Grounded in Community: Building a Transparent and Data-Driven Opioid Settlement Strategy in Lake County

Quick Context

Lake County – Population of 67,500

Overdose Death Rates (2023):

According to CDC data compiled by USAFacts for 2023:

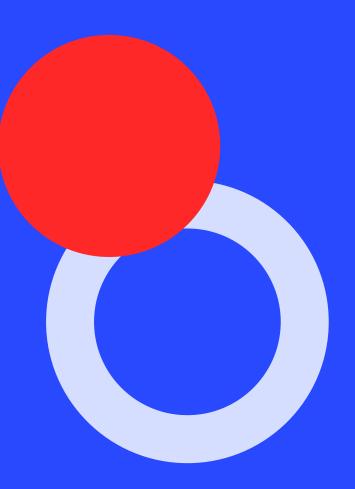
- •Lake County: ~70.7 drug-involved overdose deaths per 100,000 residents
- •California average (all counties): ranges from ~12 to ~90, with the highest in Del Norte (~90.3), followed by San Francisco (~76.4), and then Lake County (~70.7)
- •That places Lake County third highest in the state in overdose death rate, just behind Del Norte and San Francisco.



Guiding Principles

We started by grounding our work in a few key principles:

- Community Voice: Prioritized input from providers, coalitions, and tribal partners
- Transparency: Open RFP process and clearly communicated timelines
- Equity & Data Use: Used overdose trends, treatment access data, and social determinants to guide funding priorities
- Sustainability: Looked for projects that could eventually braid in Medi-Cal or other funding sources



Our Process in 4 Steps

- Step 1: Defined Priorities Using Local Data
- Step 2: Issued a Public RFP
- Step 3: Community-Centered Review Panel
- Step 4: Contracting & Monitoring

Thank you!

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