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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

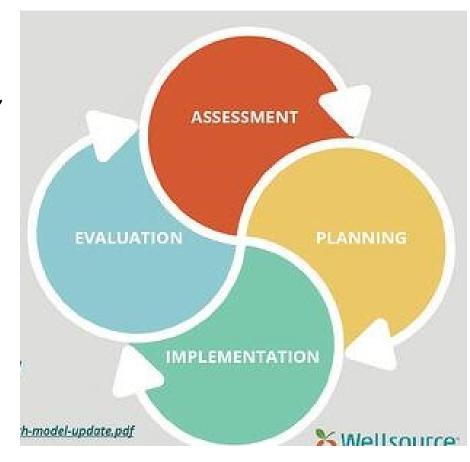
- Bring together stakeholders to coordinate planning.
- Connect with leadership from other counties that have successfully implemented programs and learn what worked for them.
- Talk to **neighboring counties** to identify opportunities to work together
- Look for opportunities to braid funding from SAMSHA, HRSA, US DOJ and others:
  www.grants.gov
- Join the <u>Opioid and Prescription Drug Abuse Advisory Committee</u> 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 <a href="mailto:beinjuryfreenc@dhhs.nc.gov">beinjuryfreenc@dhhs.nc.gov</a>

### Option A County Opioid Settlement Strategies

- 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
- Early-intervention and **prevention**, including mental health first aid
- Naloxone distribution
- 7. Post-overdose response teams
- 8. Syringe Service Programs
- 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

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