

# Update on Opioid Settlement Implementation

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## Fairfax County's Guiding Principles for Using Opioid Settlement Dollars

- Align with the County's Opioid Response Plan
- Fill critical system gaps (i.e. youth treatment services)
- Optimize/enhance existing programs/projects
- Invest in system transformation
- Balance timely use of funds with fiscal responsibility
- Utilize evidence-based/informed approaches
- Continue to leverage existing funding sources where possible

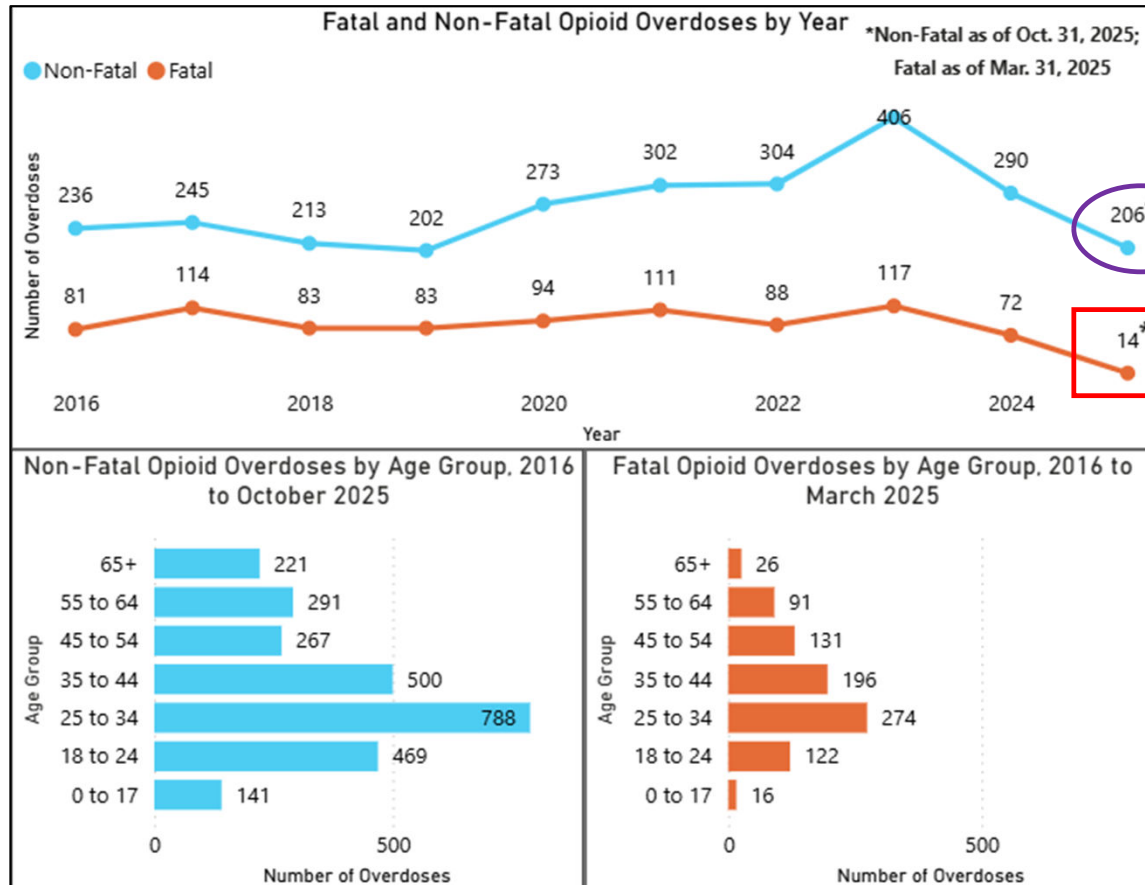


Scan to view FY26-28  
Opioid Response Plan

# Opioid Overdoses Occurring in the Fairfax Health District

[www.bit.ly/ffx-opioid-data](http://www.bit.ly/ffx-opioid-data)

Nearly all fatal overdoses in recent years in the Fairfax Health District have involved the opioid **fentanyl**



Available data for Jan.- Oct. 2025

Available data for Jan. – March 2025

Scan to view the Fairfax Opioid Dashboard



# Opioid Settlement Funds Update



- Fairfax County receives funds directly & is eligible to receive funds from the VA Opioid Abatement Authority (OAA)
  - *Direct Distributions (funds received directly)*

In FY22-25, Fairfax County received ~\$7 million and so far, has allocated ~\$2.6 million

    - Since initial FY24 allocation, more settlements reached payment phase and projected future-year payments increased, reducing need to reserve all FY22-25 funds for future-year expenses of recurring projects
    - Recommending an additional \$2.2 million allocation in FY26
  - *OAA Individual Share and Gold Standard (IDIC/GS) (noncompetitive; must apply)*

In FY22-26 OAA application cycles, ~\$3.1 million available to Fairfax County and \$2.5 million has been awarded
  - *OAA Cooperative Partnership Projects (competitive; must include 2+ cities or counties)*

# Recap: Project Selection Process

- Summer 2023 process for County agencies/FCPS to submit requests resulted in 7 funded projects totaling \$1.4 million in one-time and \$1.2 million in recurring funds
  - All recommended for funding by the Fairfax Opioid Settlement Executive Committee (OSEC) and subsequently approved by the BOS on 11/21/23
- Additional Spring 2023 OAA Cooperative Partnership project for youth detox, residential treatment and crisis stabilization services
- September 2025 process for 8 current opioid settlement-funded projects to request additional funds to continue or complete work
  - 4 of 8 projects requested increased funding (~\$2.2 million)
  - OSEC recommends fully funding all requests



# Fairfax's 8 Opioid Settlement-Funded Projects

Project	Amount	Type	Primary Target Age Group		Opioid Response Plan Category ✓ = Primary Category * = Elements Include/Aligns With							
			0-17	18+	Education/Prevention	Early Intervention/Treatment	Data and Monitoring	Criminal Justice and Enforcement	Harm Reduction	Recovery		
Fairfax Recovery Court Young Adult Track Expansion (CSB, w/ Circuit Court, Sheriff's Office, State Probation, Office of the Public Defender, and Commonwealth's Attorney)	FY24-25 OAA award: \$213,739 FY26 OAA award: \$163,000 FY26 request: n/a; recurring project will continue at current funding level	OAA Individual Share (IDIC)		✓					✓	*	*	
Jail-Based Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) Impact on Post-Release OD and Recidivism Study (Sheriff's Office, w/ GMU)	FY24 allocation: \$50,000 FY26 request: n/a	Direct Distribution		✓				✓				
Contract Behavioral Health Providers (2) for Individuals with Opioid Use Disorders in the Adult Detention Center (CSB, w/ Sheriff's Office)	FY24 allocation: \$600,000 for FY24-26 FY26 request: \$960,000 for FY27-29	Direct Distribution		✓		✓				*	*	
Contract Nurse Practitioner (1) to Prescribe MOUD and Provide Chronic Care Treatment in the Adult Detention Center (Sheriff's Office)	FY24 allocation: \$473,200 for FY24-26 FY26 request: \$960,000 for FY26-29	Direct Distribution		✓		✓				*	*	
Prevention Campaign and Anti-Stigma Initiative (FCPS)	FY24 allocation: \$260,000 FY26 request: \$245,000	Direct Distribution	✓		✓							
Community Dialogue Sessions to Identify and Address the Root Causes of Youth Substance Use (Healthy Minds Fairfax)	FY 24 allocation: \$24,000 FY26 request: n/a	Direct Distribution	✓		✓							
Youth Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Expansion (YMAT-E) (CSB)	FY24-25 allocation: \$1.2 million FY26 OAA award: \$1.1 million FY26 request: increase recurring funding level by \$67,000	OAA IDIC/Gold Standard (GS) Direct Distribution	✓			✓				*	*	
Regional Project: Youth Detox, Residential Treatment, and Crisis Stabilization Service (CSB)	FY26 Contract: \$4.55 million FY27 Contract: \$3.8 million Projected FY27 OAA Cooperative Partnership request: ~\$1 million	OAA IDIC/GS and Cooperative Partnership Local Matching Funds Medicaid Revenue	✓			✓				*	*	

# Expanding Youth Treatment Options

- YMAT-E launched in June 2024
  - First CSB in the state to offer this treatment to youth
  - In FY25, 61 youth received treatment from YMAT-E
  - Expanding eligibility to include transitional age youth (18-25), providing higher intensity services for this age group previously served by CSB's Addiction Medicine Clinic
  - Additional funding provides for higher than anticipated personnel expenses
- Regional Youth Detoxification, Residential Treatment, and Crisis Stabilization Project
  - Contract awarded in April 2025 for a 16-bed program – first of its kind in Virginia
  - Initially repurposing an existing County building; plans underway for a new facility
  - Services scheduled to begin in spring 2026
  - Will continue to apply for OAA Cooperative Partnership (competitive) funds for this project

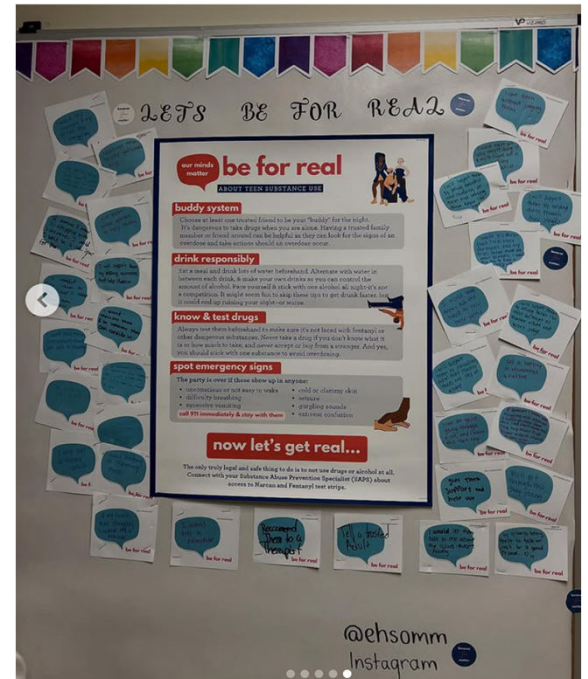
# Enhancing Services for the Jail-Based MOUD Program

- In FY25, over 1,800 people received MOUD in the Adult Detention Center\*
- Contract Nurse Practitioner (1) provides enhanced medical care for this population
  - In FY24-25, the NP provided **4,100+ visits** for people with MOUD in the jail
  - Initial allocation projected to fund most of FY26
  - Additional funding will continue this service through end of FY26 and all of FY27-29
- Contract behavioral health (BH) providers (2) expand jail-based behavioral health treatment
  - In FY24-25, the 2 BH contractors served **780+ people** with OUD in the jail
  - Initial allocation projected to cover service through FY26
  - Additional funding will continue this service in FY27-29

*\*Funded with local GF dollars and some federal grants.*

# Prevention Campaign and Anti-Stigma Initiative

- Become Unskippable Campaign (February 2025- present)
  - 3,000+ unique visitors to campaign web page
  - Reached 58,100+ viewers through Instagram and 7,600+ through Facebook
  - 160+ physical banners placed at high school and NCS locations
- Our Minds Matter: Be For Real Campaign
  - Student led campaign kits provided to all FCPS middle and high schools
  - Kits include:
    - Social Media Toolkit
    - A week of activities focused on harm reduction, help-seeking strategies, and other prevention resources
- Additional funding will be used to develop more materials in SY25-26
  - Enhancement of FCPS public-facing opioid webpage and addition of information pertaining to vaping and cannabis
  - Prevention videos in both English and Spanish



<https://www.fcps.edu/becomeunskippable>

## Next Steps

- Allocate \$2.2 million in Direct Distribution opioid settlement funds to: expand the FCPS Prevention Campaign, continue Jail-Based MOUD NP/BH contractors through FY29, and cover higher than projected FY26 YMAT-E expenses
- Apply for FY27 OAA Renewals for Recovery Court Young Adult Track, YMAT-E, and Regional Youth Detox, Residential Treatment, & Crisis Stabilization projects
- Pursue a potential second OAA Cooperative Partnership FY27 application to access additional competitive funds (*potential future Board item*)
- Explore possible process for non-profits to access opioid settlement funds
- Ongoing assessment of program utilization, available funds, data trends, etc.