



# **KACo Leadership Institute: Opioid Solutions – County Treatment**

May 8, 2025

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# KACo Opioid Solutions Learning Opportunities



Join KACo staff along with local, state and national experts each month as we discuss and highlight how counties are using their opioid settlement funds in innovative, effective and sustainable ways. Topics will include youth prevention, peer support, access to treatment, quick response teams, and more.



# KLI: Opioid Solutions - In-Person Training Opportunity



Tuesday,  
July 29<sup>th</sup>

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM EST

KACo  
400 Englewood Drive  
Frankfort, KY



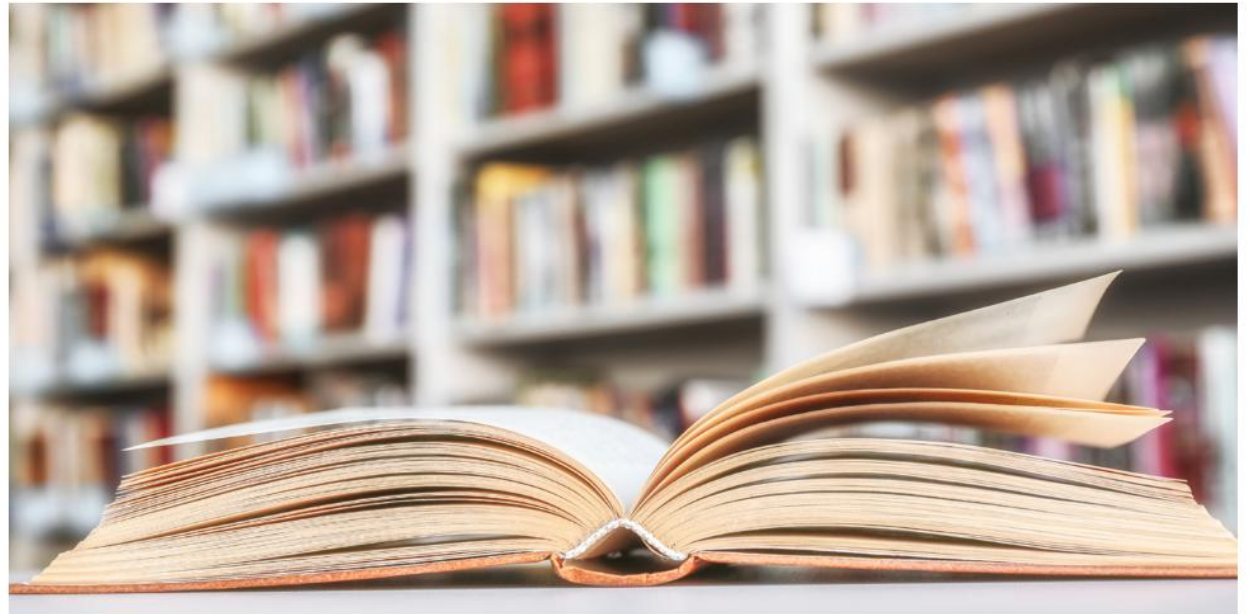
## Opioid Settlement

- County Officials Directory
- County Election Results
- KACo Salary Explorer
- County Financials
- Annexation
- Opioid Settlement**
- County Map
- Medical Cannabis
- County Data



- [Sample MOU](#)
- [Sample RFP/Grant Application](#)
- [FAQ](#)

## KACo Opioid Settlement Resource Library



This resource library contains links to settlement resources, including the settlement agreement and distribution schedules, information about the Kentucky Opioid Abatement Advisory Commission, resources from NACo and John Hopkins University. This page will be updated as more information and resources become available.

**You can submit questions about the opioid settlement here.**

# Address the Needs of Criminal Justice Involved Persons



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Support pre-arrest or pre-arraignment diversion and deflection strategies for persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions

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Co-responder and/or alternative responder models to address OUD-related 911 calls with greater SUD expertise.

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Provide evidence-informed treatment, including MAT, recovery support, harm reduction, or other appropriate services to individuals with OUD and any cooccurring SUD/MH conditions who are incarcerated in jail or prison.

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Support pre-trial services that connect individuals with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions to evidence-informed treatment, including MAT, and related services.

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# **HARDIN COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**

Treatment Assessment &  
Monitoring

# OVERVIEW

Treatment assessments and monitoring began in January 2024

Treatment Coordinator is trained in American Society of Addiction Medicine's (ASAM) assessment tools to determine appropriate level of care for defendants.

Based on established relationships with local and regional treatment facilities, treatment coordinator assists in securing residential, partial hospitalization, or outpatient services for the defendant.

Treatment Coordinator then monitors defendants progress through treatment.

# DATA

## Defendants Assessed

❖ 71 total

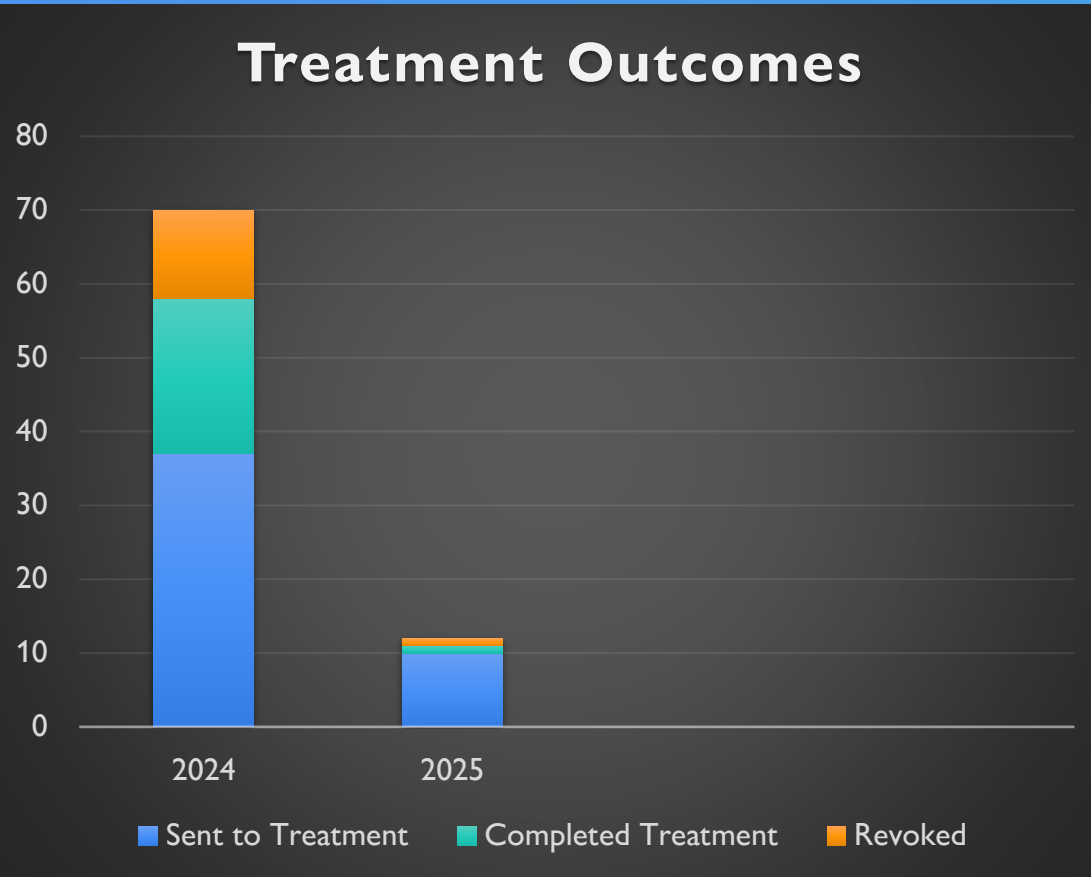
❖ 54 in 2024

❖ 17 in 2025



# DATA

## Treatment Outcomes



### Defendants sent to treatment

- ❖ 47 total
- ❖ 37 in 2024
- ❖ 10 in 2025

### Defendants that completed treatment

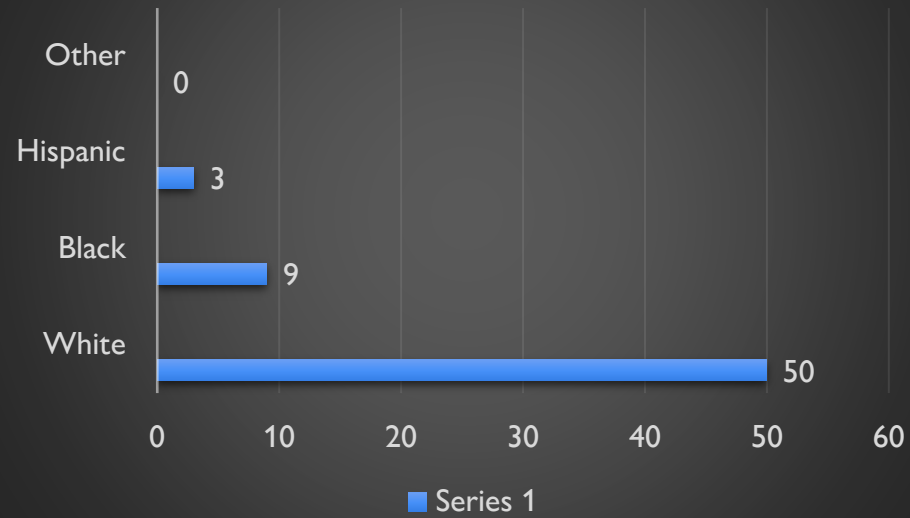
- ❖ 22 total
- ❖ 21 in 2024
- ❖ 1 in 2025

### Defendants who have been revoked for not completing

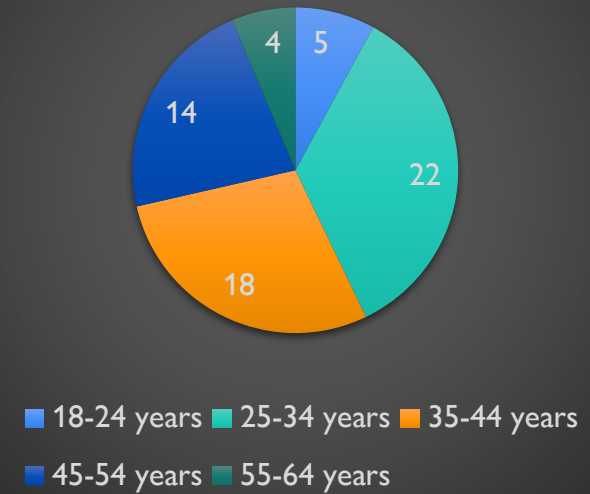
- ❖ 13 total
- ❖ 12 in 2024
- ❖ 1 in 2025

# DEMOGRAPHICS

## Race/Ethnicity

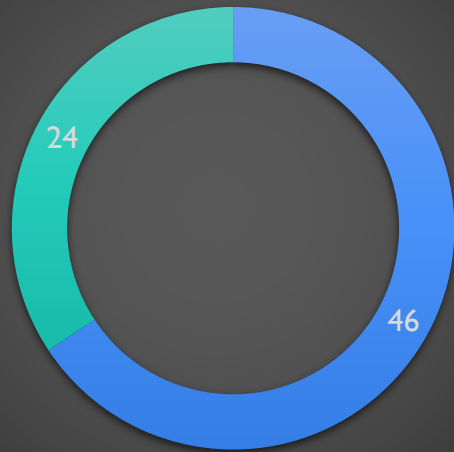


## Age Distribution



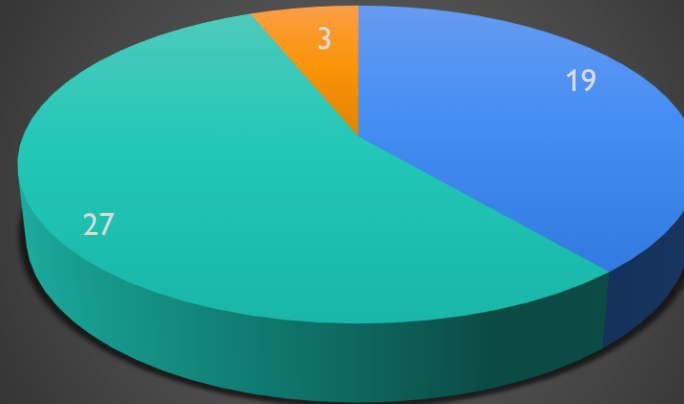
# DEMOGRAPHICS

## Gender



■ Male ■ Female

## Housing



■ Homeless ■ Rent/own ■ Lives w/ others ■

# Opioid Abatement Funds: Linkage to Treatment

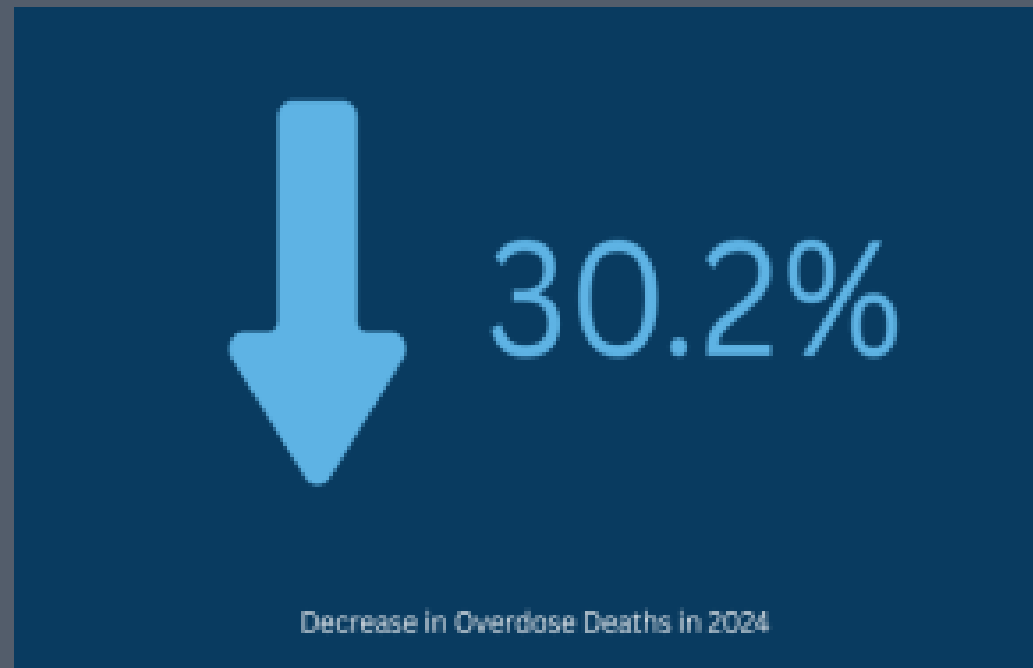
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# Overdose Rates in Kentucky – Office of Drug Control Policy Report

- 1,410 Kentucky residents died from a drug overdose in In 2024 compared to the 2,020 resident deaths in 2023



- Fentanyl was identified in 878 drug overdose deaths, which is approximately 62% of the total drug overdose deaths in 2024

# What is Opioid Use Disorder treatment?

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- Opioid Use Disorder is a biopsychosocial disease, meaning that there is no singular treatment
  - It affects individuals on a cognitive, behavioral, and social level
- Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder can include individual and group therapy sessions, recovery meetings such as NA/AA and SMART recovery, Medication for Opioid Use Disorder, and more
- It takes a variety of trained professionals to link and retain individuals in treatment

# Peer Support Specialists, Social Workers, and Care Navigators

KRS § 15.291(5)a(1a,b); KRS § 15.291(5)b(1,25-27); KRS § 15.291(5)b(4)

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- **Peer Support Specialist** - Someone in recovery from a substance use and/or mental health condition who has been trained and is certified to provide support to others experiencing similar challenges
- **Social Worker or Care Navigator** - Someone who has been trained to assist individuals, families, and communities improve their quality of life by addressing social, emotional, and behavioral problems
- There are many agencies throughout KY that train and embed Peer Support Specialists and Care Navigators such as:
  - Pathways
  - Fresh Start
  - Voices of Hope
  - Bluegrass Care Navigators

# Peer Support Specialists and Social Workers

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# Where can a Peers, Social Workers, and Care Navigators work in counties?

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- **First responder agencies:** police departments, paramedicine departments or ambulance services
  - For police departments, social workers have been helpful in minimizing repeated calls from individuals who are experiencing homelessness, domestic violence, repeated overdoses by connecting these individuals to treatment and recovery services
- **Criminal legal system agencies:** detention centers, specialty court offices, pretrial services, prisons, home incarceration programs, county attorney offices
  - In detention centers, peers and social workers have been helpful in reducing recidivism by connecting those incarcerated with necessary services at release such as housing and linkage to treatment
- **Medical facilities:** emergency rooms, urgent cares, inpatient treatment centers, outpatient treatment centers, etc.

# Are these programs happening in Kentucky?

Social Workers in the following police departments:

- Northern Kentucky police departments
  - Boone, Campbell, Kenton
- Frankfort, KY
- Louisville, KY
- Lexington, KY - Paramedicine department

Peer Support Specialists in the following jails:

- Boyd County Jail
- Greenup County Jail
- Mason County
- Warren County Jail
- Breckinridge County Jail
- Madison County Jail



Standing: Jared Owens (L to R) Chelsea Chorley, Megan Green (at desk), Lt. Nate Becker. Photo Provided | Boone County

NKY Police Departments speak about the benefits of police social workers:

<https://linknky.com/news/2025/03/13/nky-police-social-workers-grow-mental-health/>

# Example: Greenup County Detention Center

Jailer Larry Pancake



Individuals gaining their **Peer Support Specialist Certification** while incarcerated. Pictured with a Peer Support Specialist from Voices of Hope.

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We provide **FREE** Technical Assistance to agencies across Kentucky!



- Assisting with ordering and setting up naloxone vending machines in jails, courthouses, and other public settings.
- Providing guidance on how to train and embed peer support specialists, recovery coaches, and care navigators into agencies to link and retain people in medication treatment for OUD.
- Increasing access to peer support specialist training and credentialing for people involved in the CLS and convening Kentucky-specific a harm reduction learning community
- Research, grant writing, and evaluation for substance use and behavioral health programs
- Facilitating the implementation of Medication for Opioid Use Disorder into local detention centers

# Thank you!

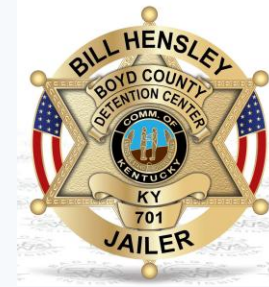
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## **Boyd County Detention Center MAT Program**

### **Medication-Assisted Treatment Coordination & Procedures**

## **Introduction to BCDC MAT Program**

- **MAT = Medication-Assisted Treatment**
- **Integrates medical, mental health, and peer support systems**
- **Involves in-house treatment and coordination with external clinics**

## **How Referrals Happen**

- **Referrals can be initiated by:**
  - **Medical Staff**
  - **Mental Health Providers**
  - **Incarcerated Individuals**
- **Medical Provider reviews each referral**
- **If approved, a Request for Participation Form is completed**

## **Acceptance & Documentation**

- **Upon acceptance:**
  - **A participant folder is created**
  - **Participation form is sent to:**
    - **Mental Health**
    - **Peer Support Specialists**
- **All related documents are stored in the participant's folder**

## **Mental Health Coordination**

- **Participant added to Mental Health Schedule**
- **Each visit is logged on the MAT Mental Health Visit Form**
- **Visits documented and stored in folder**

## **Peer Support Process**

- **Peer Support Specialists complete:**
  - **Initial Assessment**
  - **Release Assessment**
  - **30, 60, 90-day follow-ups for both incarcerated & released participants**
- **All records stored in the participant's folder**

## **Program Exit**

- **If removal is necessary:**
  - **A Recommendation for Removal Form is completed**
  - **Reviewed and approved by Medical**
- **All decisions rest with the Medical Provider**

## **Treatment Logistics**

- **Sublocade and Suboxone are administered in-house**
- **Methadone provided via clinic transport**
- **All billing routed to administration and documented in the expense folder**

## **Special Consideration – Pregnant Participants**

- **Pregnant females are released to Karen's Place for care and recovery**

## **Program Integration**

- **BEST Program – Employment-focused reentry program for eligible incarcerated individuals**
- **GED**
- **MRT**
- **SMART Recovery**
- **Community & Inmate Work Programs**
- **Peer Support services link participants to housing, employment, and outpatient care**



- General settlement questions
- Strategic planning
- Allowable uses
- Spending plan development
- Resources
- Monitoring
- Peer examples

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