Strategies to Address the Opioid Epidemic: Overview and Orientation

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Resources for Counties implementing Opioid Settlement strategies

• **Assess**- understand what your community needs, what resources you already have, and where the gaps are
  - **NC Opioid Action Plan Dashboard** tracks county specific data, and what actions are already being implemented in your county
  - **Talk to partners** in your county, including the county or regional local health director, county first responders, LME-MCO, treatment providers, and people who have been directly impacted to understand what’s already happening

• **Plan**
  - **Bring together stakeholders** to coordinate planning.
  - Connect with **leadership from other counties** that have successfully implemented programs and learn what worked for them.
  - Talk to **neighboring counties** to identify opportunities to work together
  - Look for opportunities to braid funding from **SAMSHA, HRSA, US DOJ and others**: [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov)
  - Join the **Opioid and Prescription Drug Abuse Advisory Committee** for alerts on new tools and resource opportunities.

• **Implement**
  - There is a **long list of technical assistance providers** who can help you implement programs
  - Determine a lead to implement the program.

• **Evaluate**
  - Determine in the planning stages what success looks like. Make sure the lead reports back on how the program is going.
  - There are a number of evaluation resources available, including local academic partners and federal resources, for additional evaluation.
Resources for specific strategies

• Visit NCOpioidSettlement.Org for dedicated resources on each of the Exhibit A strategies

• NCACC Webinar Series will deep dive into these strategies

• There is specific technical assistance for each of these strategies, including how-to’s and connection to other counties who have done them. Contact beinjuryfreenc@dhhs.nc.gov

Option A County Opioid Settlement Strategies

1. Evidence Based Addiction Treatment (MAT inclusive/supportive)
2. Recovery support services, including peer support services and care coordination for linkage to care programs
3. Housing Support services for people struggling with addiction
4. Employment Support services
5. Early-intervention and prevention, including mental health first aid
6. Naloxone distribution
7. Post-overdose response teams
8. Syringe Service Programs
9. Pre- or post-arrest diversion programs, including court-based diversion programs
10. Treatment for incarcerated persons
11. Re-entry programs
12. Strategic planning to expend opioid settlement funds