

# Opioid Settlement Updates

## HHS Committee Meeting

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# Overview

- Review of opioid settlements
- Wake county context
- FY 2025 spending plan
- Current investments
- Draft spending plan for FY 2026 + 2027
- What's next

# NC Opioid Settlements

Nationwide settlements have been reached to resolve all Opioid litigation brought by states and local political subdivisions against the three largest pharmaceutical distributors and manufacturer.

- Funds began flowing to states in April 2022.
- Wake County agreed to the settlement in November 2021 and the Memorandum of Agreement that establishes the terms for oversight and the use of the settlement funds in NC.

Commissioners approved the Wake County Opioid Settlement Funding Plan for FY 2025 at the April 15 Board meeting.

- Builds off the FY2023-2024 Plan and existing work underway in Wake.
- Funds key strategies such as early intervention, treatment, recovery support, recovery housing, naloxone distribution through June 2025.

# Additional Settlement Funds

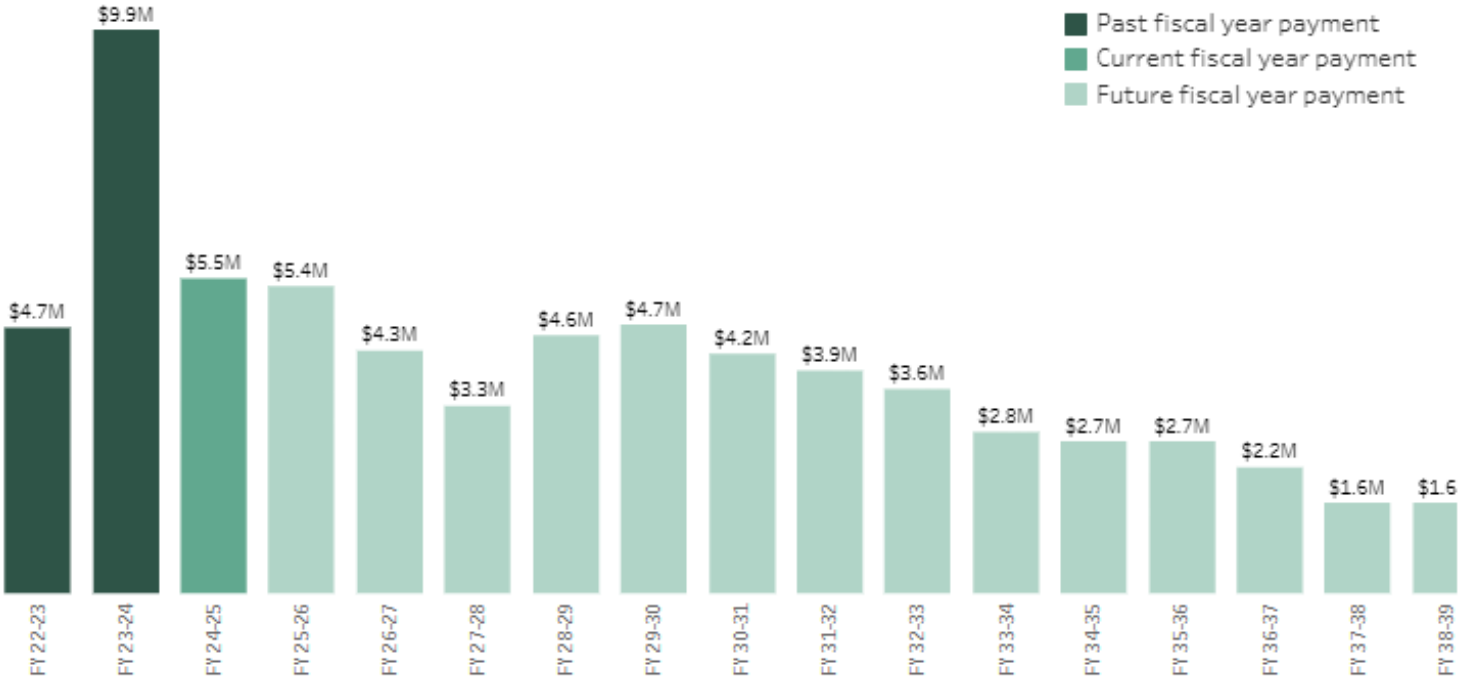
- Wake County is receiving a one-time payment of \$322,000.
- McKinsey & Co Settlement not subject to the NC Memorandum of Agreement.
  - Funds are designated for strategies set forth in Exhibit E ("List of Opioid Remediation Uses").
  - Provides an important opportunity to invest in education and primary prevention.

# Anticipated Settlement Funds Coming to Wake County

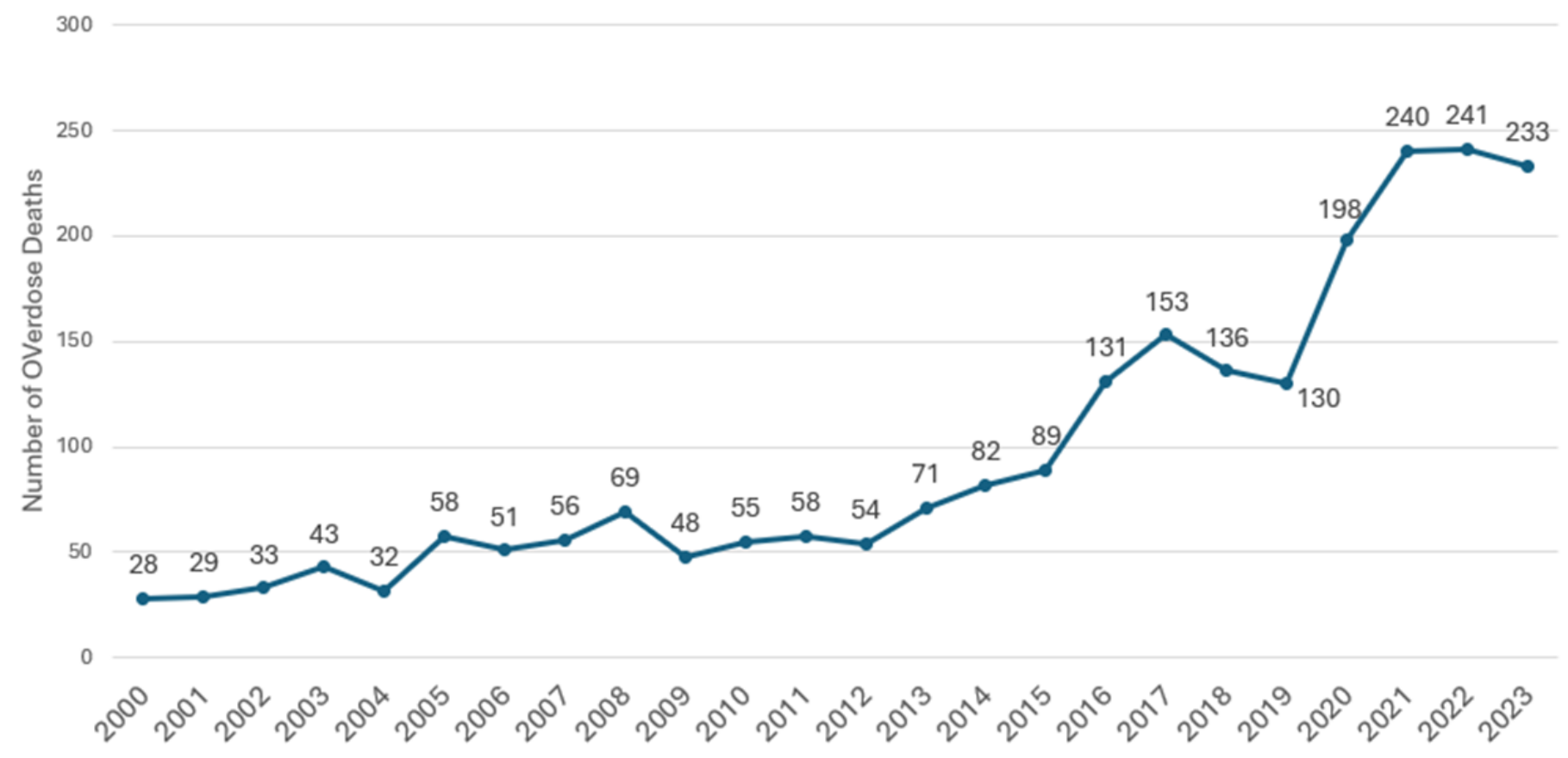


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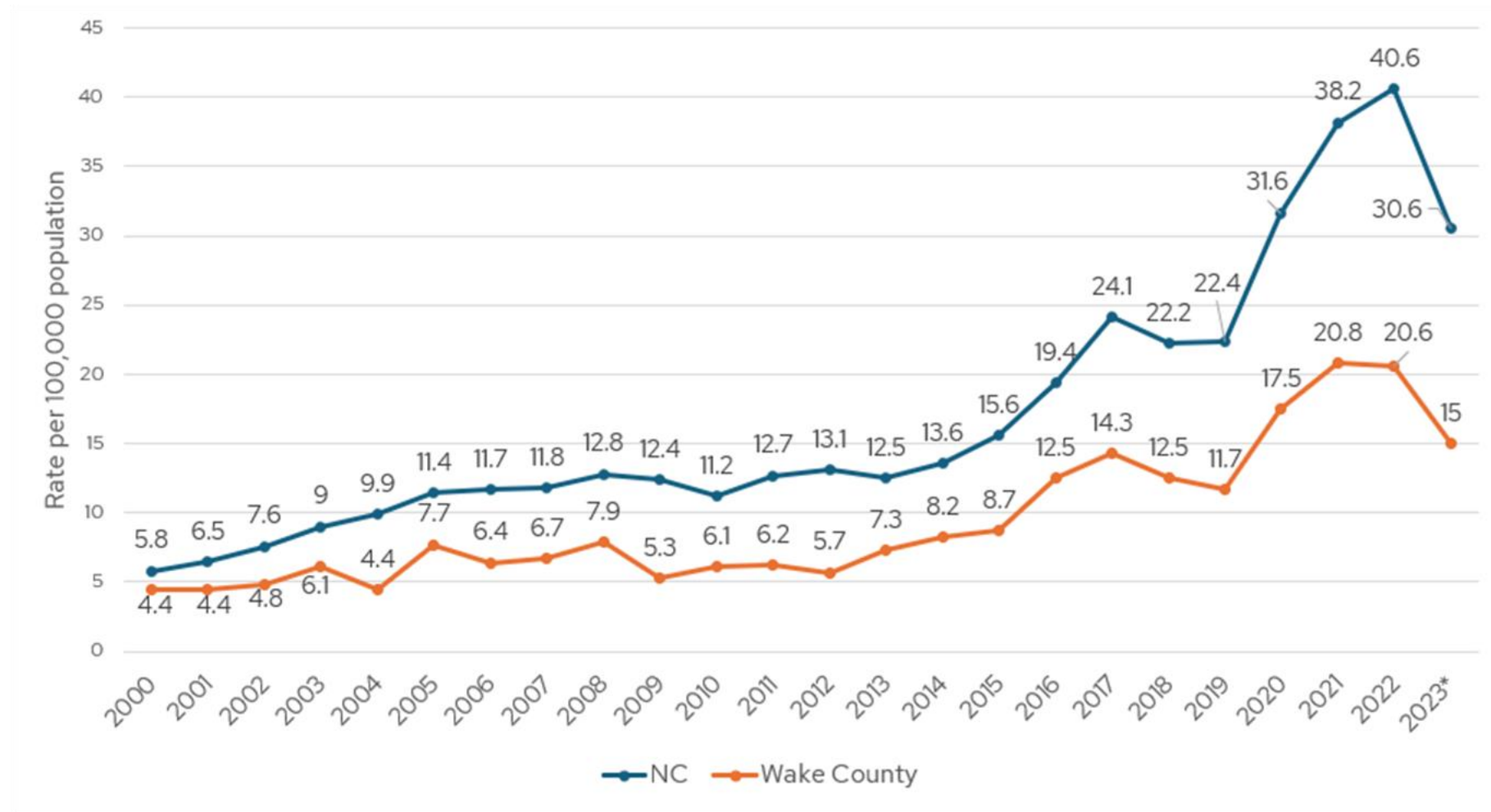
Wake County is receiving \$67,736,628 in opioid settlement funds from 2022 through 2038.



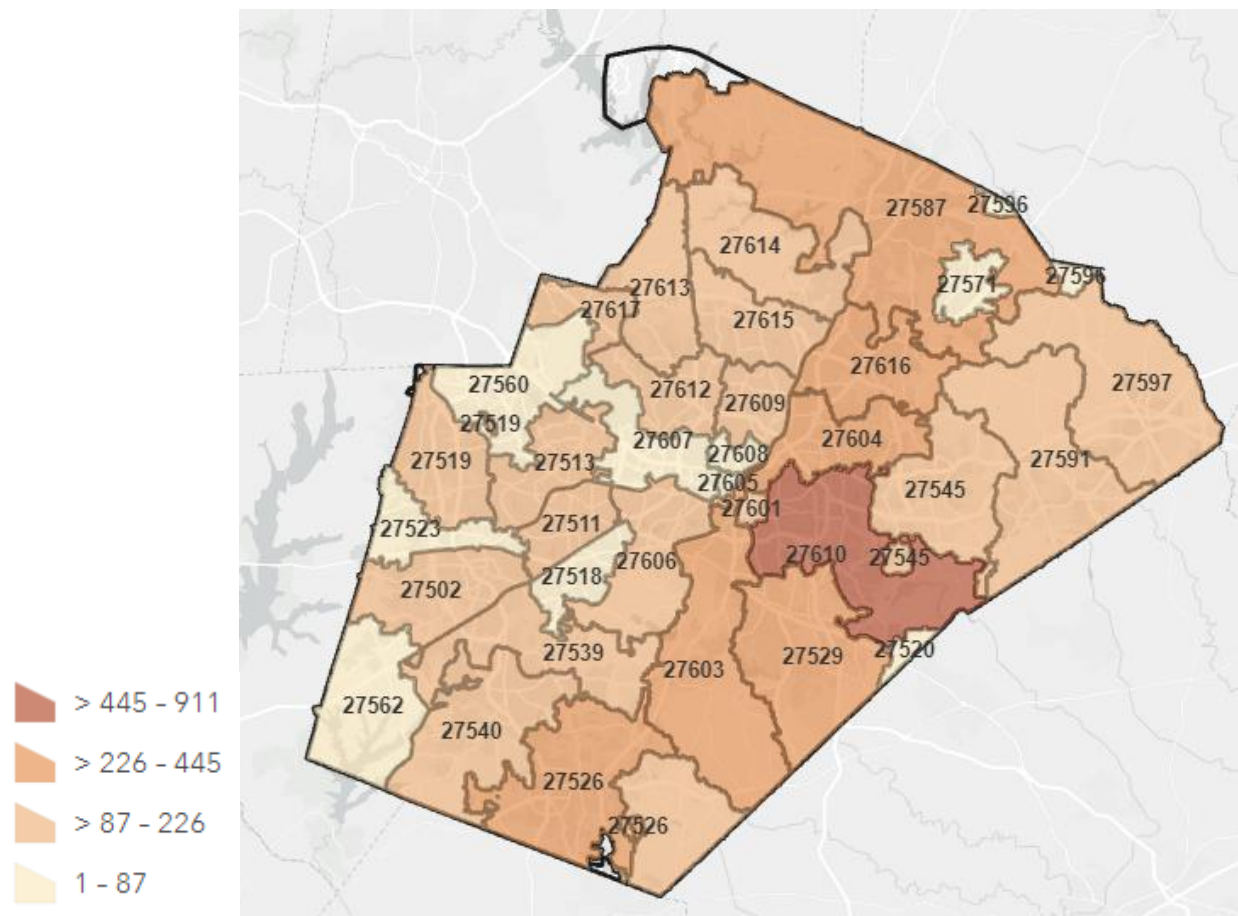
# Drug Overdose Death Counts in Wake County, 2000-2023



# Drug Overdose Rates in NC and Wake County, 2000-2023

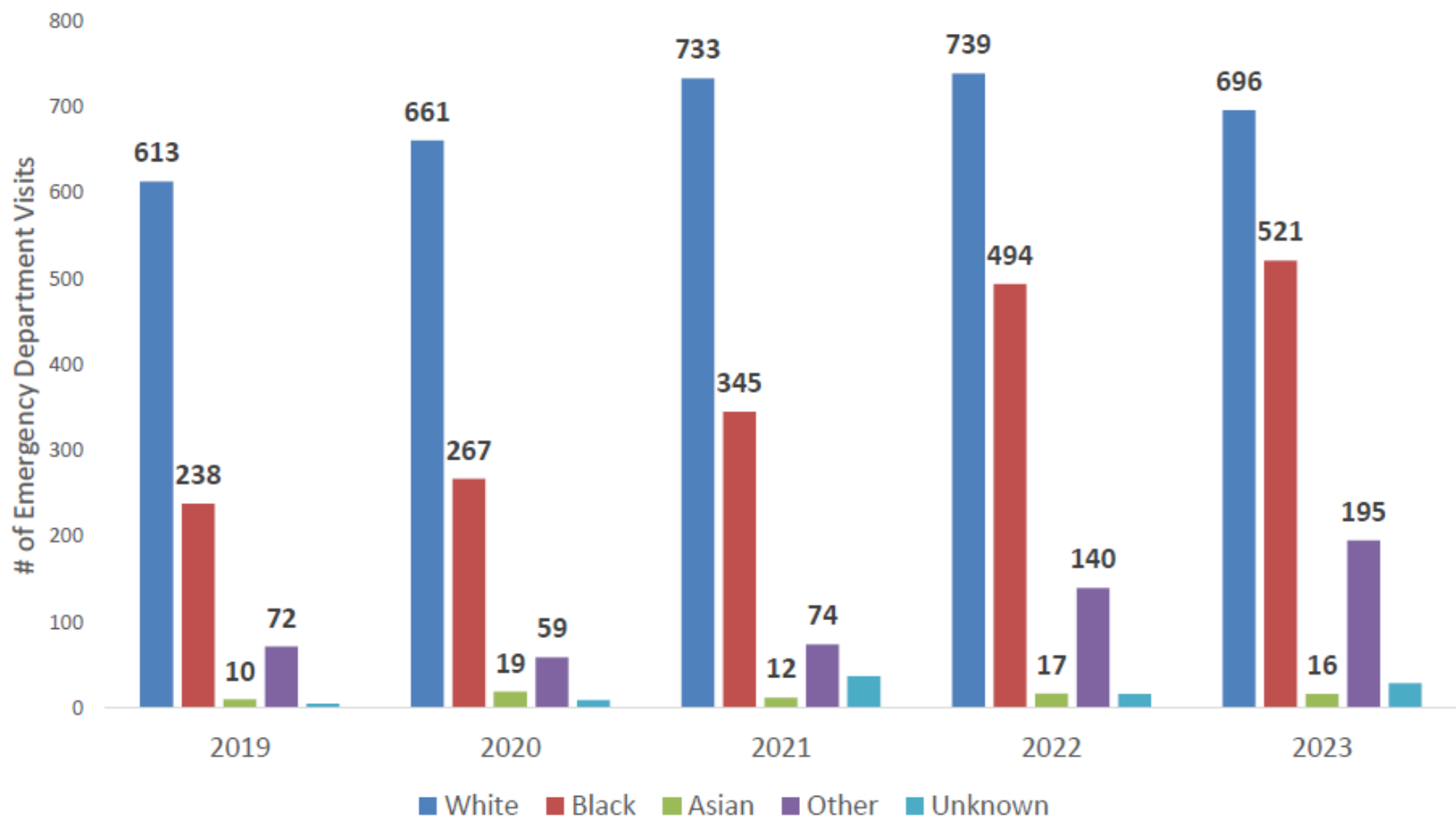


# Overdose Emergency Department (ED) Visits by Patient Residential Zip Code, Wake County, 2019-2023

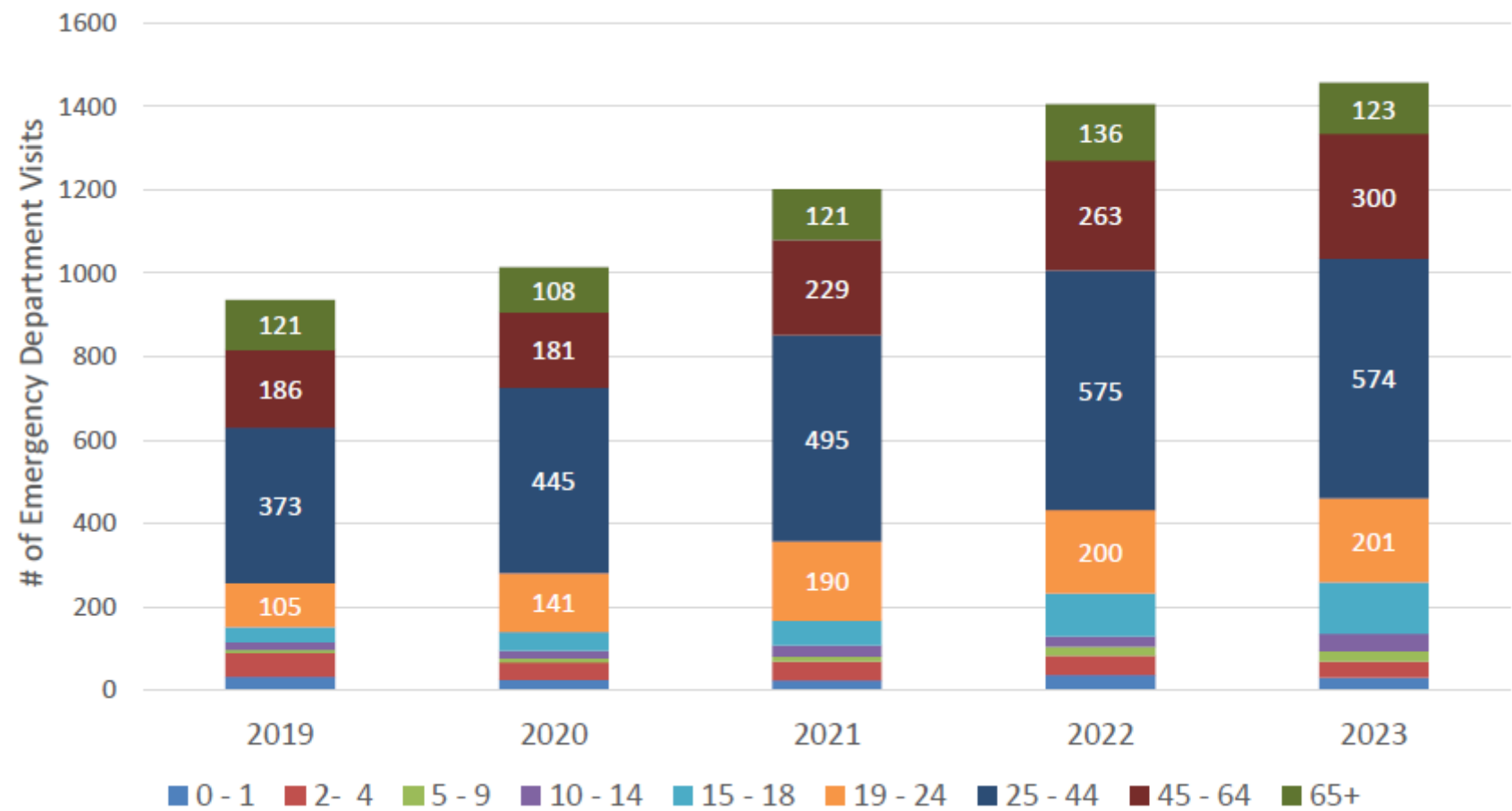




# Unintentional or Undetermined Intent Medication or Drug Overdose Emergency Department (ED) Visits by Race, Wake County, 2019-2023



# Unintentional or Undetermined Intent Medication or Drug Overdose Emergency Department (ED) Visits by Age Group, Wake County, 2019-2023



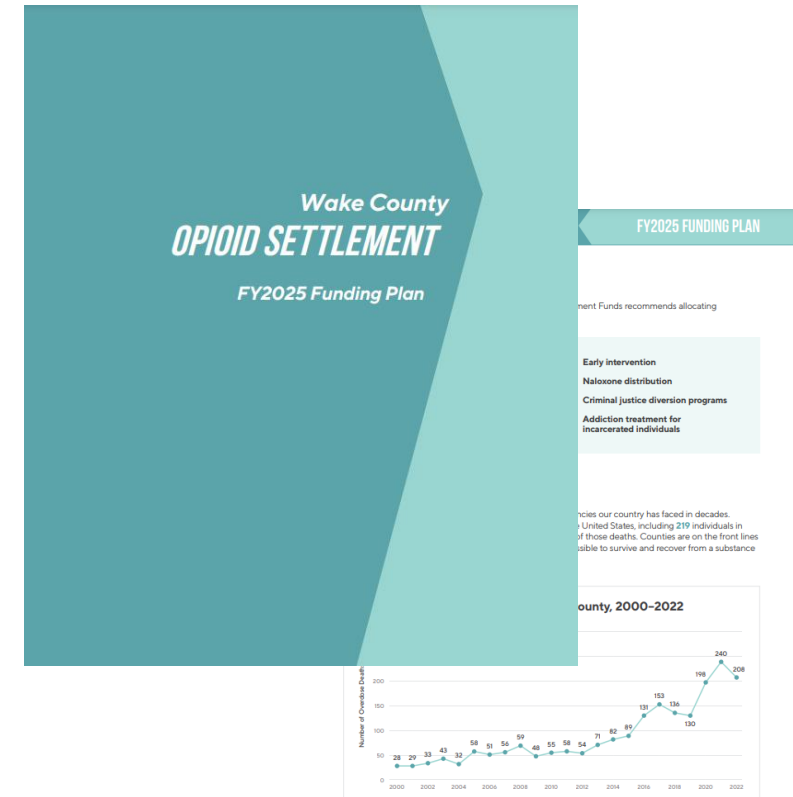
# Wake County Settlement Funding Plan

FY 25 Funding Plan approved in April 2024.

- Builds off community engagement process and FY 23-24 Spending Plan.

## Priority Investment Areas

- Early Identification and Intervention
- Housing Access and Support
- Justice Services
- Naloxone Distribution
- Opioid Use Disorder Treatment
- Recovery Support Services



# Opioid Settlement Programs

- 23 projects currently funded through the opioid settlement funds.
- \$ 6.5 M in planned expenditures (FY25).
- Launched the Wake Opioid Settlement Learning Community to support coordination across funded programs.



# Multi-Year Budget Planning

	FY 22-23	FY 23-24 Actual	FY 24-25 Estimated	FY 25-26 Planned	FY 26-27 Planned
Scheduled Cash Receipts	\$4,683,980	\$9,917,785	\$4,711,095	\$5,244,096	\$4,11 1,543
Planned Expenditures		\$260,676*	\$6,500,000	\$8,536,000	\$8,536,000

\* Actual spending

# Early Intervention

## Boys and Girl Club

- Implement a trauma informed action plan and train staff in early intervention curriculums including youth mental health first aid.
- FY25 = \$205,000

## Communities in Schools

- Train success coaches and staff in Youth Mental Health First Aid to help identify students who may be struggling with problematic substance use or other mental health challenges.
- FY 25 = \$140,785

## Poe Center

- Train parents, caregivers, and other youth-serving adults in Youth Mental Health First Aid.
- Partnership with El Centro, LGBT Center of Raleigh, and Wake County PTA Council.
- FY 25 = \$250,000

# Evidence-Based Addiction Treatment

## Morse Clinic of North Raleigh

- Establish a mobile medication unit and incorporate peer support to expand access to medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD) in Wake County to bring services to clients previously underserved.
- FY 26 + 27 = \$491,720

## SouthLight Healthcare

- Start a mobile medication unit that will operate five days a week and will visit two to three sites daily to provide appropriate care for people with OUD including dispensing MAT, peer support, and care management.
- FY 25 + 26 = \$500,000

# Recovery Housing Support

## Emmaus House

- Expand access to housing for individuals on MOUD by hiring new staff and working to secure an additional home.
- FY 25 = \$260,285

## Fathers Forever

- Start a new transitional housing program focused on individuals with OUD.
- FY 25 + 26 = \$517,550

## Fellowship Home

Expand recovery support services provided at their recovery housing program such as linkage to care and add additional staff to support the work.

FY 25 = \$100,000



# Recovery Housing Support

## UNC Horizons

- Through project CHERISH, UNC Horizons will increase substance use disorder treatment services and housing capacity to serve more perinatal women leaving prisons to avoid opioid overdoses, reincarceration, and maternal-infant separation.
- FY25 + 26 = \$711,604

## Urban Ministries

- Provide dedicated rental assistance (move-in costs, application fees, deposit, first month's rent, utilities, etc.) for guests who are active opioid users, in treatment, and/or in recovery.
- FY25 = \$30,000

# Recovery Support Services

## Arise Collective

- Expand re-entry services available to women with opioid use disorder (OUD) in the Women's Reentry Project through additional clinical and peer support.
- FY25 = \$229,869

## Carter Clinic

- Through a partnership with Advance Community Health, this project will bring on additional peer support specialists at locations in Apex, Cary, Fuquay-Varina, and Raleigh.
- FY 25 = \$257,252

## Coastal Horizons

- Hire a Certified Peer Support Specialist to assist justice-involved individuals living with substance use disorder.
- FY 25 = \$190,742

# Healing Transitions

- Expand peer support on the Rapid Responder program.
- Build out peer support at the men and women's campuses.
  - Provide transportation to daily dosing for medications for opioid use disorder
  - "It (transportation) is the difference of me going or not."

	FY 25	FY26	FY27
Budget	\$512,914	\$500,000	\$500,000

Metrics	FY24	FY 25-YTD
# of individuals with OUD that have been served	528	647
# of naloxone kits distributed	1,054	2,755

# Recovery Support Services

## Promise Resource Network

- Expand recovery support services through the creation of a Recovery Cafe in Raleigh.
- FY25 = \$277,108

## Raleigh CTC

- The Raleigh Connect program will provide a suite of wraparound services, including transportation, housing, family support, as well as peer support to remove barriers to successful participation in treatment.
- FY 25 + 27 = \$400,000

## SMART Recovery USA

- Train mutual support group facilitators in SMART Recovery with a focus on communities of color, the LGBTQIA community, returning citizens, and families affected by substance use.
- FY 25 = \$78,800

# SouthLight Healthcare-MAT in the Jail

- Grow the Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) within Wake County Detention Centers to include additional staff and expanded services (inductions, linkage to care post-release, and naloxone distribution).
  - “I am thankful my recovery didn’t stop while being away. Very thankful for SL and this program.”

	FY 25	FY 26	FY27
Budget	\$450,000	\$543,910	\$543,910

Metrics	FY24	FY 25-YTD
# of individuals with OUD that have been served	160	155

# Recovery Support Services

## SouthLight Healthcare

- Expand staffing, hours, and programming of the Peer Support Specialist led Drop-in Center to meet needs related to recovery, Social Determinants of Health, and harm reduction for at least 1,000 clients annually.
- FY25 = \$350,000

## VOICE Therapeutic Solutions

- Train peer support specialists and create an apprenticeship program.
- FY 25 = \$29,571

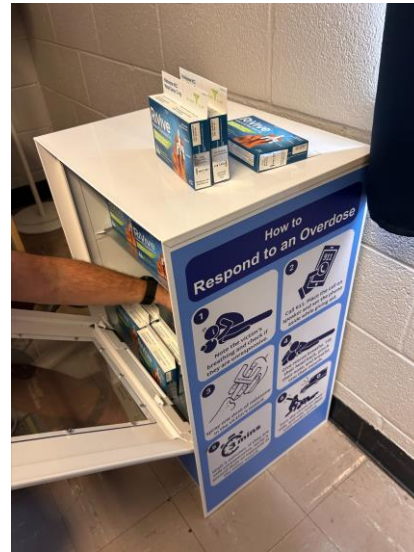
## Wake Monarch

- Create an alternative peer group to support young people in recovery and their family.
- FY 25 = \$290,685

# Naloxone Distribution

## Illuminate NC

- Expand access to naloxone, the life-saving overdose reversal medication, through increased distribution sites (newspaper boxes) and community outreach.
- FY25 = \$101,800



## NCHRC

- Expand access to overdose prevention training and naloxone throughout Wake County using peer support and the syringe services program (SSP).
- FY 25 = \$299,161



# Naloxone Distribution

- Worked with WCPSS to make naloxone, the life-saving overdose reversal medication, available in all Wake County school buildings starting in the Spring of 2025.
- Significantly expanded overdose prevention and naloxone administration training in Wake County and distributed over 1,000 naloxone kits since July 1.
- Conducted trainings for:
  - Housing Department
  - Libraries
  - Maternal and Child Health
  - Child Welfare
  - Community events in partnership with the City of Raleigh and the North Carolina Harm Reduction Coalition





# Draft Spending Plan for FY 26 and 27

The FY26 and 27 Funding Plan for Wake County's Opioid Settlement Funds recommends allocating \$17,072,000 to support the following strategies:

1. Collaborative strategic planning = \$350,000
2. Evidence-based addiction treatment = \$3,000,000
3. Recovery support services = \$7,000,000
4. Recovery housing support = \$2,000,000
5. Early intervention = \$2,000,000
6. Naloxone distribution = \$800,000
7. Criminal justice diversion = \$500,000
8. Addiction treatment for incarcerated individuals = \$1,100,000
9. Education and prevention = \$322,000 (McKinsey)

# What's Next

- **Community engagement**
  - Tabling events and community conversations in the Spring in partnership with Wake Regional Centers
  - Community survey to get additional input on the draft plan and funding priorities
- **Funding opportunity**
  - Request for Proposals focused on education and prevention
- **Storytelling**
  - Video storytelling project highlighting the work underway in Wake County using settlement funds



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