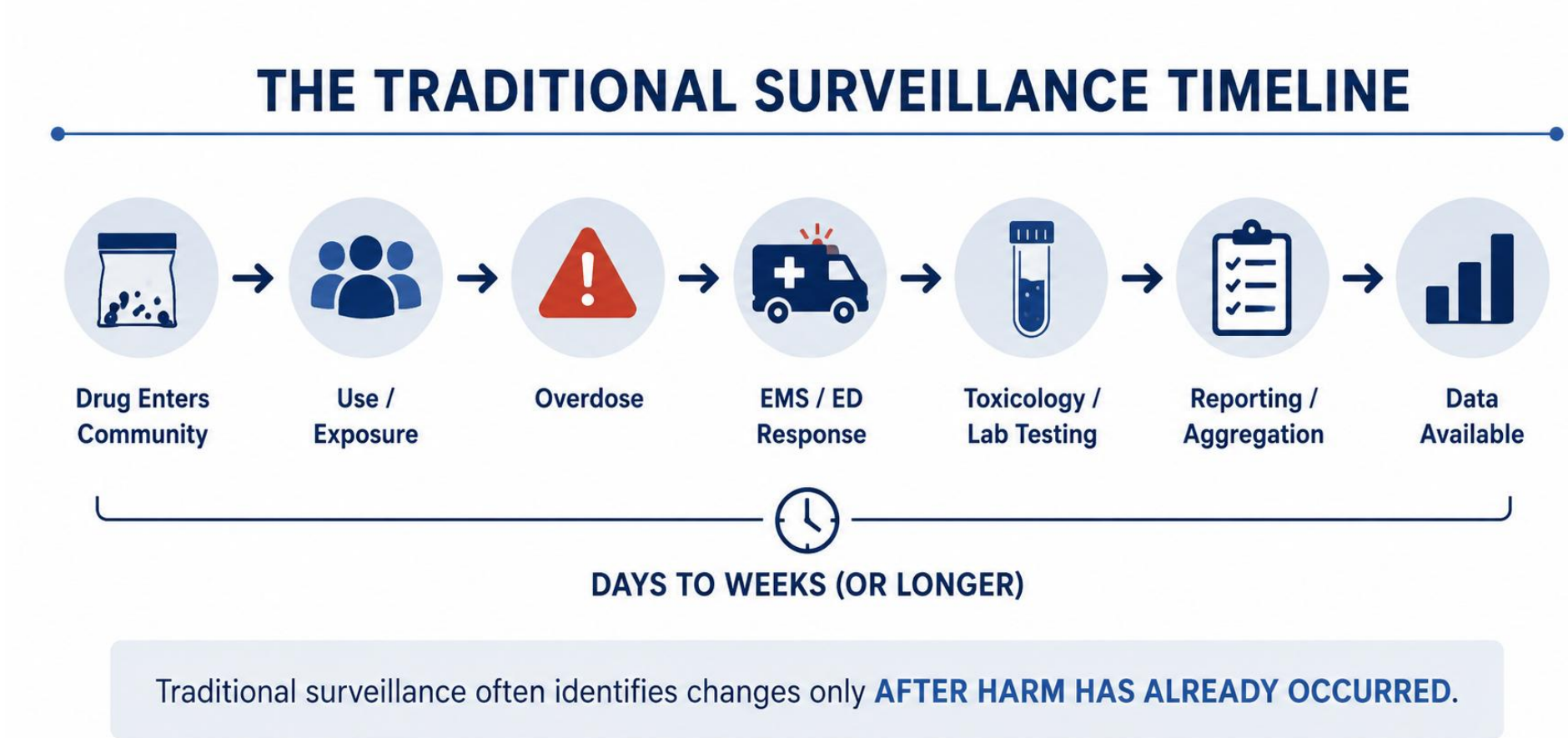
The Problem: The Drug Supply Changes Faster Than Our Data



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What is Drug TRAC?

- Synthesizes laboratory testing data
- Detects changes in substances and combinations of substances
- Provides geographically relevant intelligence
- Translates findings into alerts and actionable information

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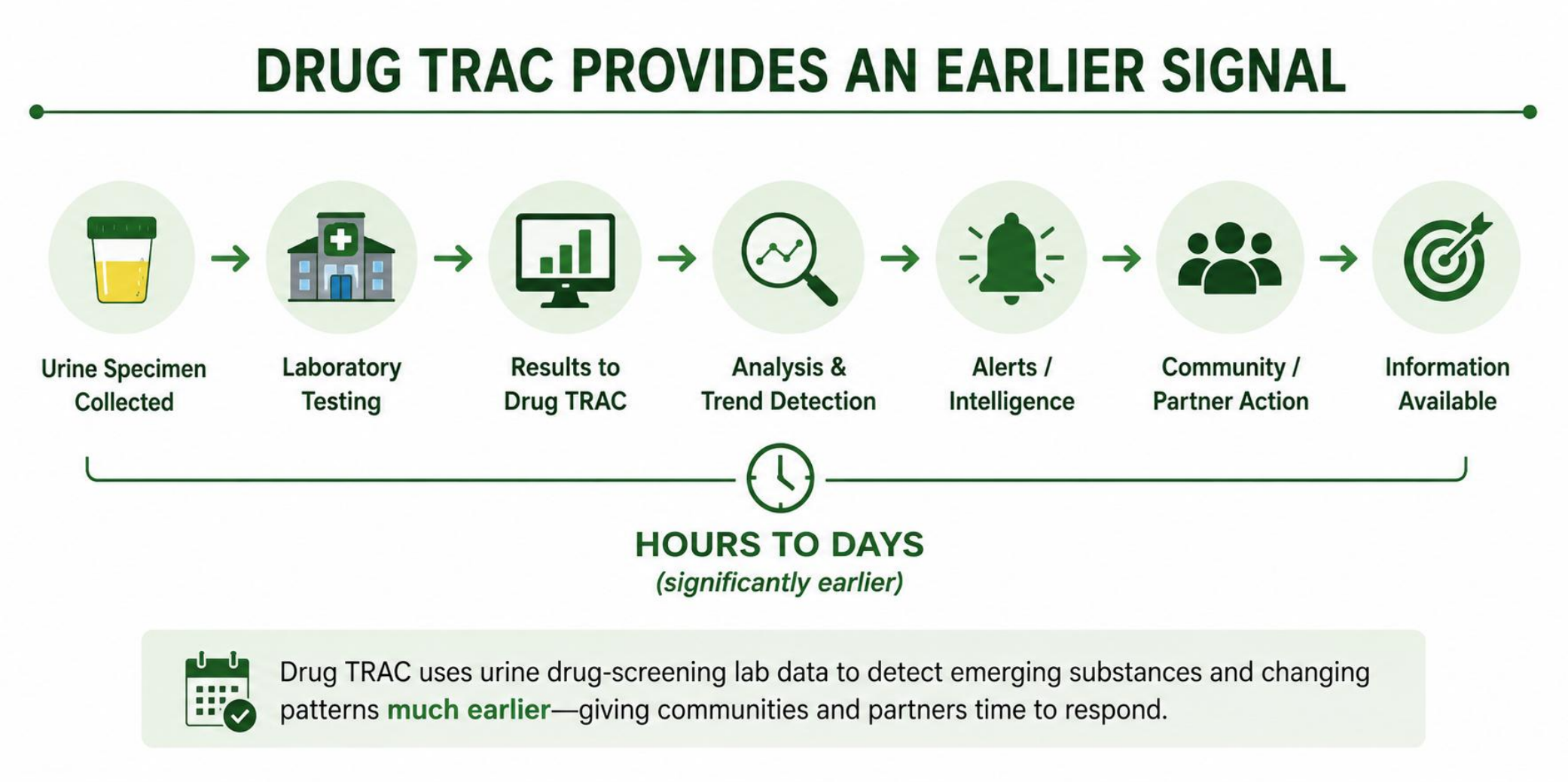
From Drug Test to Community Intelligence



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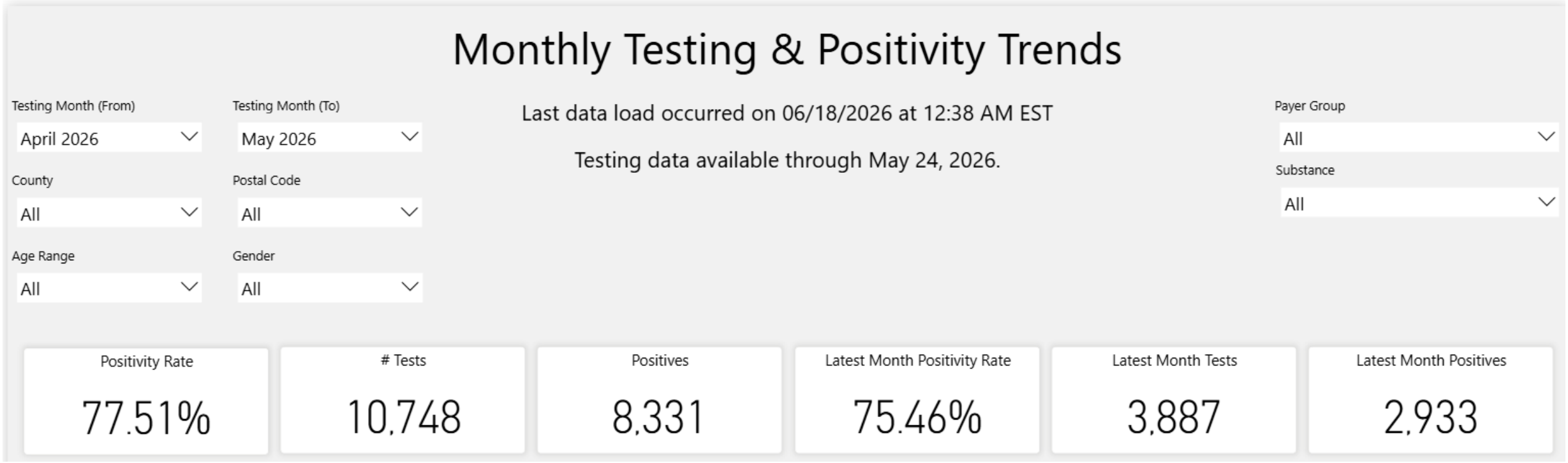

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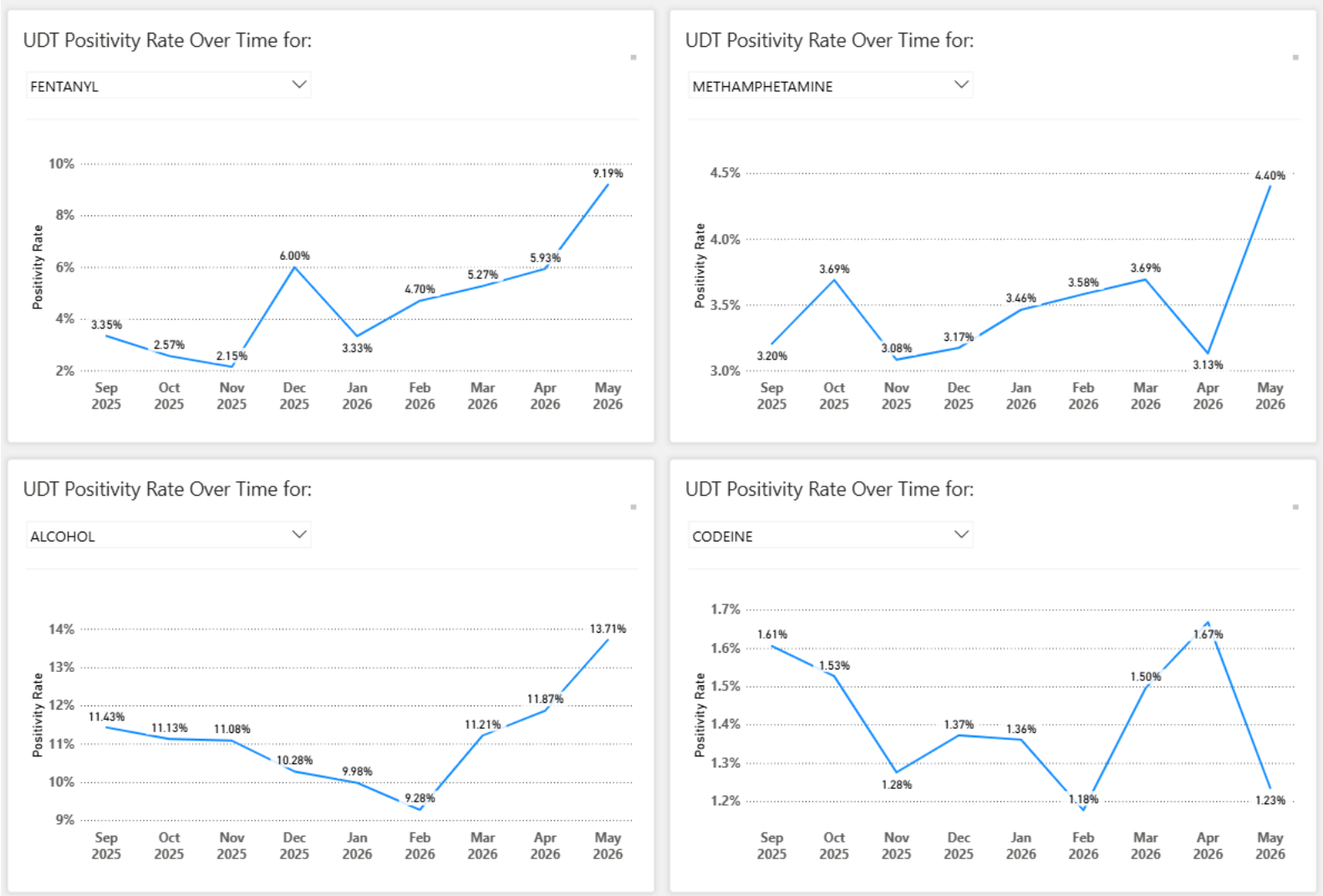

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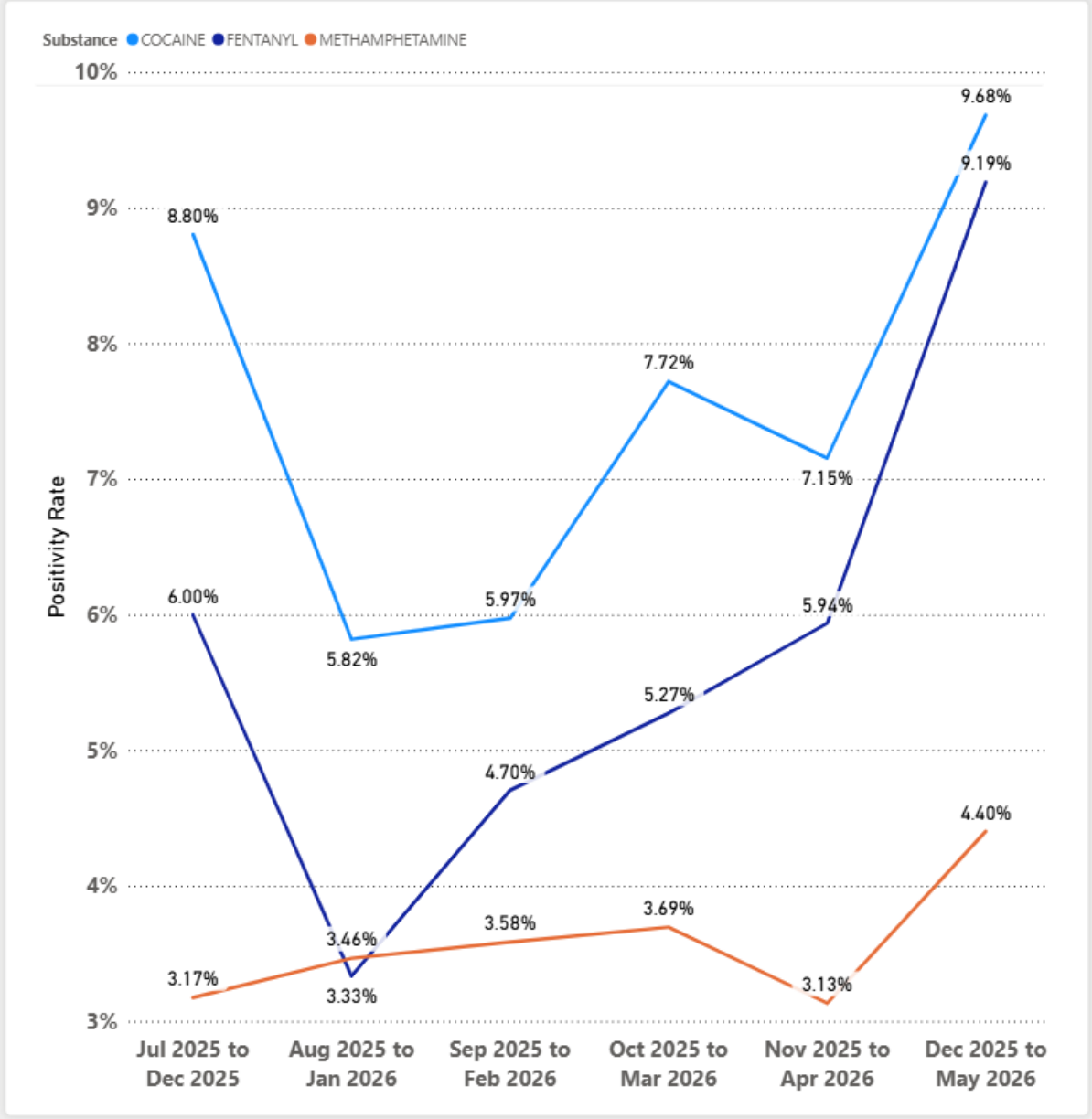
Substance COCAINE FENTANYL METHAMPHETAMINE
10%
9%
8%
7%
6%
5%
4%
3%
Positivity Rate
8.80%
5.82%
5.97%
7.72%
7.15%
9.68%
6.00%
3.46%
3.33%
4.70%
5.27%
5.94%
9.19%
3.17%
3.58%
3.69%
3.13%
4.40%
Jul 2025 to Dec 2025
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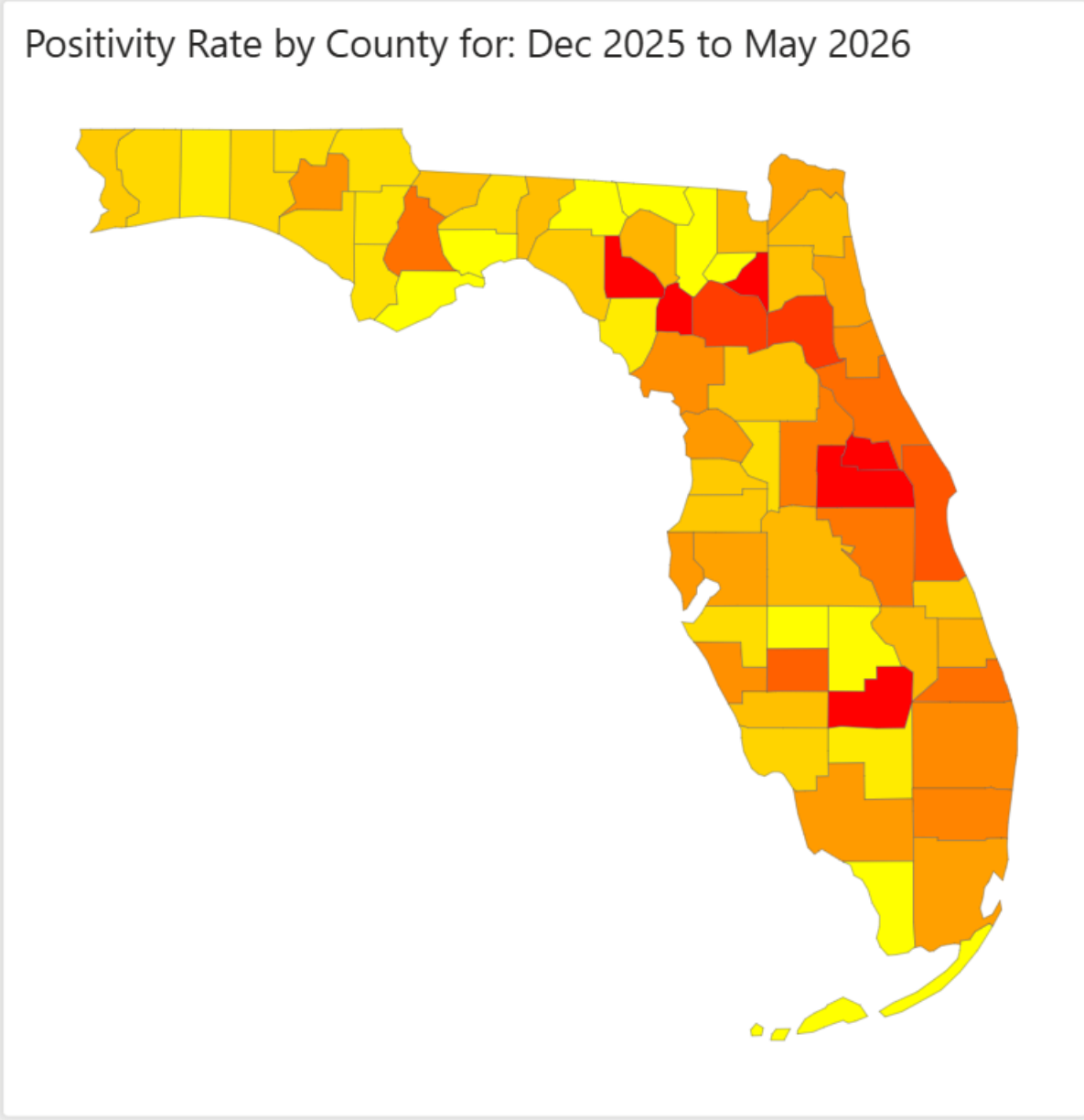
Nov 2025 to Apr 2026
Dec 2025 to May 2026


Positivity Rate by County for: Dec 2025 to May 2026

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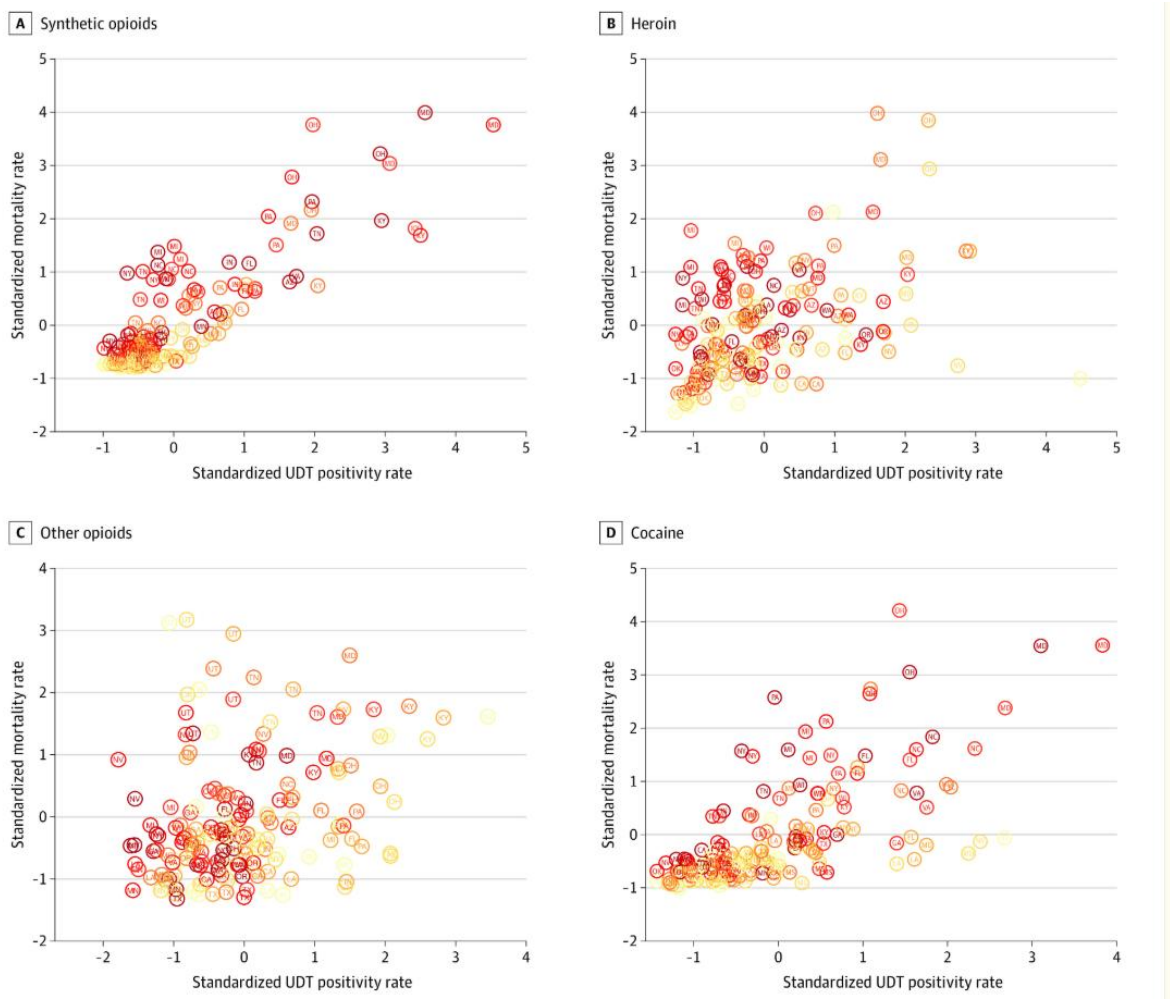

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Who Does Drug TRAC Serve?

- Local communities
- Public health agencies
- Behavioral health/substance use providers
- Prevention organizations
- First responders
- Law enforcement
- State and local policymakers

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Want to get involved?

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Seminole County Coordinated Opioid Recovery (CORE) Network

Building a coordinated system of treatment, recovery, and community response

James Witherspoon
Community Health Program Manager

Chantel Reed
Community Health Case Manager

August 2026

SEMINOLE COUNTY
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What Is Seminole County CORE?

Seminole County CORE is a coordinated network that connects individuals with substance use disorder to treatment, recovery services, and ongoing support across healthcare, public safety, and community systems.

Multiple Partners. One Coordinated System of Care.

Hospitals • EMS • Law Enforcement • Jail • Treatment Providers • Peer Recovery • Community Organizations

Who Does Seminole County CORE Serve?

Serving Individuals Experiencing:

- Opioid Use Disorder (OUD)
- Other Substance Use Disorders (SUD)
- Nonfatal Overdose
- Substance-Related Emergency Department Encounters
- Justice-System Involvement
- Housing Instability During Recovery
- Barriers to Accessing or Remaining in Treatment

No Wrong Door: Multiple pathways into one coordinated system of care.

Building the Foundation for CORE

FUNDING & REGIONAL ADMINISTRATION

Central Florida Cares Health System
- Behavioral Health Managing Entity for Central Florida
- Administers Funding Supporting Seminole County's Behavioral Health and CORE Initiatives

LOCAL GOVERNANCE

Seminole County Opioid Council + Medical Subcommittee
- Established by the Board of County Commissioners
- Provides local oversight and recommendations
- Guides the Use of Opioid Settlement and CORE Resources

COUNTY / MUNICIPAL COORDINATION

Seminole County + Municipal Partners
- Qualified County
- 6 of 7 Municipalities Pooled Opioid Settlement Funds with Seminole County
- Reduces Duplication of Services / Expanded Reach

COMMUNITY PLANNING

Healthy Seminole Collaborative
- Community-wide Planning and Coordination
- Identifies Emerging Health and Behavioral-Health Needs
- Behavioral Health & Substance Use Disorder Subcommittee

A coordinated response required coordinated governance, funding, planning, and partnerships.

Implementing the CORE Network in Seminole County

CORE CALL CENTER & CONNECTION TO CARE

24/7 Access & Navigation

- Recovery Connections / **407-RECOVER**
- Serves as Seminole County's CORE Call Center
- Co-funded by Seminole and Orange County Through Regional Collaboration

CORE PARTICIPATING HOSPITAL

Hospital-Based Engagement

- AdventHealth Altamonte Emergency Department
- CORE-funded Care Coordinator & Behavioral Health Navigator
- Identifies and Engages Individuals in the ED

EMS INTEGRATION

Prehospital Connection to Care

- Seminole County Fire Department + 4 Municipal Fire Departments
- Interlocal Agreement Supporting CORE Participation
- Standardized Protocols for Opioid-Related Encounters

DATA SHARING & COORDINATION

Connecting the Network Through Data

- SCSO + SCFD Overdose Data Validation
- Medical Examiner Data
- Shared Data Tracking Across Partner Agencies
- Automated Daily Reporting & Review

CORE connects healthcare, EMS, recovery services, public safety, and data into one coordinated response.

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A Comprehensive System of Care

PUBLIC SAFETY

Reaching Individuals at Critical Moments

- Seminole County Sheriff's Office SCORE
- Seminole County Fire Department / EMS
- Post-Overdose Engagement
- Jail-based Opioid Services

HEALTHCARE & TREATMENT

Hospital and Clinical Access

- AdventHealth Altamonte ED (CORE Receiving Hospital)
- AdventHealth Hope & Healing Center
- Medication-Assisted Treatment
- Behavioral Health Services

RECOVERY & WRAPAROUND

Supporting Long-Term Recovery

- Recovery Connections (RCO)
- Peer Recovery Support
- Transportation to Treatment and Recovery Services
- Transitional Supportive Housing

COMMUNITY

Taking CORE Beyond Treatment Settings

- Community Outreach
- Naloxone Distribution and Access
- Prevention and Education
- Municipal and Community Partnerships

CORE brings partners together around a shared goal: connecting people to care and supporting recovery.

From First Contact to Continued Recovery

Engagement

Initial Contact
- Identify Immediate Needs
- Peer Engagement
- Assess Readiness for Treatment

Connection To Care

Warm Handoff
- Treatment Referral
- MOUD Access
- Behavioral Health Services
- Appointment Coordination
- Peer Recovery Services

Barriers Addressed

Wraparound Support
- Transportation
- Peer Recovery Support
- Transitional Supportive Housing

Continued Recovery

Ongoing Engagement
- Follow-Up
- Continued MOUD Treatment
- Recovery Support
- Re-Engagement When Needed

The goal is not simply a referral—it is continued engagement in care.

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Treatment & Recovery Services

- since program inception -

12,519 Peer Support Services

902+ Community Outreach Events

13,533 Rides to MAT, Therapy, Peer Support, & Other Appointments

2,605 MAT Appointments

3,284 Prescriptions

2,226 Lab Tests

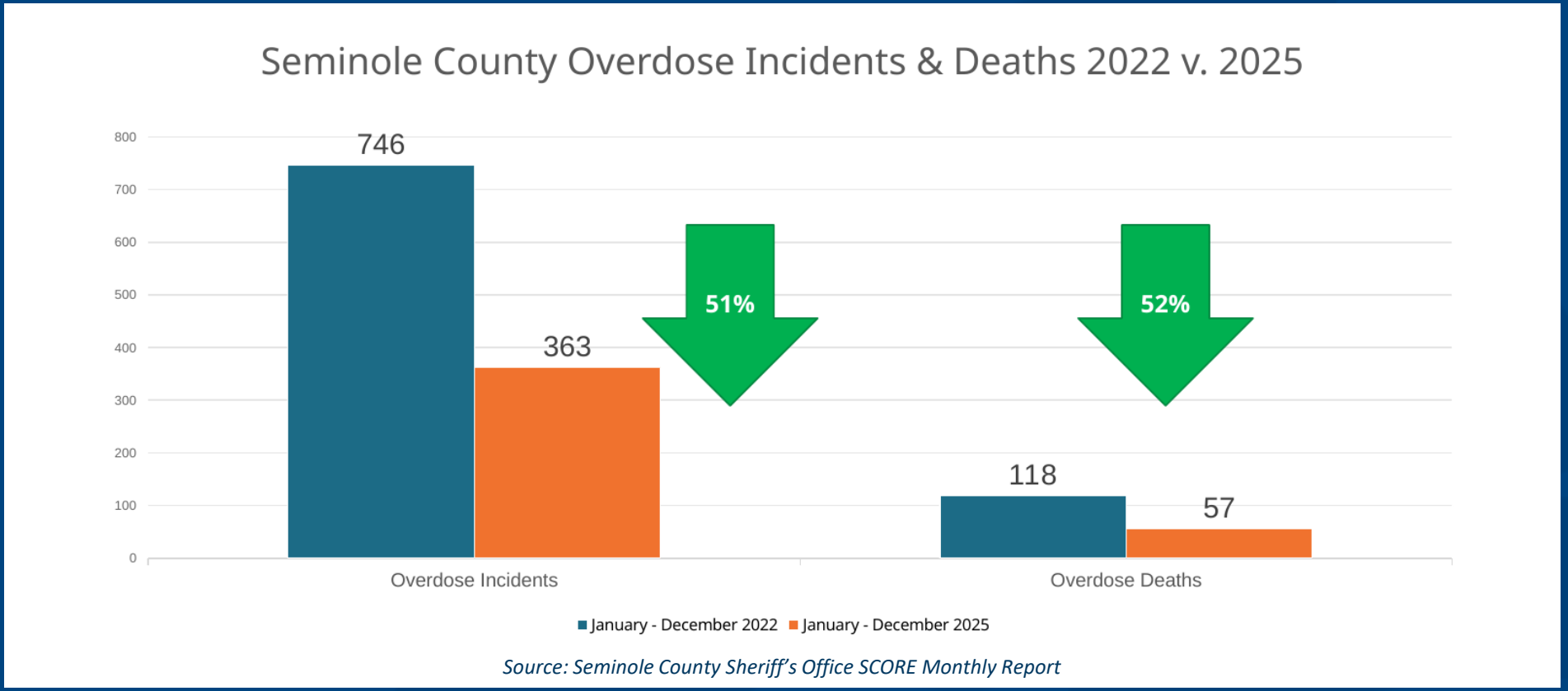
394 Individuals Moved Into Transitional Supportive Housing

856 Weeks of Supportive Housing

115 Individuals completed Employability Training

Treatment is only one part of recovery. CORE addresses the practical barriers that help individuals remain engaged in care.

Seminole County Overdose Trends



Source: Seminole County Sheriff's Office SCORE Monthly Report

Improving overdose trends reflect the strength of a coordinated community response, with CORE connecting treatment, recovery, public safety, prevention, and community partners.

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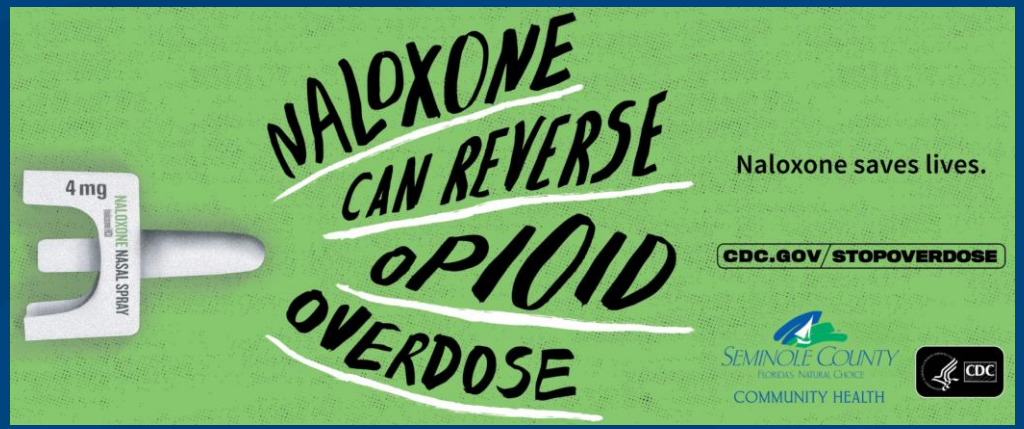
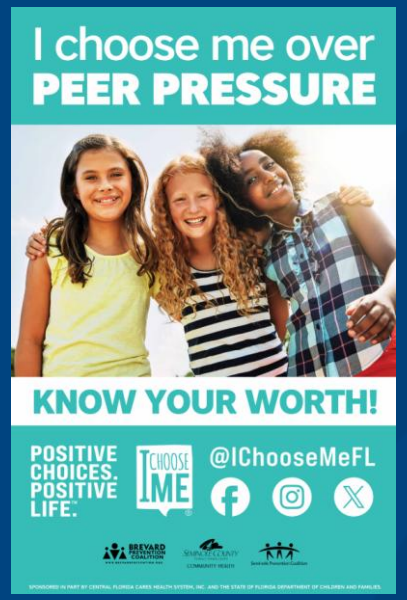
Community Awareness & Education



Taking overdose awareness, risk-reduction, and recovery messaging directly into the community.

Youth Prevention

Partnering with Uplift Drug-Free Coalitions to Empower Youth to Make Healthy, Positive Choices



Youth Prevention & Engagement

Promoting resilience, self-worth, and healthy decision-making while reinforcing positive, substance-free lifestyles.

The Seminole County Sheriff’s Office SCORE Team

Sergeant Michelle Lord
SCORE Fatal / Non-Fatal Overdose Response Unit
City/County Investigative Bureau
Seminole County Sheriff's Office

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History of SCORE

Overdose Incidents (Countywide)					
Month	**2016**	**2017**	**2018**	**2019**	**Total**
January	7	42	23	25	**97**
February	10	17	28	30	**85**
March	9	25	17	37	**88**
April	13	24	20	43	**100**
May	15	12	35	29	**91**
June	12	18	23	30	**83**
July	7	26	19	50	**102**
August	11	22	19	42	**94**
September	10	18	17	55	**100**
October	16	34	18	43	**111**
November	20	15	21	36	**92**
December	23	19	13	38	**93**
Grand Total	**153**	**272**	**253**	**458**	
YTD Total	153	272	253	458	
Monthly Average	13	23	21	38	
YTD Increase/Decrease	N/C	77.8%	-7.0%	81.0%	

Overdose Deaths (Countywide)					
Month	**2016**	**2017**	**2018**	**2019**	**Total**
January	3	13	8	9	**33**
February	6	5	16	5	**32**
March	5	6	3	6	**20**
April	2	5	12	10	**29**
May	7	5	9	3	**24**
June	6	6	5	5	**22**
July	2	9	6	5	**22**
August	2	5	6	3	**16**
September	6	6	4	10	**26**
October	10	9	4	11	**34**
November	6	6	5	7	**24**
December	7	8	4	7	**26**
Grand Total	**62**	**83**	**82**	**81**	
YTD Total	75	83	82	81	
Monthly Average	6	7	7	7	
YTD Increase/Decrease	N/A	10.7%	-1.2%	-1.2%	

SEMINOLE COUNTY
FLORIDA'S NATURAL CHOICE

S.C.O.R.E

SEMINOLE COLLABORATIVE OPIOID RESPONSE EFFORT

Seminole Collaborative Opioid Response Effort

Seminole County
Florida's Natural Choice

Resources

Recovery Connections

Aspire Health Partners

CORE

Florida Health | Florida Department of Health in Seminole County

Florida Department of Children and Families

NA

Orlando Recovery Center
Advanced Recovery Systems
an advanced approach to patient care

Seminole County
Florida's Natural Choice

SEMINOLE COUNTY
FLORIDA'S NATURAL CHOICE

Sheriff Lemma's Response

S.C.O.R.E. Unit

Non-Fatal	Fatal

Seminole County By The Numbers

Overdose Deaths (Countywide)			
Month	2025	2026	YTD Increase or Decrease
January	5	4	-20%
February	4	2	-50%
March	4	3	-25%
April	3	3	0%
May	4	2	-50%
June	8	3	-63%
July	0		-
August	8		-
September	5		-
October	1		-
November	9		-
December	5		-
Grand Total	**56**	**17**	
YTD Total	28	17	-39%
Monthly Average	5	3	

Overdose Deaths (Unincorporated)			
Month	2025	2025	YTD Increase or Decrease
January	3	2	-33%
February	1	2	100%
March	3	2	-33%
April	1	1	0%
May	2	1	-50%
June	4	1	-75%
July	0		-
August	4		-
September	0		-
October	1		-
November	6		-
December	3		-
Grand Total	**28**	**9**	
YTD Total	14	9	-36%
Monthly Average	3	2	

SEMINOLE COUNTY
FLORIDA'S NATURAL CHOICE

Seminole County By The Numbers

Overdose Incidents (Countywide)			
Month	2025	2026	YTD Increase or Decrease
January	30	24	-20%
February	19	25	32%
March	30	19	-37%
April	24	23	-4%
May	35	22	-37%
June	38	22	-42%
July	32		-
August	33		-
September	36		-
October	24		-
November	37		-
December	24		-
Grand Total	**362**	**135**	
YTD Total	176	135	23%
Monthly Average	30	23	

Overdose Incidents (Unincorporated)			
Month	2025	2026	YTD Increase or Decrease
January	11	12	9%
February	6	10	67%
March	8	10	25%
April	6	7	17%
May	11	8	-27%
June	13	8	-38%
July	7		-
August	12		-
September	10		-
October	6		-
November	12		-
December	11		-
Grand Total	**113**	**55**	
YTD Total	55	55	0%
Monthly Average	10	10	

Questions?

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MOBILE MEDICATION ASSISTED TREATMENT

A Mobile Integrated Health - Community Paramedicine Approach

A presentation to the Statewide Council on Opioid Abatement

August 25, 2026

Presented by: John Mikula, Senior Director, Crisis Center of Tampa Bay

BUILDING A CONTINUUM OF CARE

From Crisis Response to Long-Term Recovery

CRISIS CENTER OF TAMPA BAY

MISSION:
To ensure that no one in our community has to face crisis alone.

- Gateway Contact Center
- Trauma Counseling
- Sexual Assault Services
- Success 4 Kids & Families
- TransCare

TRANSCARE: 30 YEARS OF EVOLUTION

- **1982** — Baker Act Transportation Services Begin
- **1996** — Basic Life Support (BLS) Ambulance Services Begin
- **2009** — TransCare Becomes a Core Service Line
- **2012** — CAAS Accreditation
- **2017** — Marchman Act Transportation Services Begin
- **2021** — Expansion of Advanced Life Support (ALS) Transportation
- **2024** — Community Paramedicine & Mobile MAT

PROGRAM EVOLUTION

Building a Stronger Path to Recovery—Together.

1 MARCH – SEPTEMBER 2024

- Secured funding
- Built protocols & policies
- Formed internal & community alliances
- Prepared & launched

2 PROGRAM LAUNCH

December 2024

3 EXPANSION

Early 2025

4 EXPANDING SUPPORT

Mid – Late 2025

5 INNOVATION

Early 2026

6 REACHING MORE PEOPLE

Mid 2026

7 FUTURE FOCUS

2026+

WHY MOBILE MATTERS

Meeting people where they are. Providing treatment when it matters most.

1 STARTS RECOVERY RIGHT AWAY

We provide treatment at the moment of need—when motivation is highest.

2 REMOVES BARRIERS TO CARE

We go to people—no transportation, insurance, or waitlist getting in the way.

3 PROVIDES COMPLETE SUPPORT

We deliver medication, medical care, and recovery support directly in the community.

4 BUILDS LASTING RECOVERY

We connect people to the care, resources, and relationships they need to stay well.

TWO PATHS. TWO OUTCOMES.

Intervening at the Moment of Opportunity Changes Lives.

TRADITIONAL PATHWAY *(NO INTERVENTION UNTIL IT'S TOO LATE)*

1. **OVERDOSE**
   Opioid overdose occurs.
2. **911 RESPONSE**
   Patient is transported by EMS to the emergency department.
3. **EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT**
   Patient is treated and stabilized.
4. **DISCHARGE HOME**
   Patient is discharged without treatment connection.
5. **BARRIERS REMAIN**
   Transportation, stigma, withdrawal, fear, and life stressors remain.
6. **CYCLE CONTINUES**
   Increased risk of repeat overdose, worsening health, and lost opportunities.

COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE INTERCEPT PATHWAY *(INTERVENE EARLY, CHANGE THE OUTCOME)*

1. **OVERDOSE**
   Opioid overdose occurs.
2. **911 RESPONSE**
   911 is called. First responders arrive on scene.
3. **COMMUNITY PARAMEDIC INTERCEPTS**
   CP meets patient on scene, at home, or at the hospital and builds rapport.
4. **IMMEDIATE TREATMENT**
   MAT (e.g., buprenorphine) is started on scene or at home.
5. **DAILY FOLLOW-UP**
   Ongoing visits, medical care, and support to stabilize.
6. **RECOVERY CONNECTION**
   Warm handoff to treatment, peer support, and community resources.
7. **PATH TO RECOVERY**
   Reduced risk of overdose, improved health, and long-term recovery is possible.

MOBILE MAT MODEL

Supporting Recovery Every Step of the Way.

1

REFERRAL

Referrals from:

- 911/EMS
- Hospitals
- Law Enforcement
- Self-Referral
- Community Partners

2

COMMUNITY PARAMEDIC ASSESSMENT & TREATMENT

- Medical assessment
- Withdrawal assessment
- Buprenorphine initiation
- Education & risk reduction strategies
- Resource navigation
- Care planning

3

DAILY FOLLOW-UP

- Medication management
- Withdrawal monitoring
- Vitals & wellness checks
- Resource navigation
- Care coordination & support

4

PEER RECOVERY SUPPORT

- Motivational interviewing
- Recovery coaching
- Resource navigation
- Connection & accountability
- Lived experience support

5

LONG-TERM RECOVERY

- Ongoing engagement
- Continued peer & community support
- Connection to resources for a brighter future

WHO WE SERVE & WHERE WE SERVE

Reaching People Where They Are. Helping Them Get Where They Want To Be.

WHO WE SERVE

We serve individuals with opioid use disorder from all walks of life.

- Individuals with Opioid Use Disorder
- Individuals Experiencing Homelessness
- Post-Overdose Survivors
- EMS Referrals
- Law Enforcement Referrals
- Emergency Department Referrals
- Pregnant Women with Opioid Use Disorder
- Individuals with Unmet Social Needs

Our patients include everyone—from those living in poverty on the streets to those living in mansions.

WHERE WE SERVE

We go beyond clinic walls and meet patients in the places where they live, work, and survive.

STREETS & ENCAMPMENTS

APARTMENTS & SUBSIDIZED HOUSING

HOSPITALS & EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS

JAILS & REENTRY PROGRAMS

PARKS & PUBLIC SPACES

WORKPLACES & INDUSTRIAL AREAS

PRIVATE RESIDENCES (PATIENT HOMES)

RURAL & UNDERSERVED AREAS

EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE

EVERY PROTOCOL • EVERY DECISION • EVERY PATIENT.

Our Mobile Medication-Assisted Treatment program is built on physician oversight, national evidence, continuous quality improvement, and collaboration with leaders across the country.

1 PHYSICIAN-LED MEDICAL OVERSIGHT

Every protocol is approved and maintained under the authority of our Medical Director.

2 NATIONAL EVIDENCE & BEST PRACTICE

Our protocols are built using current evidence and national best practices.

3 CONTINUOUS QUALITY IMPROVEMENT

We continuously monitor, evaluate, and improve to deliver the best care possible.

4 NATIONAL COLLABORATION

We collaborate with leaders and organizations across the country to bring the best ideas to our patients.

EVIDENCE →  PROTOCOLS →  QUALITY IMPROVEMENT →  BETTER PATIENT OUTCOMES

OUR MAT PROTOCOL HIGHLIGHTS

- COWS ≥ 8 – Initiate Buprenorphine
- Buprenorphine 16mg SL Initial dose (up to 32mg)
- Daily Follow-Up
- Warm Hand-Off for ongoing care

SAFE • EFFECTIVE • EVIDENCE-BASED CARE

IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS

Transforming Lives Through Community-Based Care

Q1 & Q2 2026 COMBINED (JANUARY – JUNE 2026)

141
PATIENTS SERVED

1,725
PATIENT ENCOUNTERS

423
NALOXONE KITS DISTRIBUTED

139
PATIENTS CONNECTED TO TREATMENT

23
REPORTED OVERDOSE REVERSALS

97.9%
RETAINED IN CARE ≥90 DAYS

WHAT WE ACCOMPLISHED

- Medical Assessments
- Buprenorphine Initiation
- Daily Follow-Up Visits
- Recovery Navigation
- Peer Recovery Support
- Transportation Assistance
- Housing & SDOH Support
- Naloxone Education & Risk Reduction Strategies

ENGAGEMENT & OUTCOMES

- 97.9% — Retained in Care ≥90 Days
- ≥98.6% — Reduction in Repeat Overdoses
- 100% — Received Naloxone & Education

WHAT MAKES
OUR PROGRAM DIFFERENT

Mobile MAT is Different Because We...

MEET PATIENTS WHERE THEY ARE
We go to homes, shelters, parks, encampments, and communities—removing barriers to care.

BEGIN TREATMENT IMMEDIATELY
We start medication in the field—no waiting weeks for an appointment to begin recovery.

PHYSICIAN-LED, EVIDENCE-BASED CARE
Our program is built on national guidelines with standardized protocols and clinical oversight.

PEER SUPPORT THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE
Paramedics provide medical care. Recovery Navigation peers provide lived experience, trust, and ongoing support.

ADDRESS BARRIERS BEYOND ADDICTION
We connect patients to transportation, insurance, food, housing, and other essential community resources.

STRONG COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS
We work hand-in-hand with EMS, law enforcement, hospitals, and community providers to connect people to the care they need.

Recovery doesn't begin when someone walks into a clinic—

it begins when someone is willing to meet them where they are.

- We don't just treat addiction.
- We restore hope.
- We change futures.

STRONGER TOGETHER. *Changing Lives.*

Our Partnerships. Our Community. Our Impact.

PUBLIC SAFETY & LAW ENFORCEMENT

- Law Enforcement Partners
- Tampa Police ORA

Collaborating to connect individuals to lifesaving services and support.

HEALTHCARE PARTNERS

- BayCare Health System
- Community Health Providers

Supporting warm hand-offs, continuity of care, and long-term health outcomes.

MOBILE MAT

Community Paramedicine

A COLLABORATIVE PATHWAY TO RECOVERY

TREATMENT & RECOVERY PARTNERS

- Treatment Providers
- Recovery Navigation
- Recovery Coalitions

Providing treatment, peer support, and resources for lasting recovery.

COMMUNITY & GOVERNMENT PARTNERS

- Hillsborough County
- Health & Human Services
- Live Tampa Bay
- University of South Florida

Working together to build a stronger, healthier community.

ADDITIONAL SUPPORTING PARTNERS

Crisis Center 988 & 211
24/7 crisis response and connection to care.

CFBHN
Funding and support to expand access to behavioral health services.

Hillsborough BOCC
Investing in programs that create healthier communities.

Florida Department of Health (DOH)
Data reporting and public health collaboration.

A PATIENT STORY. A FUTURE LEADER.

Real help. Real support. Real recovery.

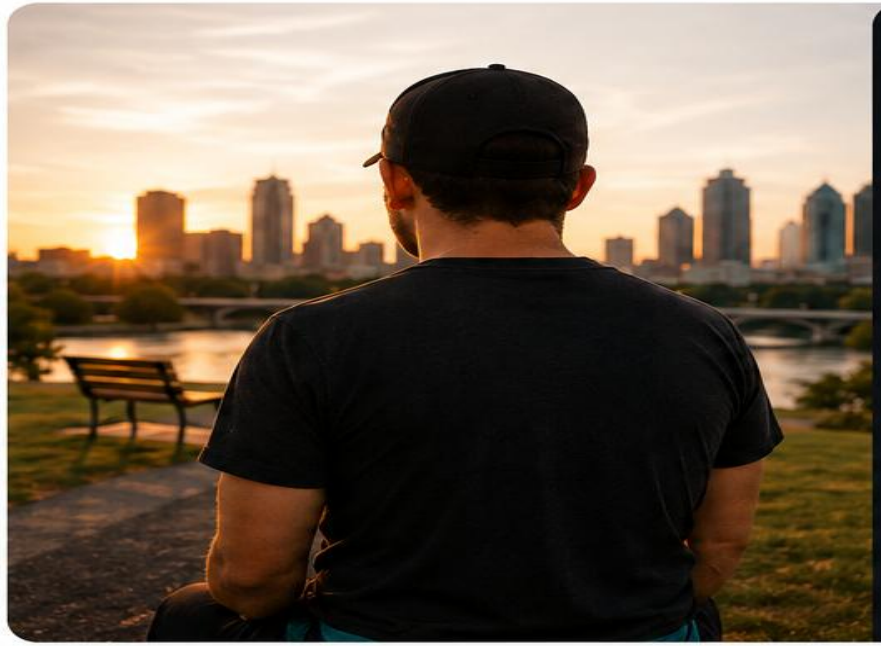
Mobile MAT meets people where they are—offering real help, real support, and a path back to the community.

WE ANSWER THE CALL
When crisis hits, we respond.

WE MEET THEM WHERE THEY ARE
In the community, not the ER.

WE PROVIDE TREATMENT & SUPPORT
Care, follow-up, and peer support every step of the way.

WE CONNECT TO LONG-TERM CARE
Building stability and a path toward lasting recovery.



> "This program didn't just save my life—it gave me a purpose.
> Now I want to be the person who shows up for someone else.
>
> *I want to give back to my community the way they gave to me."*

THE IMPACT OF MOBILE MAT

LIVES SAVED
Reduced overdoses and emergency visits.

PEOPLE SUPPORTED
Compassionate care that meets people where they are.

FUTURES CHANGED
Connecting individuals to treatment, resources, and lasting recovery.

COMMUNITY STRONGER
Empowering people to break the cycle and support others.

Help. Hope. Healing.

THANK YOU.

TOGETHER, WE ARE CHANGING LIVES AND BUILDING A HEALTHIER HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY.

Every Overdose is a Chance. ♥ *Every Recovery is a Success.* ♥ *Every Life Matters.*

TOGETHER, WE CAN CREATE A STRONGER, HEALTHIER COMMUNITY.

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