

# **Best Practices in Ohio's Opioid Battle: Past, Present, and Future**

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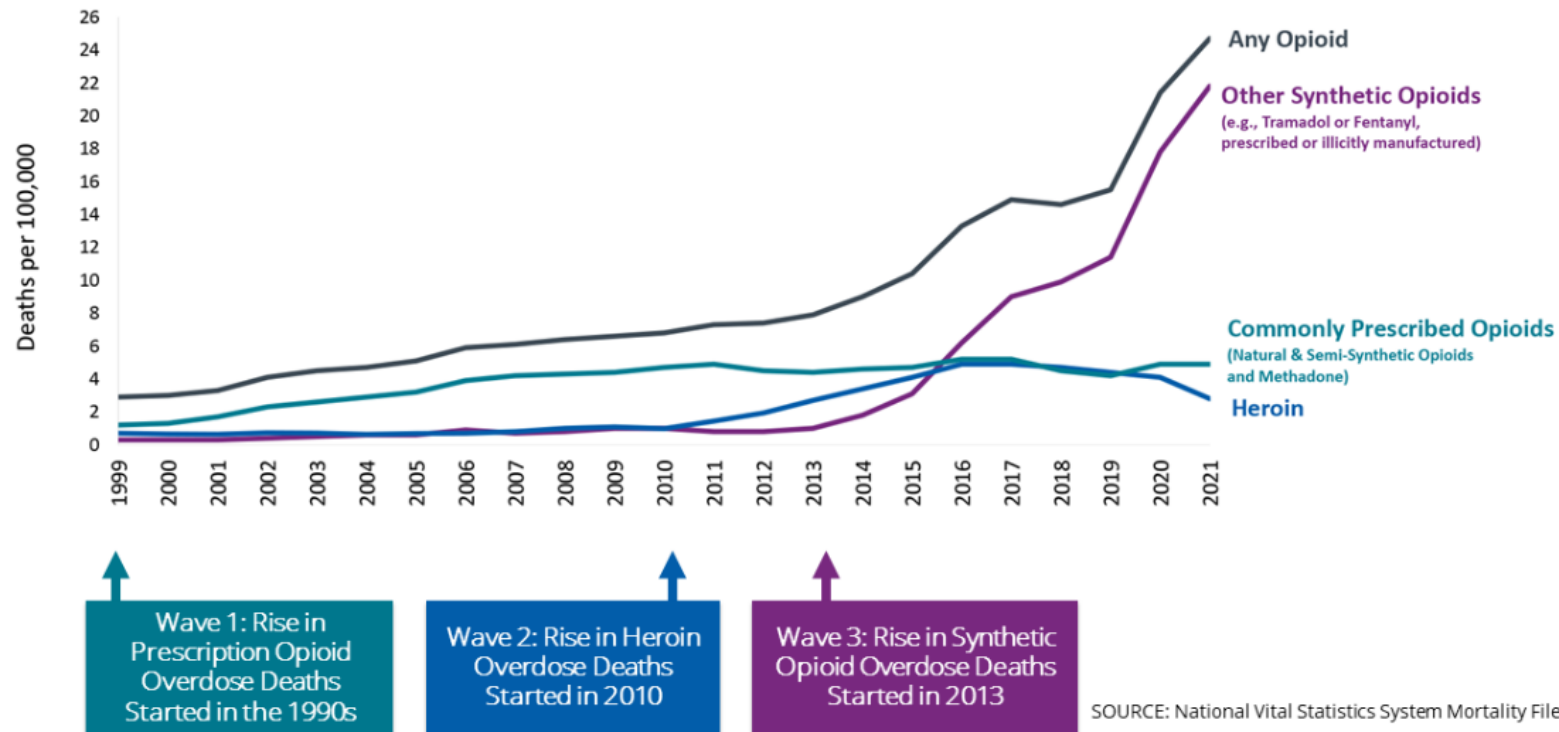
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# Session Objectives

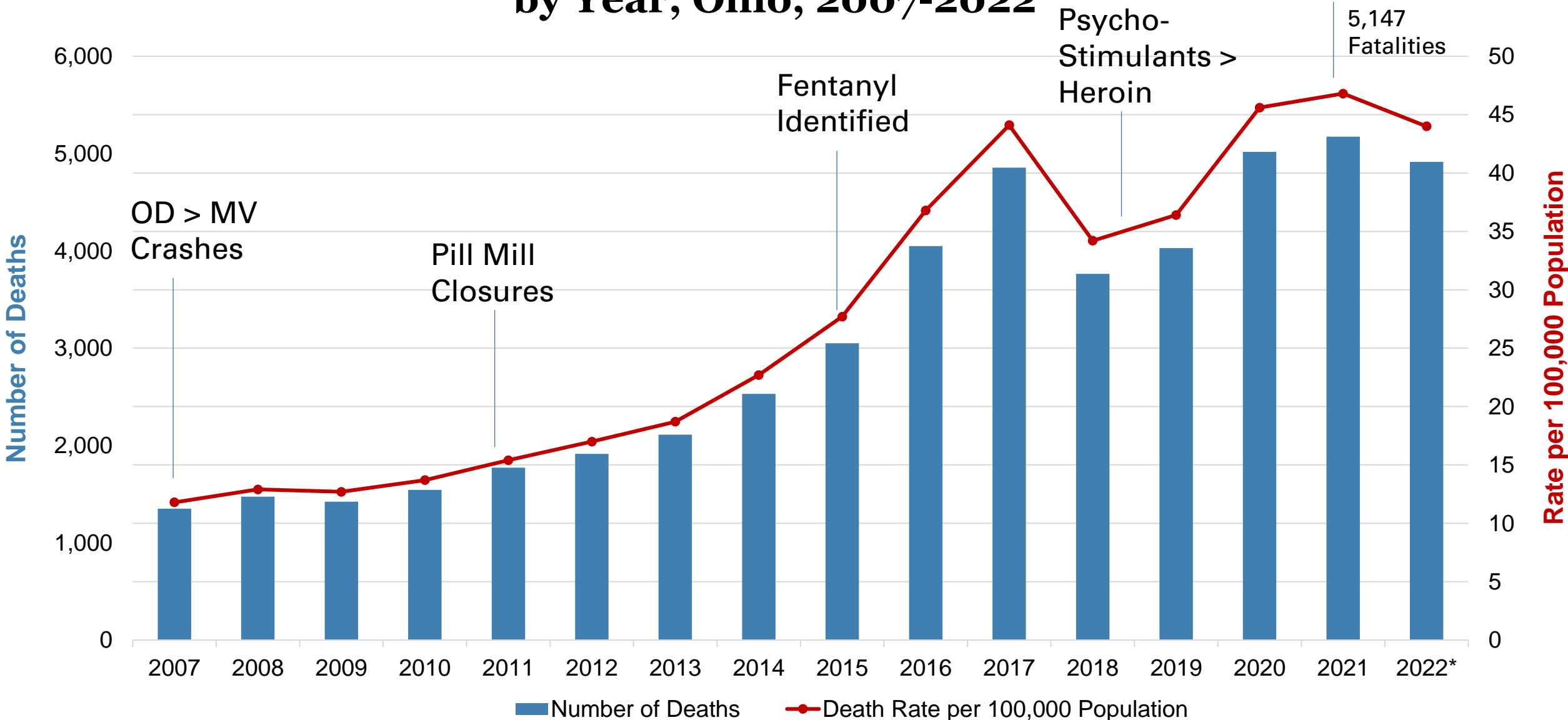
1. Explain the changes to drug overdose prevention strategies over time in response to the evolution of the opioid overdose epidemic.
2. Identify harm reduction strategies employed in various jurisdictions to successfully reduce the impact of substance use disorder.
3. Identify promising practices that may further impact harm reduction efforts in Ohio.

# Evolution of Opioid Overdose Deaths

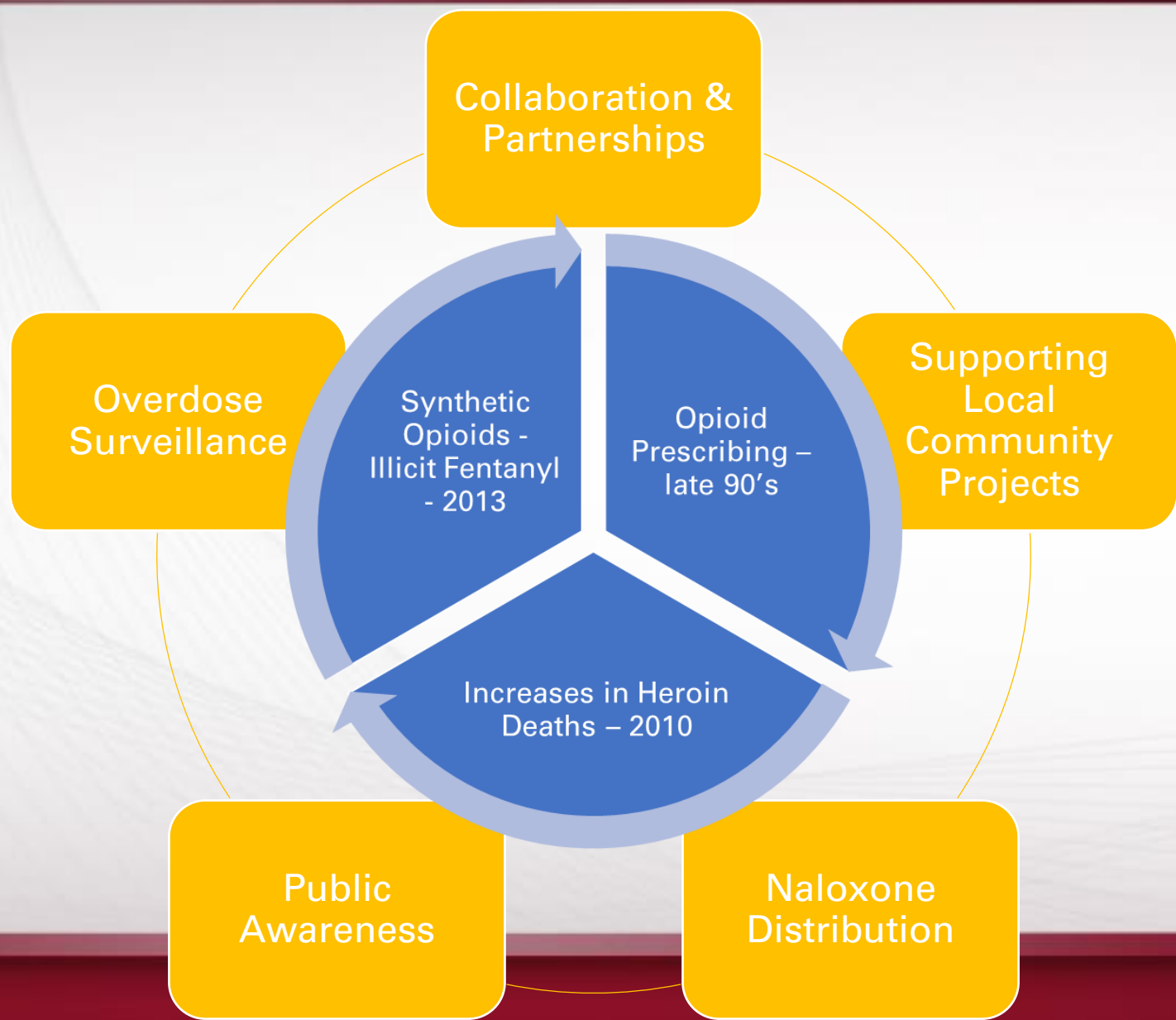
## Three Waves of Opioid Overdose Deaths



# Number and Age-Adjusted Rate of Unintentional Drug Overdose Deaths by Year, Ohio, 2007-2022\*

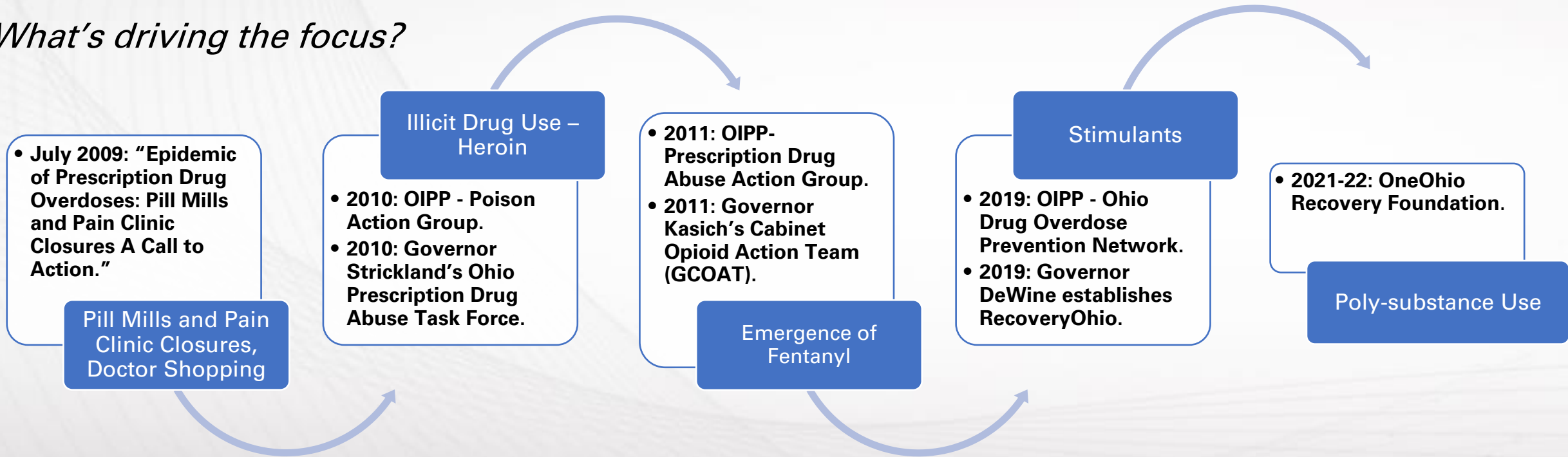


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# Collaboration & Partnerships

*What's driving the focus?*



# Understanding Ohio's Prescribing Rules for Chronic & Subacute Pain

## What are the Rules?

Found in Ohio Administrative Code 4731-11, the rules establish procedures that all Ohio prescribers need to follow when prescribing opioids for the treatment of subacute and chronic pain.

## Established Checkpoints for MEDs

At certain Morphine-Equivalent Doses (MEDs), the rules require the following:

### 50 MED

- Obtain written, informed consent from patient regarding treatment.

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## Mandatory OARRS Registration and Requests

**Updated 11-24-2015**

### Q1) What is OARRS?

OARRS stands for the Ohio Automated Rx Reporting System. Established in 2006, OARRS is a web-based system that collects information on all outpatient prescriptions for

Opioid Prescribing for Acute Pain



Ohio Guidelines for Prescribing Opioids for the Treatment of Chronic, Non-Terminal Pain



Ohio Emergency and Acute Care Facility Opioids and Other Controlled Substances  
Prescribing Guidelines



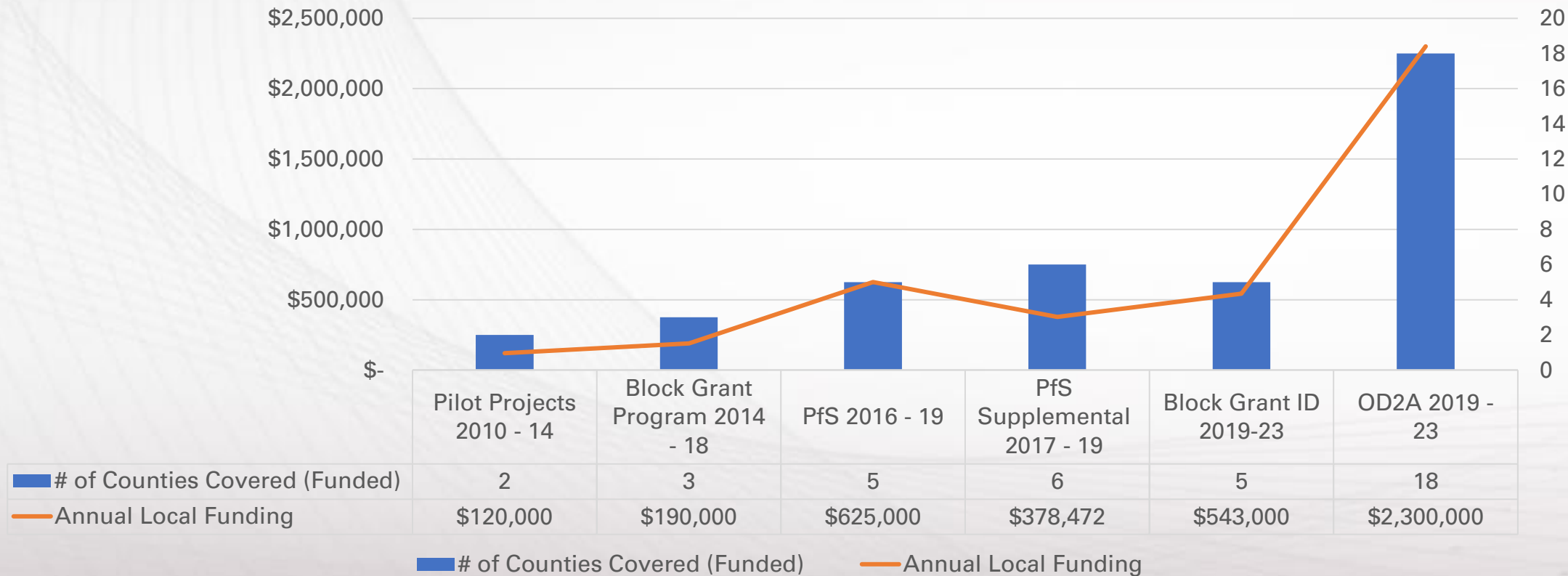
Ohio Guideline for the Management of Acute Pain Outside of Emergency Departments





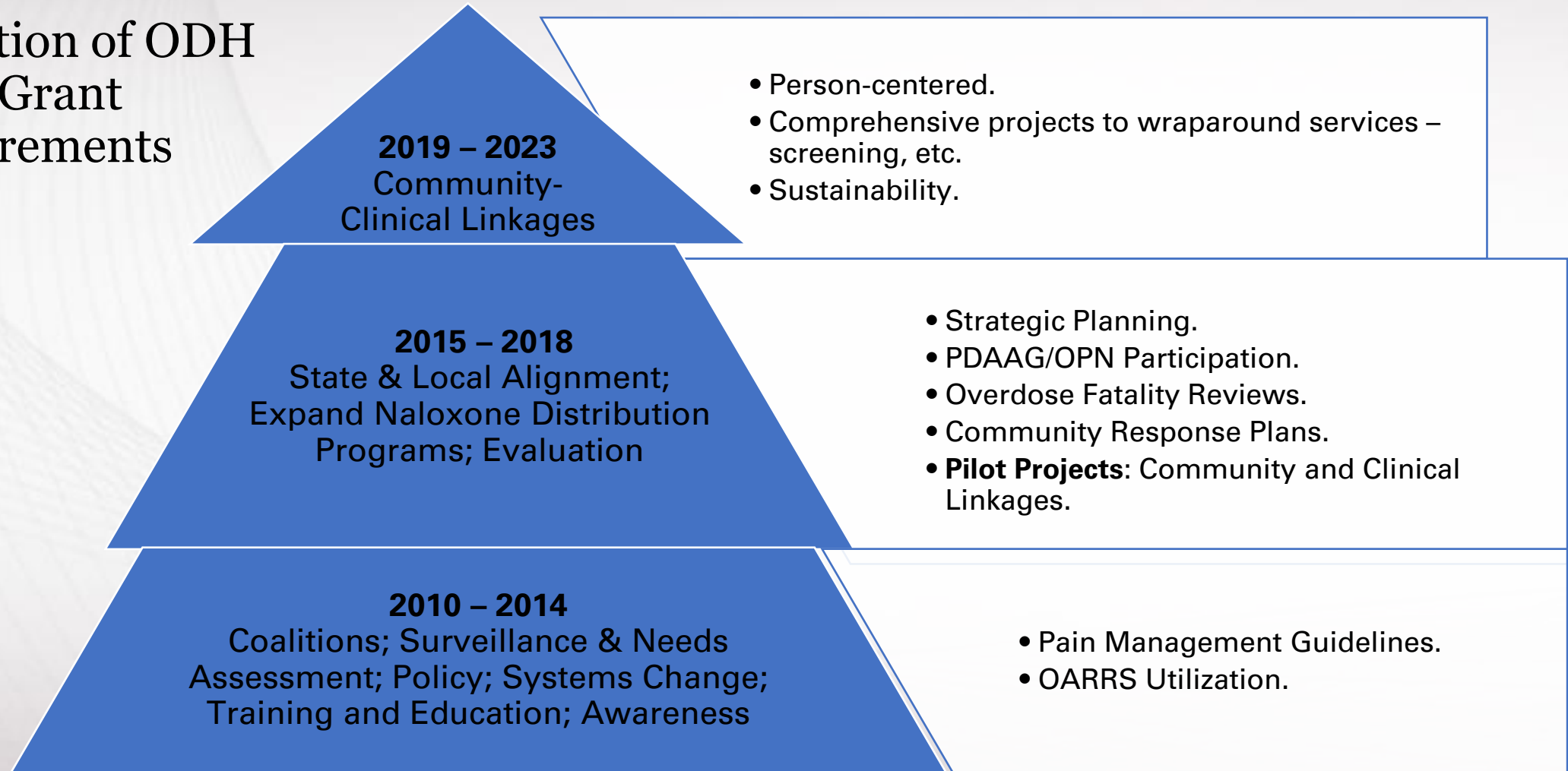
# Supporting Local Community Projects

Local Funding for OD Prevention





# Evolution of ODH Local Grant Requirements

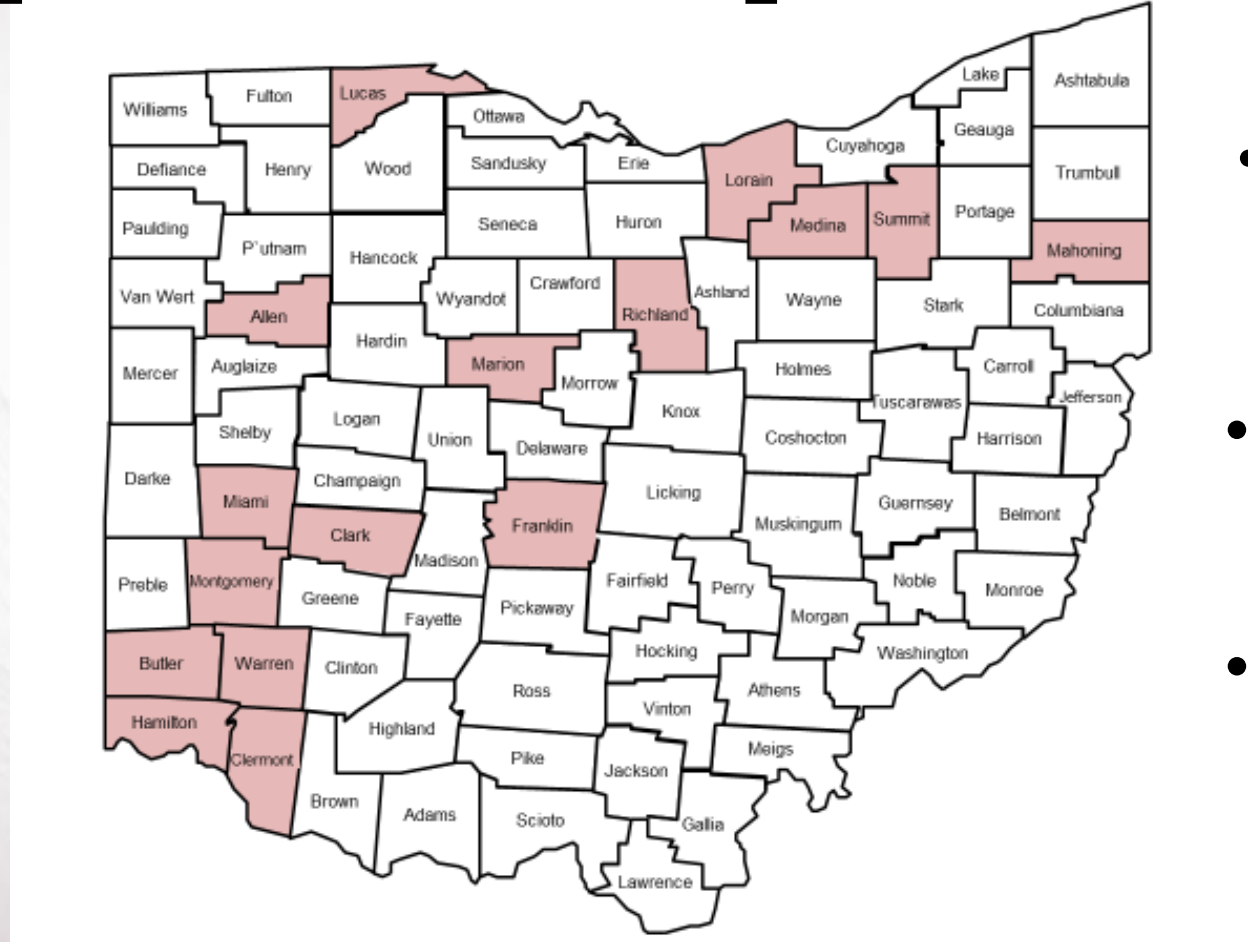


# Opioid Crisis Funds Pilot Projects 2018-19

- Capacity Building Contracts.
- Community Linkage Projects – \$650,000 existing subrecipients.
- FQHCs/Case Management for OUD – peer navigators and community health workers.
- Coroner Death Scene Investigation Training.
- Health Care Provider MAT Anti-stigma campaign.
- Harm Reduction Messaging.
- Emergency Department Comprehensive Care.

# Emergency Department Comprehensive Care

- Since the launch of the EDCC Program:
  - Over **610,000** patients have been screened.
  - Over **16,300** have been transitioned to care, improving pathways to treatment.
  - Over **11,700** prescribers and staff members have been trained.
  - Over **6,000** patients have received a naloxone kit.



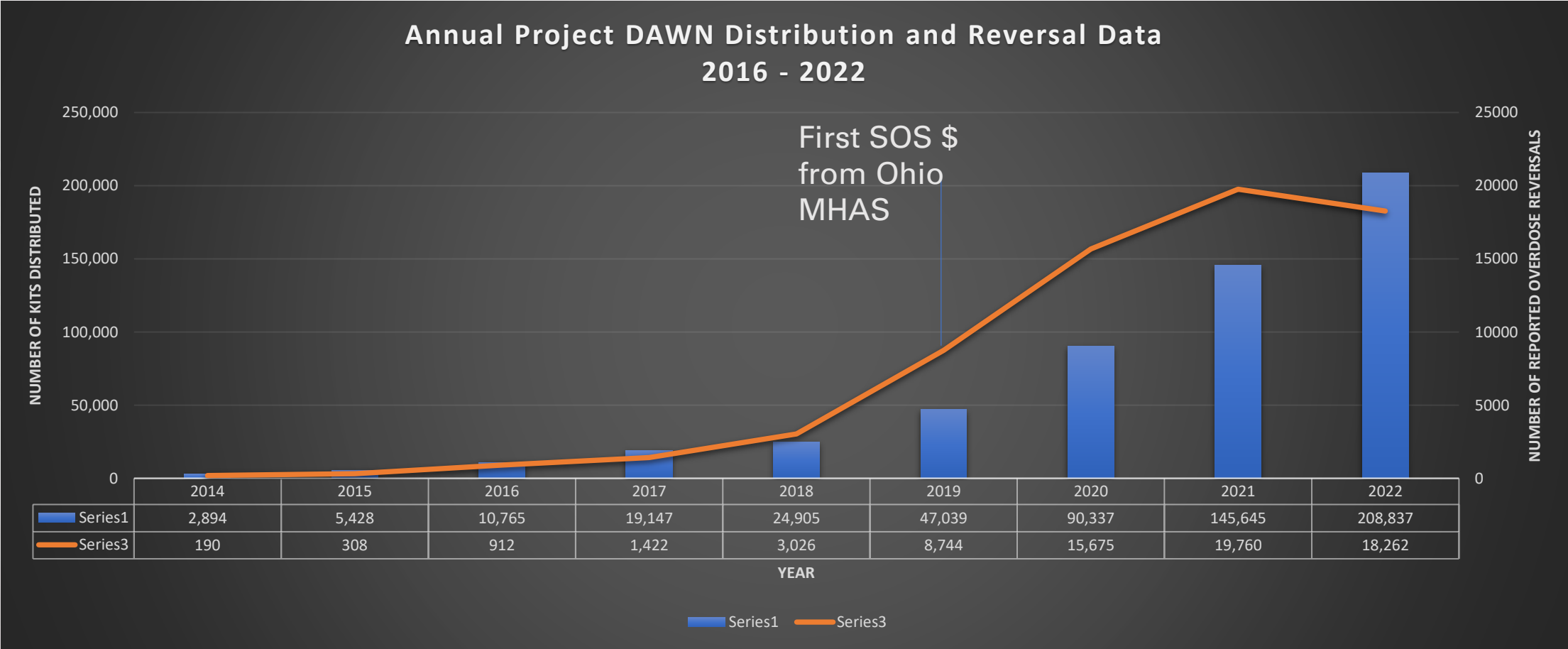
- 6 Health Systems
- 38 ED Sites
- 16 Counties

# Naloxone Distribution



**167 Project DAWN Programs covering 79 counties.**

# Naloxone Distribution – Integration






# Evolution of Public Awareness Campaigns

prescription for prevention:  
stop the epidemic

Prescription drug abuse and overdose is a growing epidemic throughout the state of Ohio.



Each day, **five Ohioans** die on average because of unintentional drug overdose.<sup>1</sup>

**STOP  
OVERDOSES.  
CARRY  
NALOXONE.**

Naloxone can reverse an opiate overdose.

Call 911 in an emergency.  
[stopoverdoses.ohio.gov](http://stopoverdoses.ohio.gov)



**FAKE PILLS CAN LOOK REAL.  
HERE'S HOW TO SPOT THEM:**



**COME IN ODD PACKAGING  
OR QUANTITIES**



**COME FROM  
THE INTERNET**



**COME FROM SOMEONE  
OTHER THAN A MEDICAL  
PROFESSIONAL**



Provide a  
**Comprehensive  
Path To Recovery.**

With Medication-  
Assisted Treatment

**CHAMPION RECOVERY**



Become Waivered  
to Prescribe MAT



Get Connected  
to the Medical  
Community



Give a Greater  
Chance for  
Recovery



**FENTANYL CAN BE  
DEADLY AND IN THE  
DRUGS YOU USE.**

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Call 911 immediately if you or  
someone you know is in danger.



# Overdose Surveillance

- Poisonings.
- Heroin.
- Fentanyl EpiAid.
- State Unintentional Drug Overdose Reporting System (SUDORS).
- Syndromic Surveillance.
  - Health Alerts/Community Response Plans.
- Legislation for OFRs.

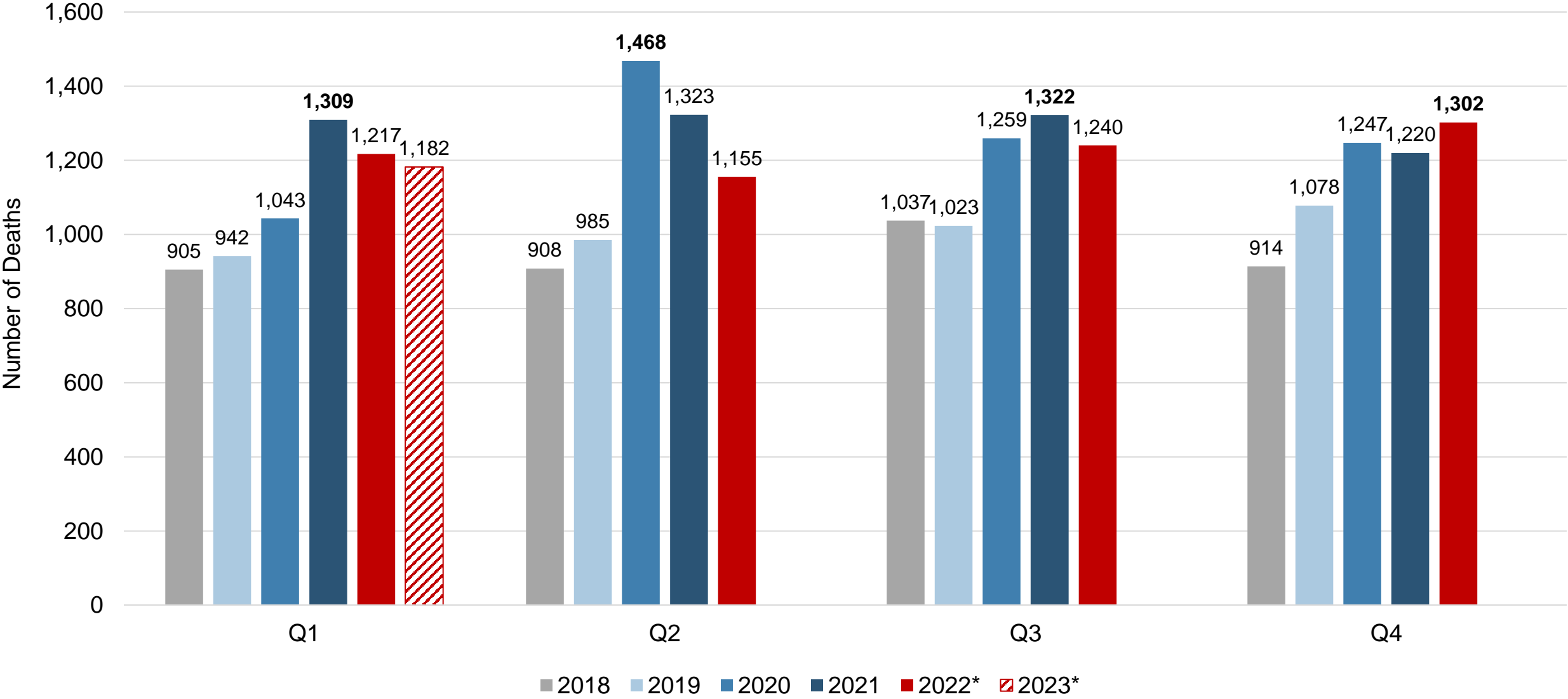


# Ohio's Response Framework

CDC's OD2A 1.0 Structure – released 2019

- Data to Action.
  - Collect and Disseminate timely emergency department (ED) data.
  - Collect and Disseminate descriptions of drug overdose death circumstances.
  - Innovative Surveillance.
- Prevention Strategies.
  - Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs.
  - State/Local Integration.
  - Linkages to Care.
  - Provider and Health Systems Support.
  - Public Safety Partnerships.
  - Empowering Individuals.
  - Innovation Projects.

# Number of Unintentional Drug Overdose Deaths by Quarter, Ohio, 2018-2023\*



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# Future Structure & Efforts

## Regional Prevention and Linkages Collaboratives

- LHDs preferred Lead Applicants.
- Project DAWN Regions.
  - ~\$350,000 per region.
- Involvement with OPN Requirements.
- Identification of existing resources and gaps in services.



# Braided Funding

## Violence and Injury Epidemiology & Surveillance Section (VIESS) - Violence and Injury Prevention Section (VIPS)

Project  
DAWN  
Programs

Harm  
Reduction  
Expansion / BJA  
\$

SOS  
Programs  
(IH, SW  
Mail  
Order)  
/ SOS \$

ED  
Comp  
Care –  
GRF  
Program /  
GRF \$

### Ohio Overdose Prevention Network (Ohio OPN)

- Ohio OD2A Strategic Alignment Committee (State, Regional and Locals Leaders  
Funded by CDC)

- Public Health & Public Safety Alignment Committee/Team

### Other ODH-Funded Initiatives

#### Leadership and Infrastructure

-  
Regional  
Coordinator  
Agencies

#### Surveillance & Systems Alignment

- OFR Supports  
- Regional  
Assessment  
Supports/Gaps  
Identified  
- PH/PS Data  
Enhancements

#### Harm Reduction

- SSP  
Expansion  
- Uptake and  
Integration of  
HR Strategies  
-  
Sustainability

#### Linkage s to Care

- Health  
Navigator  
Supports  
- Build out  
retention to  
care

#### Clinician/Health Systems Engagement

- HC Clinician  
Workgroup > Trainings  
on CDC Clinical  
Guideline  
- EDCC Work Group

### State OD2A Funding

# Future Emphasis on Harm Reduction Strategies

- Evolution to Innovative Harm Reduction Strategies.
  - ***Local partners with implementation examples.***
  - Strategically placed automated dispensing machines for naloxone and FTS.
  - Emergency Access Cabinets.
  - Increased Access Points.
  - Fentanyl Test Strips became legal April 2023.
- ODH's Upcoming Harm Reduction Strategies (BJA Funding).
  - Contract with minority-led organizations that are serving minorities within their communities to develop and implement outreach strategies.
  - Improve access to medication-assisted treatment (MAT) within existing SSPs by offering low-barrier MAT.
  - Provide harm services to those leaving local or regional jails expanding uptake of automated dispensing machines.