



NC Opioid Settlements MOA Coordination Group

Meeting Notes

May 1, 2024; 2:00P – 3:00P (via Zoom)

I. ATTENDANCE AND ABSENCES

Members in Attendance:

Gordon Watkins, Forsyth County
Dr. Jennifer Green, Cumberland County
Eric Olmedo, City of High Point
Louis Leake, Fayetteville Comprehensive Treatment
Steve Mange, NC Department of Justice
Margaret Bordeaux, Duke Department of Population Health Sciences
Alyssa Kitlas, NC Department of Health and Human Services (former)

Guests in Attendance:

Nidhi Sachdeva, Elizabeth Brewington, Jill Rushing, Cecilia Gonzales, Katherine Gora Combs, Megan Fullwood, Daniel Hill, Sarah Price, Stephen Marshall, Daniel Mosteller, Michelle Ries, Amy Bason, Shelia Jenkins Executive, Mike Fliss, Draven Ward

II. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 2:05 p.m. by Gordon Watkins.

III. NEW BUSINESS

National Opioid Settlements

Daniel Mosteller, Deputy General Counsel, North Carolina Department of Justice, presented information on the status of the various national opioid settlements and how NC is impacted.

NC Opioid Settlements Dashboards

Cecilia Gonzales, Project Director, UNC Injury Prevention Research Center (IPRC), presented the successes, challenges, and resources for local governments working on opioid abatement strategies.

Local Governments: Planning, Implementing, and Reporting

Jill Rushing, Senior Health Programs Manager and Evaluator, North Carolina Association of County Commissioners, presented the successes, challenges, and resources for local governments working on opioid abatement strategies.

General Discussion and Next Steps

There was a brief discussion about pending settlements; general reflections on the frequency of reporting and how it is displayed on dashboards; and a comment on how collecting demographic information in Annual Impact Reports can be challenging for local governments.

Gordon Watkins reminded people that county staff are gaining expertise in opioid settlement issues and abatement strategies and should be consulted if organizations from outside of the county are positioning themselves to assist with planning related to the use of opioid settlement funds.

Gordon Watkins reminded Coordination Group members of the next meeting date – May 7, 2025.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Gordon Watkins adjourned the group at 3:09 p.m.



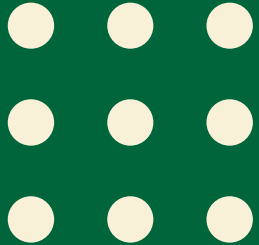
NC Opioid Settlements MOA Coordination Group
 Annual Meeting (Virtual) Wednesday, May 1, 2024; 2:00P – 3:00P EDT

[Zoom Registration](#)

Agenda	
2:00P – 2:05P	<p>Welcome and Introductions</p> <p>Gordon Watkins, Forsyth County Nidhi Sachdeva, NC Association of County Commissioners</p>
2:05P – 2:15P	<p>National Opioid Settlements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wave 1 and 2 • Kroger • Purdue <p>Steve Mange, NC Department of Justice</p>
2:15P – 2:25P	<p>NC Opioid Settlements Dashboards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NC Payment Dashboard • Local Spending Plan Dashboard • Past Spending Dashboard • Annual Impact Reports and Local Views (dashboards in development) <p>Cecilia Gonzales, UNC Injury Prevention Research Center Katherine Gora Combs, UNC Injury Prevention Research Center</p>
2:25P – 2:45P	<p>NC Local Governments: Planning, Implementing, and Reporting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successes and Challenges • Technical Assistance and Supports <p>Nidhi Sachdeva, NC Association of County Commissioners Jill Rushing, NC Association of County Commissioners Elizabeth Brewington, NC Association of County Commissioners</p>
2:45P – 3:00P	<p>General Discussion and Next Steps</p> <p>Gordon Watkins, Forsyth County</p>
3:00P	<p>Thank yous and Adjourn</p>



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NC Memorandum of Agreement Coordination Group

May 1, 2024

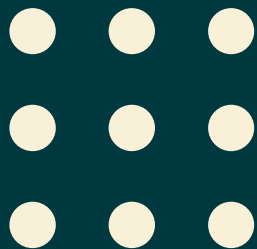


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Welcome and Introductions

Gordon Watkins, Forsyth County

Nidhi Sachdeva, NC Association of County Commissioners





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Coordination Group Members

Appointed By	Member Name	Entity / Affiliation
NCACC – Commissioner	Commissioner Jasmine Beach-Ferrara	Buncombe County
NCACC – Manager	David Ellis	Wake County
NCACC – Attorney	Gordon Watkins	Forsyth County
NCACC – Health Director	Dr. Jennifer Green	Cumberland County
NCLM	Eric Olmedo	City of High Point
NC DHHS	Louis Leake	Fayetteville Comprehensive Treatment
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NC DHHS	Louise Vincent	NC Survivors Union
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NC Attorney General	Steven Mange	NC Department of Justice
NCGA - House	Kara Millonzi	UNC School of Government
NCGA - Senate	Dr. Kathy Colville	NC Institute of Medicine (former)



NC MOA COORDINATION GROUP

Daniel Mosteller, Deputy General Counsel
Steven Mange, Director of Policy & Legislative Affairs
North Carolina Department of Justice
May 1, 2024

WAVE ONE

- Big three distributors
- Plus Johnson & Johnson
- Finalized in 2022
- Subject to MOA



WAVE TWO

- CVS, Walmart & Walgreens
- Plus Teva & Allergan
- Finalized in 2023
- Subject to MOA (pursuant to SAAF)



KROGER

To be finalized in 2024

- \$1.37 billion = national total
- \$40 million = NC total



KROGER (cont'd)

- Will be subject to MOA (pursuant to SAAF-2 locals will be asked to approve)
- Local sign-on deadline will be around early August 2024
- We will need same counties & municipalities to sign on as in Waves One & Two



BANKRUPTCIES

Subject to the MOA:

- Mallinckrodt
 - All projected payments made in FY23-24
 - Possible payment in future
- Endo
 - Full payment expected in FY24-25
 - Likely around \$10 million for NC



PURDUE BANKRUPTCY

- Supreme Court deciding if Purdue settlement (as it structured) can include the Sacklers
 - If Court allows settlement to proceed, payments likely will begin in FY24-25
 - If Court does not allow settlement to proceed, there will be efforts to restructure the settlement and/or litigation will recommence



PURDUE BANKRUPTCY (cont'd)

If Court allows settlement to proceed:

- National total = \$5.5 billion
- NC total = \$100+ million
- Payments over 18 years



PAYMENT SCHEDULE

- Includes Wave One, Wave Two, and Mallinckrodt
- Does not (yet) include Kroger, Purdue, or Endo
- All amounts for FY22-23 & FY23-24 have been paid
- See it at ncopioidsettlement.org

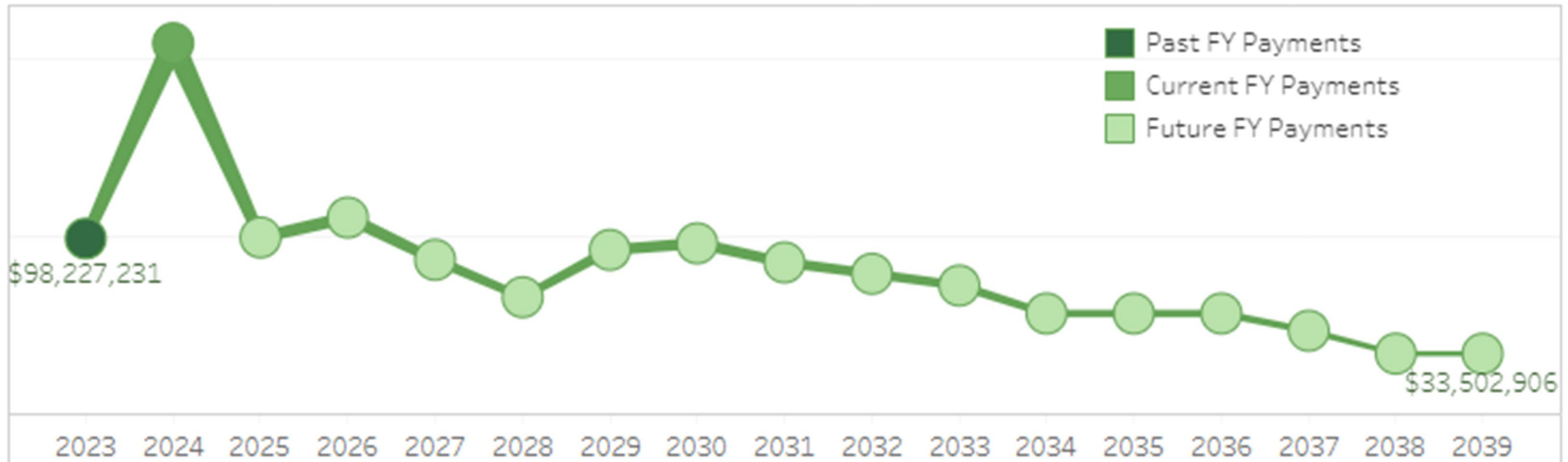


PAYMENT SCHEDULE

18 Year Payment to NC State & Local Governments (Total) during 2022-2038:

\$1,370,523,739

Payments Over Time - NC State & Local Governments (Total)



NC Opioid Settlements Data Dashboards: Tools for Transparency and Accountability

Coordination Group Meeting
May 1, 2024



Presenter



Cecilia Gonzales
Project Director, CORE-NC
UNC Injury Prevention
Research Center

Co-Presenter



Katherine Gora Combs
Research Associate, UNC Injury
Prevention Research Center;
PhD Student, Department of
Epidemiology, UNC Gillings School of
Global Public Health



Principles of the NC Model

- Empower Local Communities
- Incentivize Fidelity to Evidence-Based Strategies
- Ensure Transparency and Accountability

CORE-NC

Community Opioid Resources Engine for North Carolina

ncopioidsettlement.org | core-nc.org



**State-of-the-Art Information Clearinghouse for the
Opioid Settlements**

CORE-NC Website: 3 Components



**Reporting
Portals**



**Resource
Library**



**Data
Dashboards**

Data Dashboards



Emphasis on interactive, place-based data so local governments can make informed decisions for their community

Dashboards Currently Available

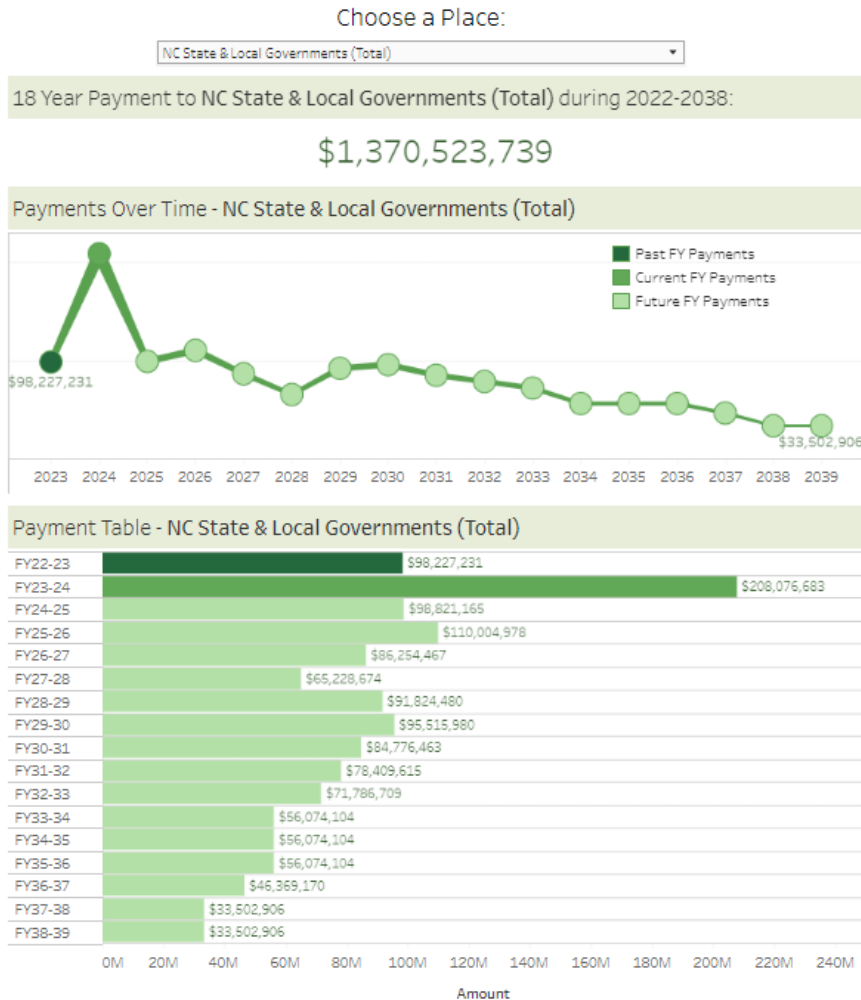


- Opioid Indicators
- Community Drivers of Health
- Payment Schedule
- Local Spending Plans
- Past Spending

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Payment Schedule

Schedule of estimated payments for each of the 114 North Carolina counties and cities receiving payments from the national opioid settlements

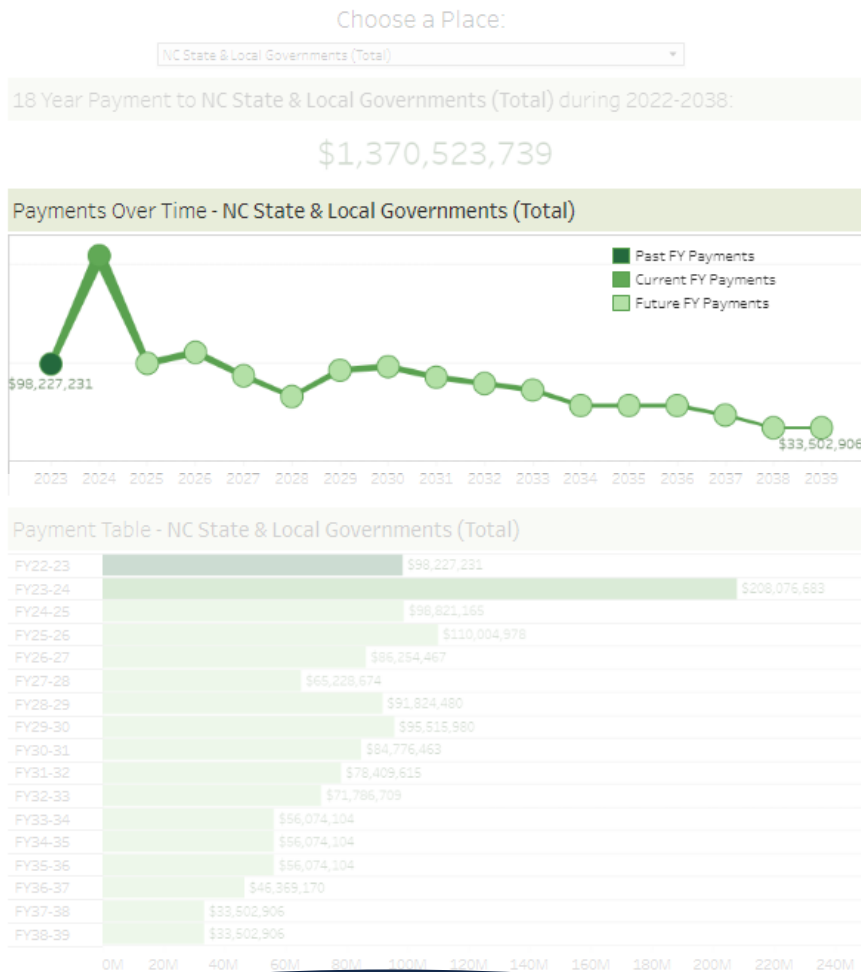
Tracks payments as they are received

Download Local Payout Schedule:



Download Payouts for All Locations:







View each local
govt's payments
over time

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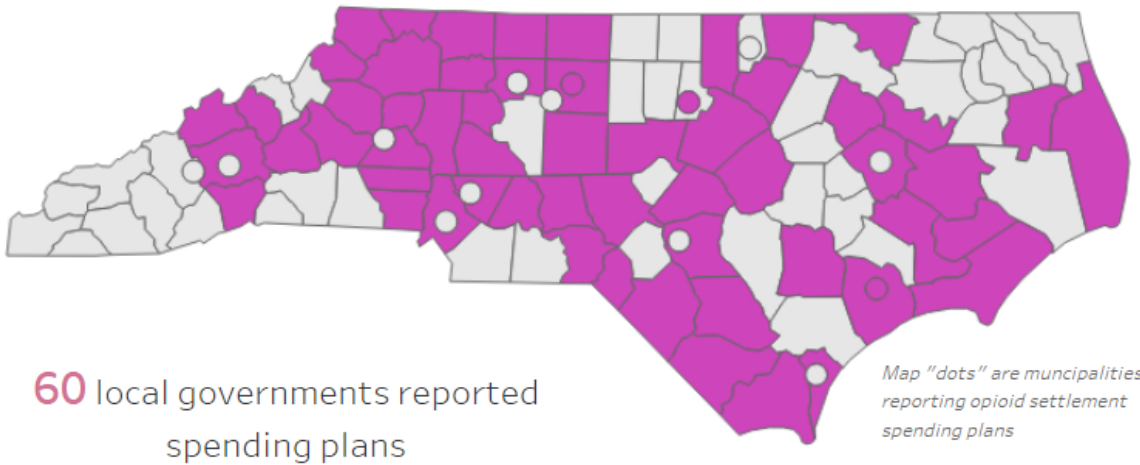
Downloadable data accessible to policymakers and the public

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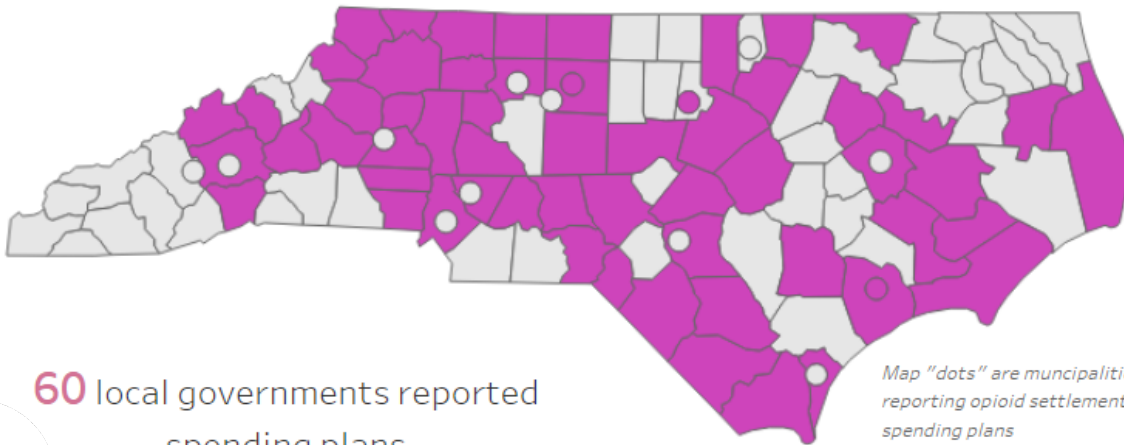
Learn more about how local governments plan to spend opioid settlement funds to address the opioid overdose epidemic in North Carolina



Interactive maps to visualize planning across the state

Local Spending Plans

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60 local governments reported spending plans



Media-ready statement to contextualize numbers

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Which Exhibit A strategies do they plan to fund?



Select 1 or more **local governments** (All)

How much spending was authorized and when will it be used?

Ordered by locality, strategy/category, & program start date

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	J. Leadership, Planning and Coordination	7/1/2024	\$69.5k
Brunswick County		9/6/2022	\$8k
	3. Recovery Support Servi..	1/17/2023	\$84.9k
	4. Recovery Housing Supp..	7/1/2023	\$240.9k
Buncombe County	6. Early Intervention	1/17/2023	\$84.9k
	1. Collaborative Strategic Planning	10/4/2022	\$50k
		7/1/2023	\$125k
			\$713.5k
	2. Evidence-Based Addicti..	10/4/2022	\$99k

Buncombe County

Detail, if applicable:

Project

Date: 7/1/2023 - 6/30/2026

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Provider: Buncombe County Manager’s Office and Buncombe County Office of Strategy and Innovation

Funding: \$713,482

Document

Document: Buncombe_Spending_Plan_Ordinance_2023.06.20.pdf

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Pass Date: 6/20/2023

(Click spending timeline bar to see spending authorization document, if available)

Which Exhibit A strategies do they plan to fund?



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Additional detail provided by local govts for authorized projects (and legal documentation)

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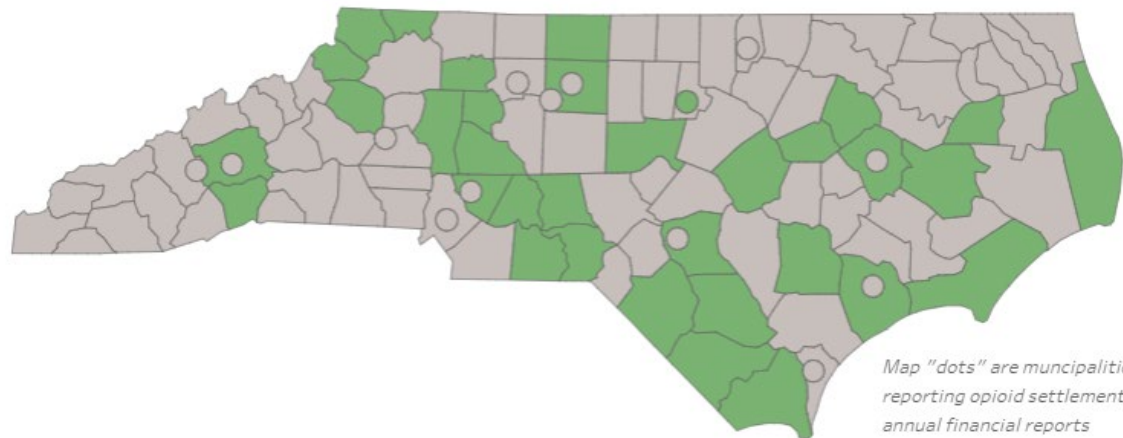
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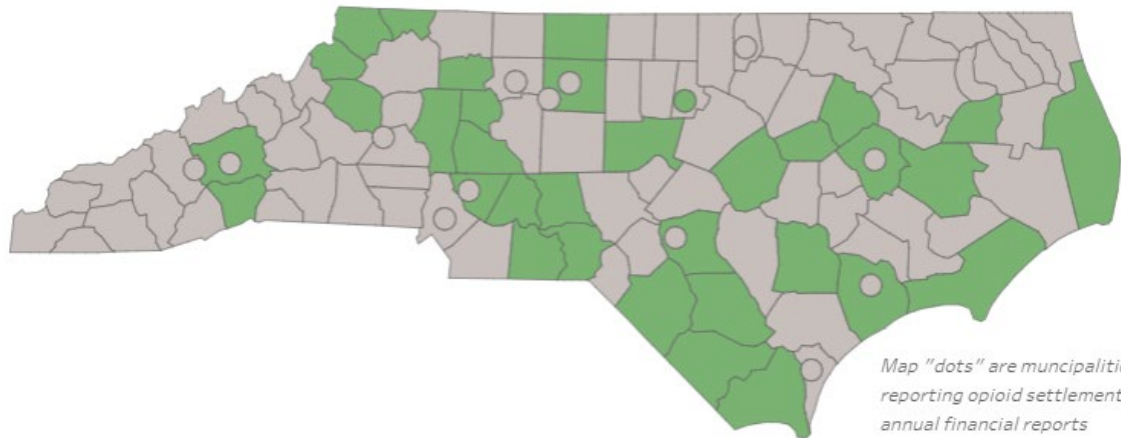
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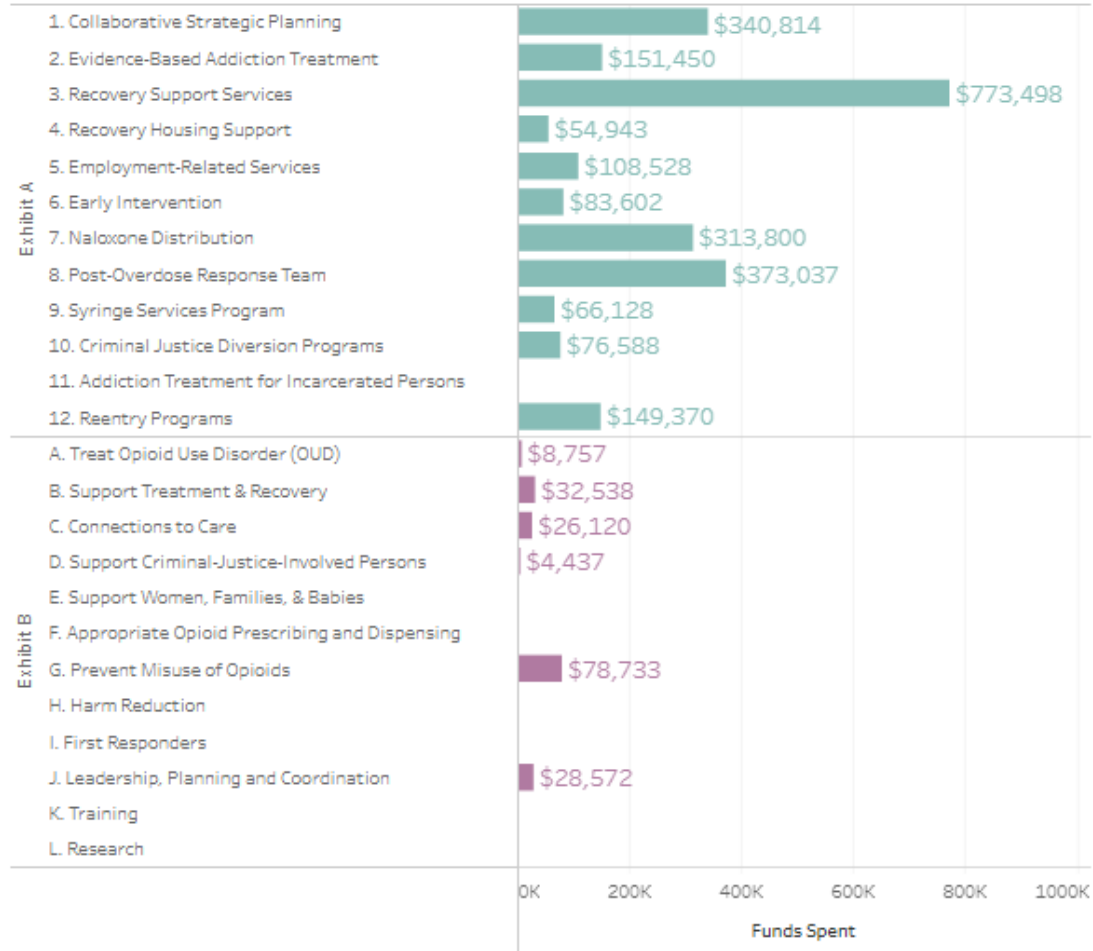
Maps to visualize spending across the state

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These Exhibit A Strategies and Exhibit B Categories Were Funded:

Optional: Select a Locality



View spending at the state level or by local govt

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Upcoming Dashboards and New Features

Local View of the Opioid Settlement

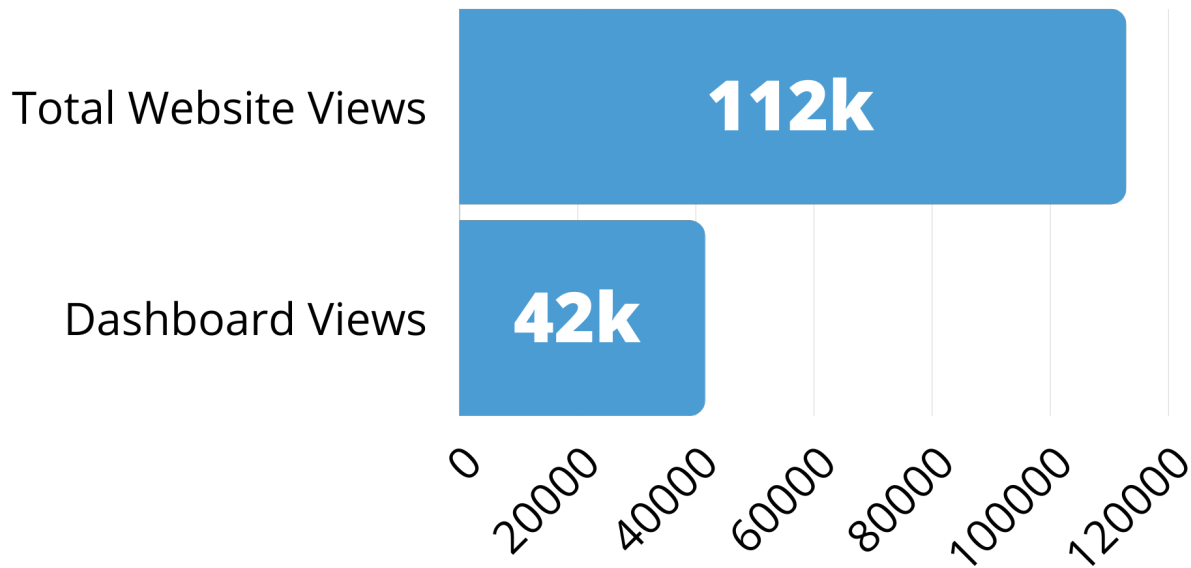
- A snapshot of everything going on with the opioid settlements in your local government...**all on one page**
- Includes information about the impact of opioid settlement spending

Document Repository

- Download all submitted reports and documentation for the opioid settlements by a local government...**all in one place**



Measurable Project Output



450+
local government
reports processed
for display

Funding Acknowledgement

CORE-NC activities are supported by an award from NC Collaboratory using Opioid Abatement Funds, as authorized under NCGA Session Law 2022-74 Section 9F.1(c), with additional support from the Duke Energy Foundation and the Governor's Institute.



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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Division of Public Health

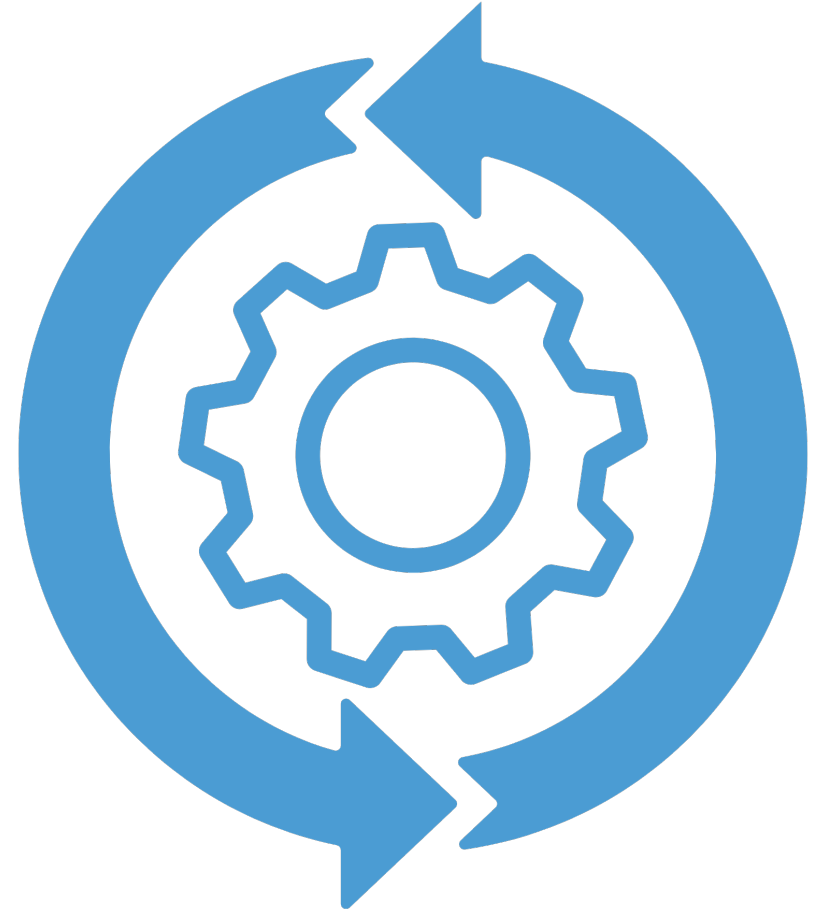


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RESEARCH CENTER**



**GILLINGS SCHOOL OF
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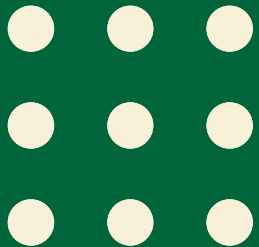
**We welcome your
feedback as we work to
continue improving the
resources available to
local governments.**



Email us at opioidsettlement@unc.edu



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NC Local Governments Planning, Implementing, and Reporting

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May 1, 2024



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Opioid Settlement Technical Assistance Team



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*Director of Strategic Health and
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*Senior Health Programs
Manager and Evaluator*



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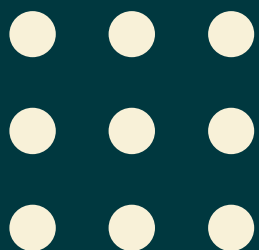


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Opioid Settlement Technical Assistance Team

Goals

- Improve the health of NC counties
- Support local governments in utilizing opioid settlement funds to maximize resources and impact through technical assistance, outreach and training, and collaboration.

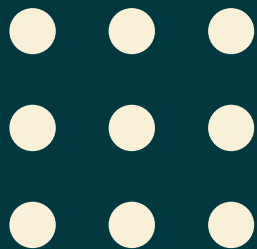




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Supportive TA Services

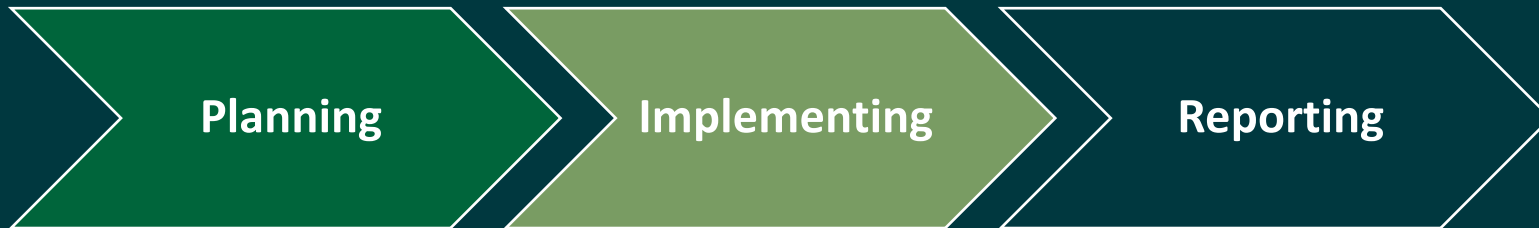
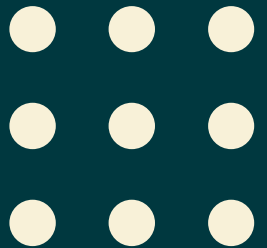
- **Strategic action planning**
 - NC MOA consultation/translation
 - Categorization of eligible strategies
- **Collaboration and Connections**
 - Connections to technical experts
 - Cross-county collaborations
- **Program implementation and evaluation support**
 - Education and training
 - Consultation and coaching
 - Outreach
 - Evaluation and data reporting





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Planning





Planning

Successes

- Local governments know where to go for help
 - 400+/1050+ TA request focused on planning
 - ncopioidsettlement.org
- 66 local governments have submitted local spending plan authorizations (as of April 30, 2024)





Planning

Challenges

- The epidemic is not new, but the Opioid Settlements are
- Local governments balancing many other responsibilities
- Local governments need to meet both requirements for NC MOA (resolution) and state law (budget ordinance)

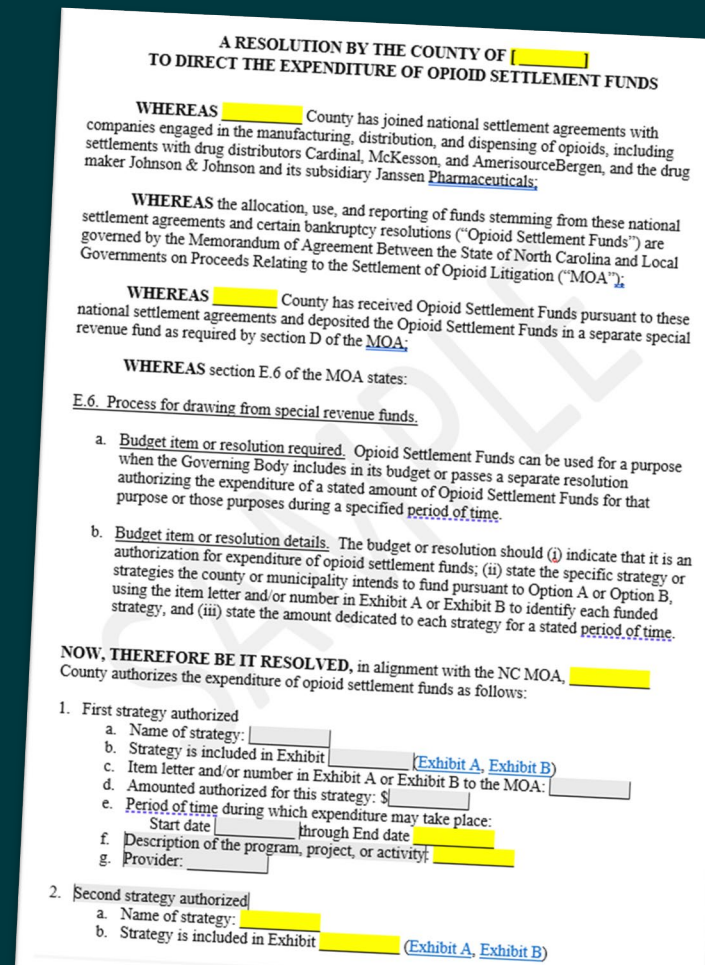
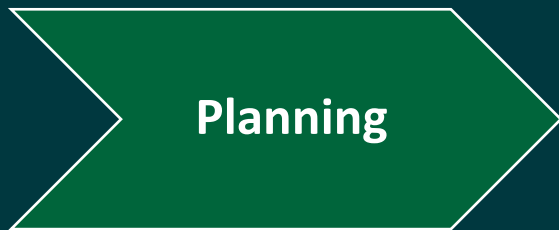
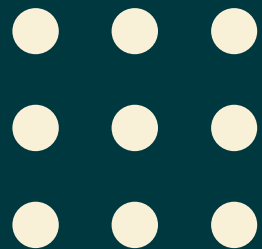




Planning

Resources and Supports

- NC DOJ Guidance on the process that a local government must follow to authorize the expenditure of opioid settlement funds
 - morepowerfulinc.org
 - Click "Opioid Settlements" then "NC MOA"
- NCACC Spending Authorization Resolution Template
 - ncacc.org/opioidsettlement
 - Scroll down to "Sample Spending Authorization Language"





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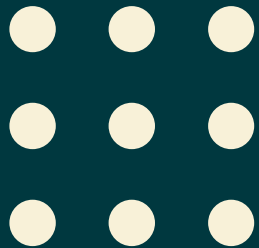
Resources and Supports

- Sign-on Resolution Templates (e.g., Wave Two, SAAF)
- Opioid Settlements TA Office Hours
- NC Opioid Settlement Coordinators Network Convening
- In development
 - Collaborative Strategic Planning Toolkit
 - SAAF-2 Resolution Template
 - Opioid Settlements Planning Academy





Implementing

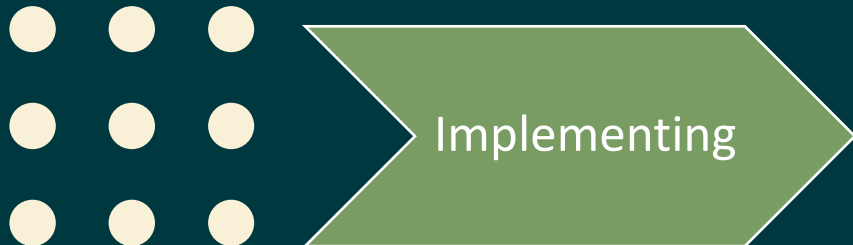




Implementing

Successes

- Local governments are starting to connect with implementation resources
 - Nearly 100/1050+ TA request focused on Option A strategies
- Local governments are allocating funds to Option A strategies
 - A.3. Recovery Support Services
 - A.1. Collaborative Strategic Planning
 - A.7. Naloxone Distribution

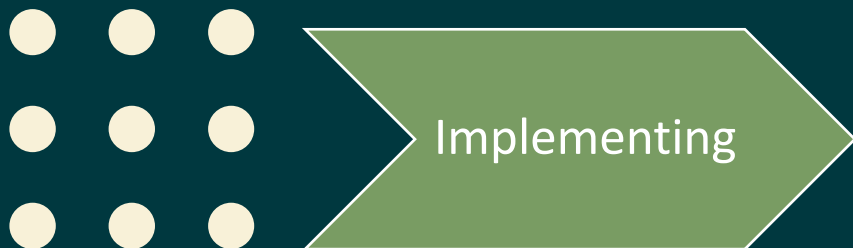




Implementing

Challenges

- Defining Option A strategies
 - A.2. Evidence-based addiction treatment \neq A.3. Recovery support
 - A.6. Early intervention \neq B. Primary prevention
- Meaningful amount of money, but still not enough
- Sustainability over time given the varying payment amounts





Implementing

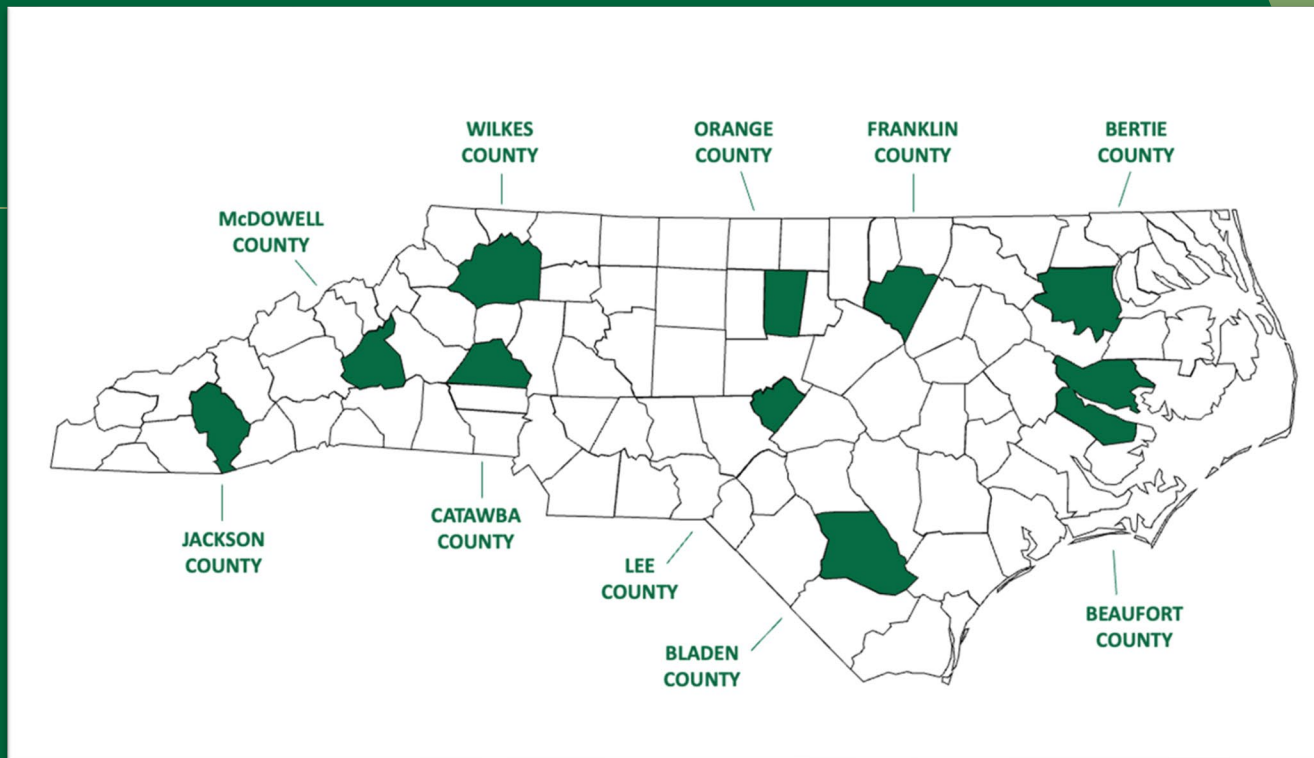
Resources and Supports

- Strategy-specific resources
 - ncopioidsettlement.org/strategy-resources
- Strategies to Address the Opioid Overdose Epidemic Webinar Series (20)
- RFA Guide
- One More Thing – NCACC Presidential Initiative





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Trauma-Informed Counties

Designed to explore the profound impacts of trauma and its interconnection with drug use, and to dig into specific, actionable strategies to address trauma across our service systems.

“Taking care of ourselves, so we can better care for our communities”



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Trauma-Informed Counties

- All instances begin at 10:00 a.m. and end at 4:00 p.m.
- Monday, June 3 — Catawba County
- Wednesday, June 5 — Wilkes County
- Tuesday, June 25 — Orange County
- Wednesday, June 26 — Lee County
- Monday, July 8 — Jackson County
- Tuesday, July 9 — McDowell County

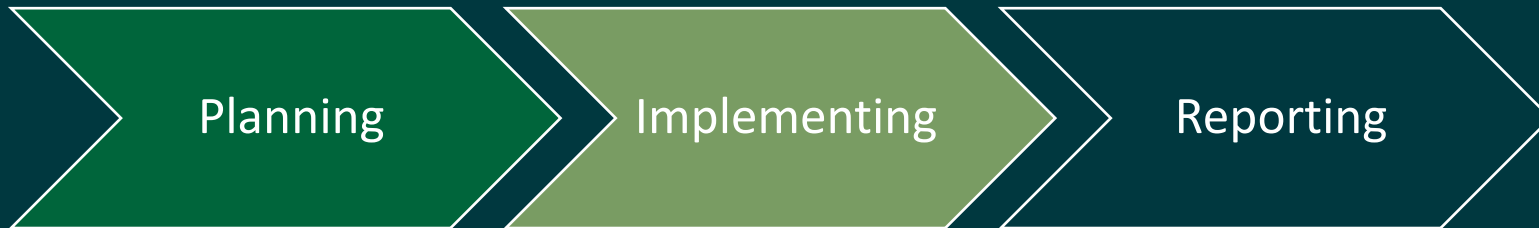
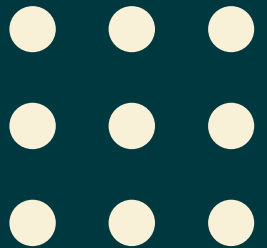


Register for TIC Training



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Reporting





Reporting

Successes

- 100+/1050+ TA request focused on annual reporting
- !! 100% compliance for annual reporting in FY 22-23
- Positive and constructive feedback from local governments about annual report process
- NC committed to 100% public reporting
 - opioidsettlementtracker.com/expensitures





Reporting

Challenges

- Translating reporting requirements
 - To local governments
 - To subrecipients
- Collection of demographic data





Reporting

Resources and Supports

- Required reporting one-pagers (UNC IPRC)
- NC Measures Models
 - Annual Impact Report Workbook
- NC Opioid Settlement Coordinators Network
 - Training at next convening
- Reporting for Subrecipients (Coming Soon)





Exhibit C Worksheets for Option B Report

NC OPIOID SETTLEMENTS: Exhibit C Collaborative Strategic Planning Worksheets for Option B Report and Recommendations

[NAME OF NC LOCAL GOVERNMENT/Letterhead]

Collaborative Strategic Planning Report and Recommendations

SECTION ONE: PRELIMINARY PLANNING

For A, please complete Table 1 below. Note the requirements of Exhibit C are not satisfied if any stakeholder group (listed in Exhibit C Item A Detail and below) is "rarely" or "never" engaged.

A. Engage diverse stakeholders

Table A.1

Stakeholders	List Role/Position of each Stakeholder	Please circle how often the people in the role/position were engaged in the planning process.				
Local officials		Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Usually	Always
Healthcare providers		Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Usually	Always
Social service providers		Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Usually	Always
Education and employment service providers		Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Usually	Always
Payers and funders		Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Usually	Always
Law enforcement		Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Usually	Always
Employers		Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Usually	Always
Community groups		Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Usually	Always
Stakeholders with lived experience		Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Usually	Always
Stakeholders reflecting diversity of community		Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Usually	Always

B. Designate facilitator

Facilitator's Name:

Facilitator's Email Address:

Facilitator's Organization/Agency Name:

C. Build upon any related planning


Please list the names of any plans that have been built upon/coordinated with. Provide hyperlink to plans if available.



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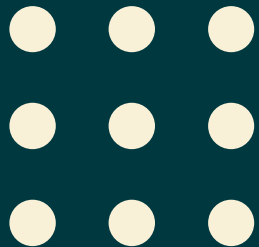
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Next Steps

(Next Meeting: May 7, 2025)

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Thank you!

Questions and curiosities, clarifications,
comments, complaints or celebrations?

