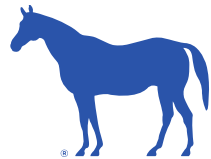


SUBSTANCE ABUSE INTERVENTION PROGRAM

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Substance Use Disorder Intervention Program

- **The city's Substance Use Disorder Intervention Program is a resource for individuals searching for information about substance use, addiction and treatment services.**
- **SAMHSA Grant (EFRCPO/Non-Traditional Approach to Community Naloxone Distribution)**
- **Recovery Supportive Living Assistance Program (RSLA)**
- **Mayors Substance Use Disorder Advisory Committee**
- **Opioid Abatement Commission**

Expanded First Responders and Community Partners Overdose Prevention Project (EFRCPO)



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The four-year SAMHSA grant was awarded for September 30, 2022 through September 29, 2026. We began with our focus on the initial grant year from September 30, 2022 through September 29, 2023. The first three months of the grant year were focused on project implementation of naloxone distribution and outreach services. Because of the recent increase in opioid-related fatal overdoses, there was a definite need for naloxone distribution.

LFUCG partners with the Lexington Fayette County Health Department for outreach services and the University of Kentucky Center on Drug and Alcohol for data collection and evaluation.



Expanded First Responders and Community Partners Overdose Prevention Project (EFRCP)

- **Goal 1: Provide naloxone and naloxone administration training to community members through the Lexington-Fayette County Health Department Syringe Service Program, community outreach and training events, and the Lexington Division of Fire and Emergency Medical Services Community Paramedicine Leave Behind Program.**
- **Goal 2: Provide naloxone, naloxone administration training, and overdose education to first responders.**
- **Goal 3: Provide service navigation to substance use treatment, recovery services, and harm reduction for community members who are at risk for an opioid overdose.**



Outreach

- **To address barriers, the EFRCPOPP Overdose Prevention Coordinator (OPC) was trained to conduct naloxone administration training and distribute naloxone kits through a partnership with the medical director of the Lexington Division of Fire and Emergency Medical Services.**
- **The OPC also noticed a need to distribute naloxone at non-traditional locations, such as gas stations, barbershops, and coffee shops. He was able to develop rapport with more individuals in the community who would not have sought out a traditional naloxone training event.**



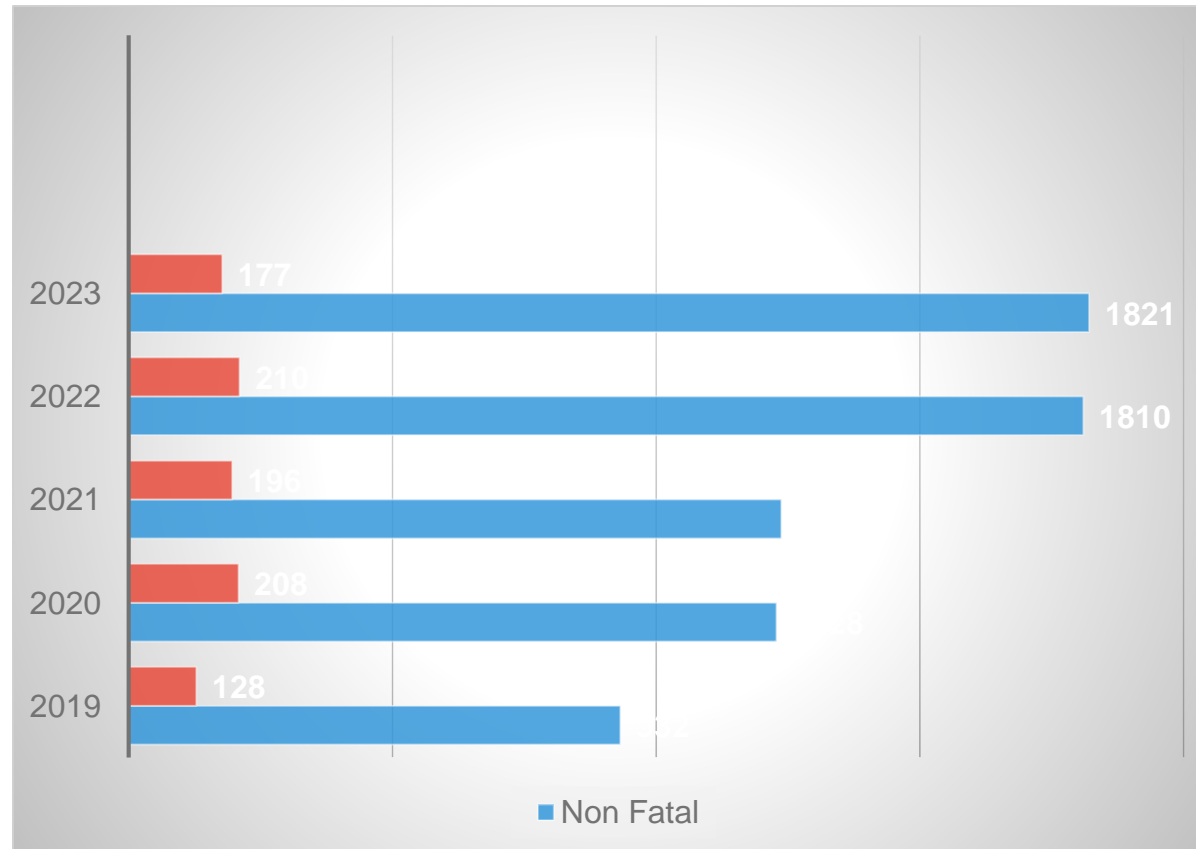
The Challenge

- **Lexington-Fayette County ranks 12th among Kentucky's 120 counties burdened by the opioid crisis. For years, the county has had a rate of opioid overdose deaths many times the national average.**
- **Drug overdose remains the number one cause of death among people ages 18-44 in Fayette County. From 2018-2019, the number of opioid deaths in Kentucky among African-Americans increased dramatically by 46%.**
- **The need for expanded initiatives to combat drug overdose in this population was clear. Despite the success of providing more than 10,000 naloxone kits through the Syringe Service Program (SSP) and community trainings, the number of kits distributed to people of color remained low at about 4% (2015-2018). African-Americans make up about 15% of the county population. Historical medical mistrust and cultural context continue to be strong factors that prevent persons of color from seeing Harm Reduction as a useful strategy.**

Fayette County Overdoses

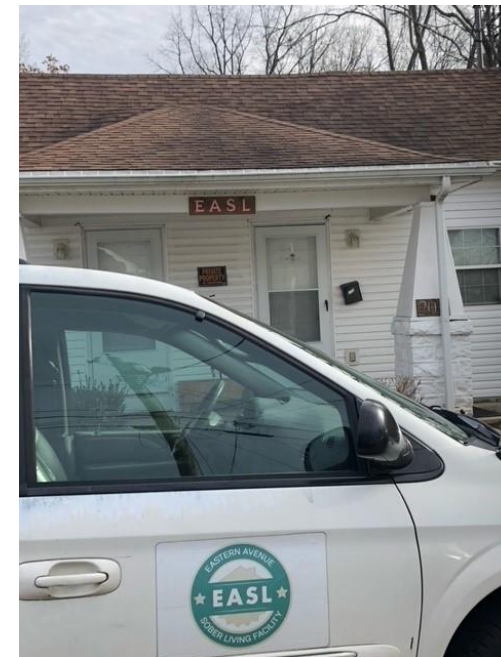


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Implementing Outreach

- **OPC continues training at established sites through the community.**
 - **Sober Living Programs**
 - **Oxford House**
 - **Victory House**
 - **Perfect Imperfections**
 - **Primary Purpose**
 - **Shepherds House**
 - **Eastern Ave**
 - **Tracy's House**
 - **Simple Solutions**



Implementing Traditional and Non-Traditional Outreach

- **OPC continues training at established sites through the community.**
 - **Treatment Centers and Day Missions**
 - **Men's Hope Center**
 - **Women's Hope Center**
 - **The Ridge**
 - **Schwartz Center**
 - **New Day Life Center**
 - **Lexington Rescue Mission**
 - **Lighthouse Ministries**
 - **HOPE Village**
 - **Catholic Action Center**
 - **Homeless Encampments**
 - **Fayette Co. Detention Center**



Implementing Outreach

- **OPC continues training at established sites through the community.**
 - **Recovery Clubs**
 - **Alano**
 - **Token**
 - **Gratz Park**
 - **Recovery Café**
 - **Latino AA**

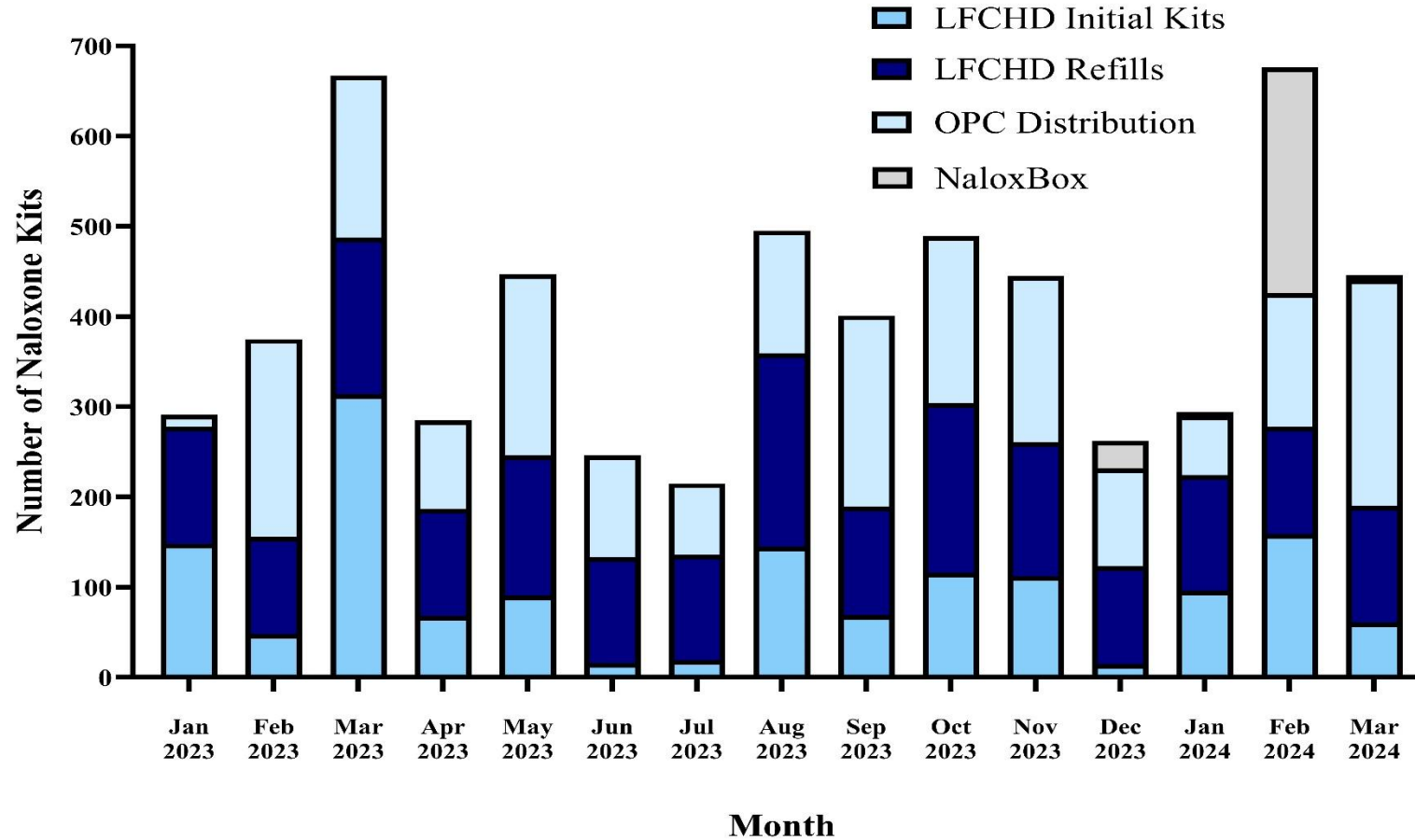


Implementing Non-Traditional Outreach

- **OPC identifies opportunities based on data and observation.**
 - **Bus Stops**
 - **Barber Shops**
 - **Multi Site Trainings (Shopping centers)**
 - **Gas Stations**
 - **Strip Clubs**
 - **Adult Novelty Shops**
 - **Community Markets**
 - **Vape Shops**
 - **Liquor Stores**
 - **Restaurants/Coffee Shops**
 - **Tattoo Parlors**
 - **Plasma Center**
 - **Laundry Mats**



2023-2024 Distribution to include Non-Traditional Trainings



Recovery Supportive Living Assistance (RSLA) Program

- **In October 2020, LFUCG piloted a program that assisted individuals entering in or continuing in a recovery residence who were experiencing financial barriers.**
- **RSLA provides one-time assistance in a two-year period for individuals who meet the criteria of the program.**
- **A participant is eligible for up to \$400.00 in assistance (funds go to the owner/operator).**
 - **FY2023- \$220K (Assisted 550 clients with \$400)**
 - **FY2024- \$200K (Assisting 500 clients with \$400)**
 - **FY2025- \$264K (Assisting 528 clients with \$500 monthly)**

The Mayor's Substance Use Disorder Advisory Council

- **The main purposes of this group is to provide guidance on both the Lexington Outreach/Overdose Prevention and the First Responders and Community Partners Overdose Prevention Project grants and to advise the mayor on issues related to treatment, recovery, and support on all issues related to substance use disorder.**



National Opioid Litigation

- **November 9, 2017. LFUCG filed suit against numerous defendants seeking relief from the opioid epidemic.**
 - **Defendants include manufacturers, distributors, pharmacies and others.**
- **December 5, 2017. A multi-district litigation (MDL) established in United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, consolidating all or nearly all municipal plaintiffs from around the country into one action for discovery purposes.**



Opioid Abatement Funds

- **The Opioid Abatement Commission was created June 2023, to make recommendations to the administration and Urban County Council on how to best use funds received from the National Opioid Litigation settlement.**

DATE PAID	PAYMENT TYPE	Amount
12/15/2022	Distributor Payment 1	\$ 475,864.37
12/15/2022	Distributor Payment 2	\$ 500,110.26
12/15/2022	Janssen Payment 1	\$ 170,367.20
12/15/2022	Janssen Payment 2	\$ 397,470.11
12/15/2022	Janssen Payment 3	\$ 318,126.23
12/15/2022	Janssen Payment 4	\$ 488,470.56
12/15/2022	Janssen Payment 5	\$ 541,417.65
6/6/2023	Meijer Payment 1	\$ 75,000.00
8/2/2023	Distributor Payment 3	\$ 373,894.84
12/22/2023	Janssen Payment 4	\$ 31,079.21
12/22/2023	Janssen Payment 5	\$ 31,079.18
4/15/2024	Distributor Payment 7	\$ 213,717.47
4/30/2024	Walmart Payment 1	\$ 1,525,725.58
4/30/2024	Walgreens Payment 2	\$ 126,261.29
4/30/2024	Teva Payment 1	\$ 133,015.88
4/30/2024	Allergan Payment 1	\$ 154,425.26
4/30/2024	CVS Payment 1	\$ 168,843.53
4/30/2024	Walgreens Payment 1	\$ 248,282.51
		\$5,973,151.13



Opioid Abatement Commission Activities

- **The Recovery Ready Communities Certification Program is designed to provide a quality measure of a city or county's substance use disorder (SUD) recovery efforts. The program offers local officials, recovery advocates, and concerned citizens the opportunity to evaluate their community's current SUD treatment programs and interventions in a framework that is designed to maximize positive public health outcomes among Kentuckians suffering from SUD.**
- **Community Town Halls**
- **Monthly Meetings Opioid Abatement Commission | City of Lexington (lexingtonky.gov)**

Questions?



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