

ABOUT US

The SLO Opioid Safety Coalition was formed in 2016 by a group of concerned community organizations, first responders, healthcare professionals, and social service providers to reduce the local impact of opioid use and prescription drug misuse in San Luis Obispo County. The coalition utilizes a variety of strategies to reduce opioid use and risks, promote access to harm reduction and treatment services, and increase collaboration to improve supportive services to the community.

MEMBERSHIP

Coalition membership is open to any SLO County resident or organization. The coalition hosts regular summits and trainings, provides access to online newsletters and resources, and encourages member participation in all coalition initiatives. Contact us if you'd like to connect!

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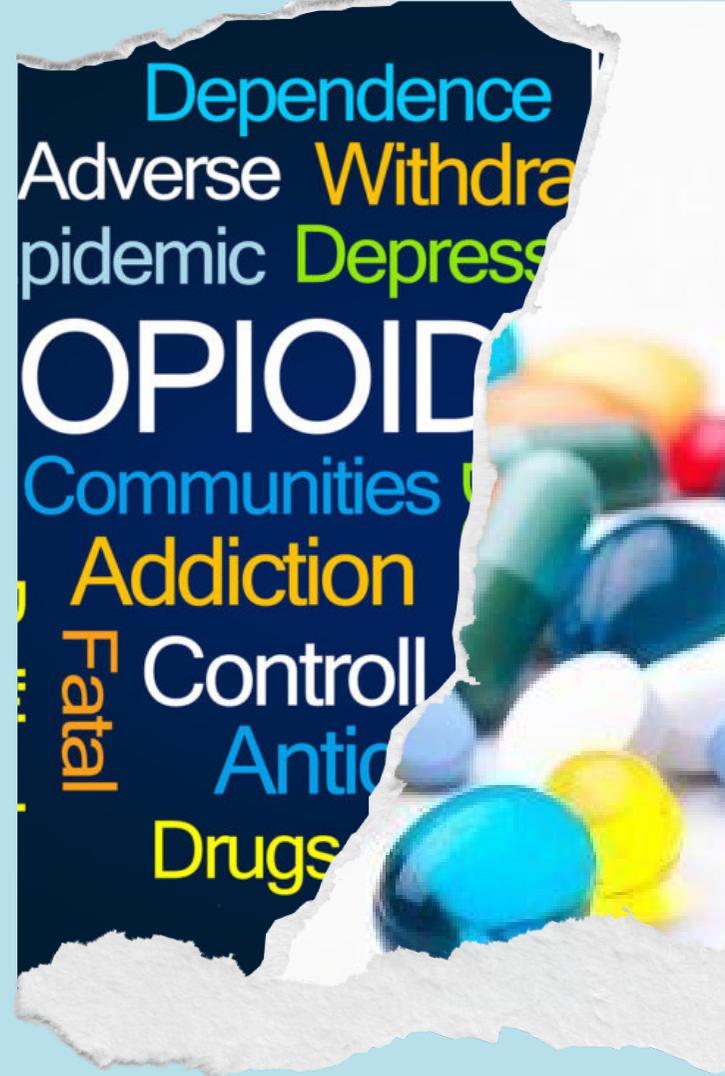
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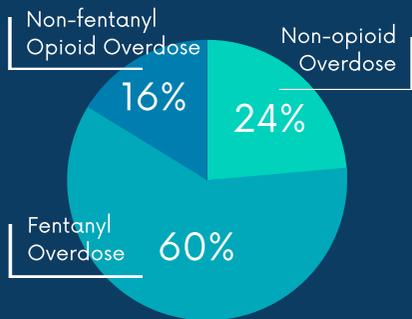


Local Impact of Opioids

As one of the most important tools in behavioral health prevention, data informs the coalition's projects, helps communicate impact to the community, and supports the coalition's efforts in maintaining resources to address these concerns. The coalition gathers what data best describes opioid misuse in the County, as well as the community behaviors and practices that impact use. The following indicators are used to measure the impact of opioid use in San Luis Obispo County:

- Opioid overdose deaths
- Opioid-related emergency dept visits
- Opioid prescribing rates
- County-funded treatment admissions
- Naloxone distribution & reversals

SLO COUNTY OVERDOSE DEATHS*



43 → **123**
 OVERDOSE DEATHS (2016) OVERDOSE DEATHS (2021)



79% OF ALL OPIOID OVERDOSE DEATHS IN 2021 INVOLVED FENTANYL.

*SLO County Coroner's Office

Action Teams

Focused Action Teams allow the coalition to best utilize its membership's expertise to effectively implement a variety of community based projects and initiatives to address the overall impact of opioids in the community.



Community Prevention

The community prevention action team focuses on raising awareness of opioid and prescription drug misuse through community campaigns, school outreach, and educational presentations.

Overdose Prevention

This team provides overdose prevention training and access to naloxone. Naloxone (Narcan™) is a medication that reverses an opioid-related overdose. Because of its effectiveness and life-saving potential, the team advocates for low barrier, confidential access to naloxone for all community members. Visit naloxonenowslo.org for more information.



Medication-Assisted Treatment

The Medication Assisted Treatment Action Team is dedicated to increasing treatment services with access to healthcare, medically assisted treatment options, employment, and ongoing psychological and social support for those in recovery.