



MILWAUKEE COMMUNITY OPIOID PREVENTION EFFORT

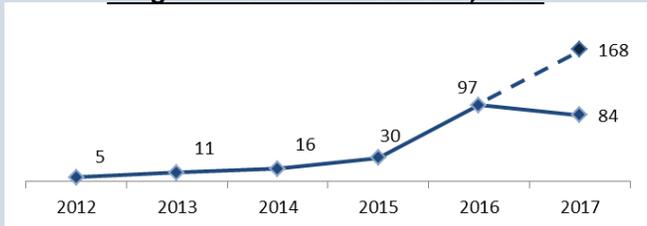
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Milwaukee County Opioid Related Overdose Report

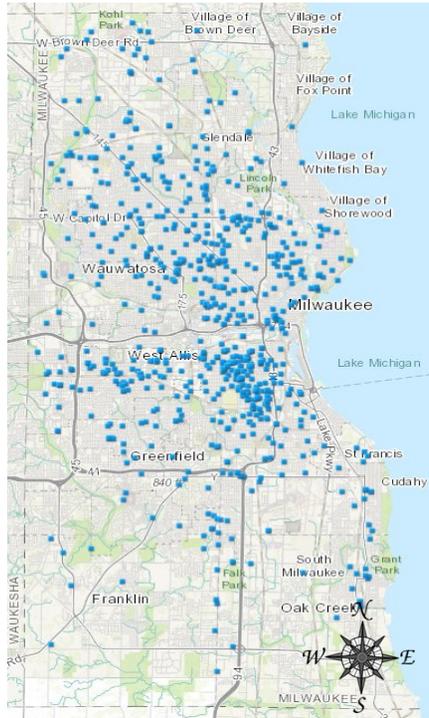
We have released our updated Milwaukee County Opioid-Related Overdose Report which includes in-depth analyses of data from 2012 through the first 6 months of 2017. To view this report, please visit

<https://mkecope.com/portfolio/the-opioid-epidemic/>.

Overdose Deaths Where Fentanyl was Attributed as a Cause of Death Alone or In Combination with Other Drugs for Years 2012– June 30, 2017



Of the 171 opioid-related overdose deaths in the first 6 months of 2017, 49% (84) involved the drug fentanyl, compared to 33% in 2016. If this trend continues fentanyl related deaths are projected to reach 168 by the end of 2017.



Milwaukee County EMS providers have responded to 736 calls where Naloxone was administered in the first 6 months of 2017 compared to 628 in the first 6 months of 2016.

Community Resource Card for Opioid Overdose Prevention

In collaboration with multiple community organizations, we developed a community resource card that links community members with local resources as well as free naloxone. To date, we have disseminated over **15,000** resource cards to over **30** local agencies. These agencies include: health, police, fire, and emergency departments, non-profits, community based organizations, treatment and recovery programs. The [community resource website \(https://mkeopioidprevention.org\)](https://mkeopioidprevention.org) has received over **2,000** views in **7** months.

If you or your organization are interested in receiving cards, please contact: mkecommunityopioid@gmail.com

YOU'RE NOT ALONE

CONCERNED ABOUT SUBSTANCE USE?
Get Help: Call 2-1-1 or 1-800-662-HELP (4357)
Get Information: [MKEopioidprevention.org](https://mkeopioidprevention.org)

If you see an overdose, call 9-1-1

HELP PREVENT OVERDOSE DEATHS
Get Free Naloxone: Call 414-225-1608



Milwaukee County Medical Examiner, Dr. Brian Peterson, on the Opioid Epidemic in Milwaukee:

“2017 has been an ugly year; unfortunately, these deaths will continue to escalate and I see no peak in sight. Based on the first half of the year, fentanyl-related deaths alone will likely exceed the 2016 total by over 25%, with a similar spike in heroin-related death. The emergence of new fentanyl analogs has proven challenging to crime labs and our own toxicology laboratory as we struggle to identify and quantify these novel drugs. We expect to ask for substantial investments in both staff and equipment to effectively deal with this public health menace.”

Community Resource Inventory

The Community Resource Inventory containing over 60 local organizations working to reduce overdose deaths in Milwaukee County continues to expand. The current version can be found here <https://mkecope.com/portfolio/local-resources/>.

Follow this link to include your organization in the inventory <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/mkeopioidprevention>