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Kentucky Agency for Substance Abuse Policy

# 2022 Combined Annual Report

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# Executive Summary

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During the 2006 General Assembly, the Office of Drug Control Policy (ODCP) was created through a reorganization of the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet (JPSC). The enabling legislation designates ODCP as responsible for all matters relating to the research, coordination, and execution of drug control policy and for the management of state and federal grants, including but not limited to the prevention and treatment of substance misuse. By December 31 of each year, ODCP is required to review, approve, and coordinate all current projects of any substance misuse program that is conducted by or receives funding through agencies of the executive branch. This oversight shall extend to all substance misuse programs which are principally related to prevention or treatment, or otherwise targeted at the reduction of substance misuse in the Commonwealth.

ODCP is tasked with coordinating Kentucky's response to substance misuse. In meeting this obligation, ODCP works toward changing the way substance misuse is handled in Kentucky, reducing the problem, finding solutions, and making the Commonwealth a model for other states. ODCP has joined prevention/education efforts, treatment programs, and law enforcement in a united effort to confront this epidemic which has seen positive results. The success of ODCP's mission and initiatives is dependent on the continued involvement and support of grassroots coalitions, local and state agencies, and community and faith-based organizations throughout Kentucky.

The 2022 Combined Annual Report demonstrates that there are many ongoing projects throughout state government working towards preventing and reducing substance misuse.

Many of these prevention, education and treatment programs are administered by the Kentucky Agency of Substance Abuse Policy (KY-ASAP), the Division of Mental Health and Substance Misuse in the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, the Department for Public Health, the Kentucky State Police, and other key partners. The 2022 report highlights the successful ongoing efforts to address the substance misuse crisis.

Together, ODCP and KY-ASAP oversee and manage a budget of \$28 million. The joint work of both agencies is critical to supporting work in the field.

## Background

In August 2004, the Statewide Drug Control Assessment Summit, a 51-member team of state, federal and local officials in substance misuse prevention-education, treatment, and enforcement, recommended the creation of the Office of Drug Control Policy.

Prior to making its recommendation, the Summit conducted a 20-week assessment of substance misuse in Kentucky. The Summit was charged with the responsibility of assessing the effectiveness of existing and new local, state and federal substance misuse programs; soliciting input from citizens about substance misuse issues in their respective communities; and formulating recommendations to improve the balance and effectiveness of statewide drug control efforts.

## ODCP Core Values

- Plan for the development of an effective continuum of prevention and treatment services.
- Support key priorities and strategies across the full continuum of care, including prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery, within the context of the family, organizations, community, and public policy.
- Assure collaboration of prevention, treatment and law enforcement initiatives related to substance misuse.
- Provide a repository of information on best practices and standards of practice for prevention, treatment, education and law enforcement (as related to substance misuse).
- Educate communities and families about substance misuse and resources for promoting a healthy lifestyle and assuring safety for Kentucky's children.
- Involve citizens at all levels of planning and implementing effective programs.
- Develop standards of practice that assure the development, maintenance and improvement of prevention, treatment, education and law enforcement initiatives.
- Coordinate overall research and evaluation of effectiveness of programs and services.
- Assist and make recommendations regarding the management of existing resources assuring cost efficiency.
- Advocate for the enhancement of resources for substance misuse initiatives.
- Assist in developing policy and legislation that supports the mission and goals of the agency.

# Overarching Themes

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## Core Principles

- Coordination of federal, state, and local government efforts is essential for effectiveness.
- Collaboration and communication among key stakeholders and agencies are vital for success.
- Mobilizing community initiatives is effective in addressing substance misuse.
- Utilizing multiple funding streams yields improved results.
- Treatment, when available, works in healing lives, families, and communities.
- Preventing the onset of alcohol, tobacco and illicit drug use among youth is paramount to the reduction of demand.

## Overarching Goals

- Establish multi-jurisdictional enforcement efforts and, when possible, integrate publicly funded prevention, treatment, and enforcement efforts.
- Reduce the demand for prescription and illicit drugs in Kentucky.
- Reduce the supply of prescription and illicit drugs in Kentucky.
- Promote the implementation of evidence-based strategies that target youth and adults.
- Reduce the stigma associated with alcohol and drug addiction.
- Promote safer communities and family stability.
- Promote and support legislative efforts to address and fund alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use/misuse initiatives.
- Increase access to substance abuse treatment.

# 2022 Overdose Fatality Report

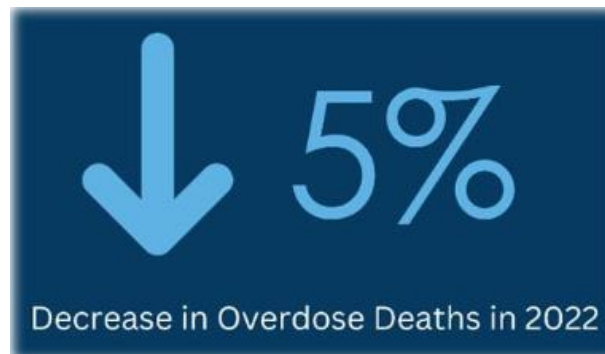
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For the first time in four years, Kentucky has seen a decrease in drug overdose deaths, representing a 5% reduction since 2018. While 23 states reported fewer overdose deaths in 2022, Kentucky was one of only eight states that reported decreases of 100 or more deaths compared to 2021.

However, addiction remains one of the most critical public health and safety issues facing the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

- In 2020, there were 1,964 overdose deaths.
- In 2021, there were 2,250 overdose deaths. This was a 14.5% increase from 2020.
- In 2022, there were **2,135** overdose deaths. This was a 5.4% **decrease** from 2021.

The Office of Drug Control Policy (ODCP) states that overdose cases autopsied by the Office of the State Medical Examiner (OSME) and toxicology reports submitted by Kentucky coroners, that 90% of deaths in 2022 involved opioids. Illicit fentanyl continues to be the most prevalent drug contributing to overdose deaths, accounting for 72.5% nationwide in 2022. The overall number of overdose deaths in the commonwealth was also worsened by the widespread availability of potent inexpensive methamphetamine.



House Bill 1, from the 2012 Special Session, mandates that ODCP, in cooperation with OSME, prepares and publishes an annual report for the Secretary of the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet that includes:

- (1) The number of drug-related deaths;
- (2) The decedent's age, race, and gender, but not their last name or address;
- (3) The counties in which those deaths occurred;
- (4) The scientific, trade, or generic names of the drugs involved; and
- (5) The method by which the drugs were obtained, when available

The report is compiled utilizing data from OSME, KIPRC and the Kentucky Office of Vital Statistics. KIPRC, with support from the CDC, launched the **Drug Overdose Technical Assistance Core (DOTAC)** to support local health departments, community coalitions, and state and local agencies in their efforts to address substance misuse, abuse, and overdose. DOTAC's goal is to support and enhance local agencies' and community organizations' access to timely local data and analytical results on controlled substance prescribing, drug-related morbidity, and mortality trends. More information on the available data, analytical and community services is available at <https://kiprc.uky.edu/injury-focus-areas/drug-overdose-prevention>.

## Treatment Resources

The KY Help Call Center, created in 2017 through a partnership with Operation UNITE, remains available to those with a substance use disorder, or their friends or family members, as a quick resource for information on treatment options and open slots among treatment providers. Individuals may call 833-8KY-HELP (833-859-4357) to speak one-on-one with a specialist who will connect them with treatment as quickly as possible.

The Kentucky Injury Prevention and Research Center (KIPRC) at the University of Kentucky College of Public Health manages a vital website, [www.findhelpnowky.org](http://www.findhelpnowky.org), for Kentucky health care providers, court officials, families and individuals seeking options for substance abuse treatment and recovery. It offers real-time information about available space in treatment programs and guides users to the right type of treatment for their needs. The site provides a search engine for drug treatment, helping users locate treatment providers based on location, facility type, and category of treatment needed.

The Kentucky State Police (KSP) Angel Initiative is a proactive program designed to help people battle addiction. Anyone suffering from a substance use disorder can visit one of KSP's 16 posts located throughout the Commonwealth to be paired with a local officer who will assist with locating an appropriate treatment program. The Angel Initiative is completely voluntary, and individuals will not be arrested or charged with any violations if they agree to participate in treatment. For more information about the Angel Initiative, visit the [KSP website](#).



## Key Findings from 2022<sup>1</sup>

In 2022, a total of 2,135 Kentucky residents died from a drug overdose, representing a decrease of 5.4% from the 2,250 resident drug overdose deaths in 2021.



A review of the resident autopsy cases by OSME and toxicology reports submitted by Kentucky coroners indicates that in 2022:

- A total of 505 residents of Jefferson County died from a drug overdose, a decrease from the 572 resident overdose deaths in 2021.
- The age group with the greatest number of drug overdose deaths in 2022 included those between the ages of 35 and 44, with 643 drug overdose deaths, a decrease of 4.7% from the 675 overdose deaths among that age group in 2021.
- The rate of overdose deaths among African Americans was 25.9 per 100,000, up from 15.2 in 2021.
- The following data on drug types are based on identification through toxicology reports:
  - Fentanyl was identified through toxicology in 1,548 drug overdose deaths, representing 72.5% of the total drug overdose deaths in 2022 and a decrease of 6.3% from the 1,652 drug overdose deaths for which fentanyl was identified through toxicology in 2021.
  - Methamphetamine was identified in 1,069 drug overdose deaths, representing 50.1% of the total drug overdose deaths in 2022 and a decrease of 1.2% from the 1,082 drug overdose deaths for which methamphetamine was identified through toxicology in 2021.
  - Acetylfentanyl was identified in 453 drug overdose deaths, representing an increase of 75.6% from the 258 drug overdose deaths for which acetylfentanyl was identified through toxicology in 2021.
  - Oxycodone was identified in 159 drug overdose deaths, representing a decrease of 21.3% from the 202 drug overdose deaths for which oxycodone was identified through toxicology in 2021.
  - Heroin was identified in 49 drug overdose deaths, representing a decrease of 47.3% from the 93 drug overdose deaths for which heroin was identified through toxicology in 2021.
  - Morphine was identified in 217 drug overdose deaths, representing a decrease of 30% from the 310 drug overdose deaths for which morphine was identified through toxicology in 2021.
  - Alprazolam was identified in 149 drug overdose deaths, representing a decrease of 29.7% from the 212 drug overdose deaths for which alprazolam was identified through toxicology in 2021.
  - Gabapentin was identified in 448 drug overdose deaths, representing a decrease of 11.5% from the 506 drug overdose deaths for which gabapentin was identified through toxicology in 2021.

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<sup>1</sup>This report is based on data from KIPRC derived from death certificates and toxicology reports for all drug overdose deaths among Kentucky residents submitted by May 2023. The data are provisional and subject to change.

Table 1: Kentucky Counties with the Highest Rates of Drug Overdose Deaths in 2022

Kentucky County	Rate of Drug Overdose Deaths per 100,000 Residents	Number of Drug Overdose Deaths
1 Bath	185.1	20
2 Lee	151.3	11
3 Floyd	133.0	44
4 Estill	129.7	17
5 Knott	126.1	15

Counties with rates based on numbers less than 10 have been excluded from the list

Table 2: Kentucky Counties with the Highest Numbers of Drug Overdose Deaths with Fentanyl Identified through Toxicology in 2022

Kentucky County	Drug Overdose Deaths Involving Fentanyl
1 Jefferson	419
2 Fayette	137
3 Kenton	57
4 Madison	46
5 Boyd	37

Table 3: Kentucky Counties with the Highest Numbers of Drug Overdose Deaths with Methamphetamine Identified Through Toxicology in 2022

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	Kentucky County	Drug Overdose Deaths Involving Methamphetamine
1	Jefferson	226
2	Fayette	60
3	Madison	35
4	Pike	29
5	Hardin	27

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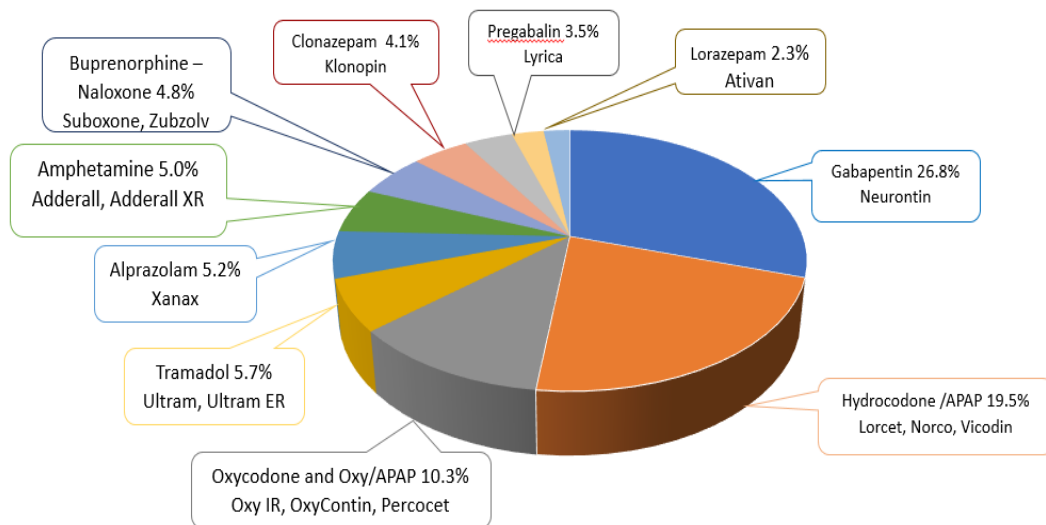
# KASPER SUMMARY

In 2022, three significant enhancements were made to the Kentucky All Schedule Prescription Electronic Reporting system (KASPER). In April 2022, a new alert was added to the KASPER patient report. This alert notifies prescribers and pharmacists if a patient has overlapping benzodiazepine and opioid prescriptions. Patients with this overlap have an increased risk of overdose. The alert not only notifies prescribers and pharmacists, but it also highlights the overlapping prescriptions. In September 2022, KASPER upgraded its integration and interstate data sharing functionality for transactions through the RxCheck data sharing hub. This upgrade enables KASPER to utilize the latest version of the Prescription Monitoring Information eXchange standards for exchange of data between states and healthcare organizations partners. In November 2022, KASPER enhanced prescriber information on the patient report to now include prescriber address and telephone information to ease the burden of report users. This additional information promotes communication between prescribers and pharmacists.

## Top 10 Controlled Substances Dispensed in Kentucky as Reported to KASPER

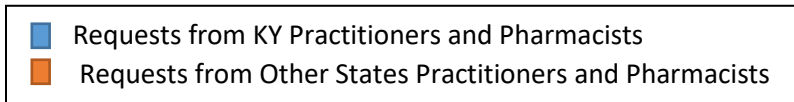
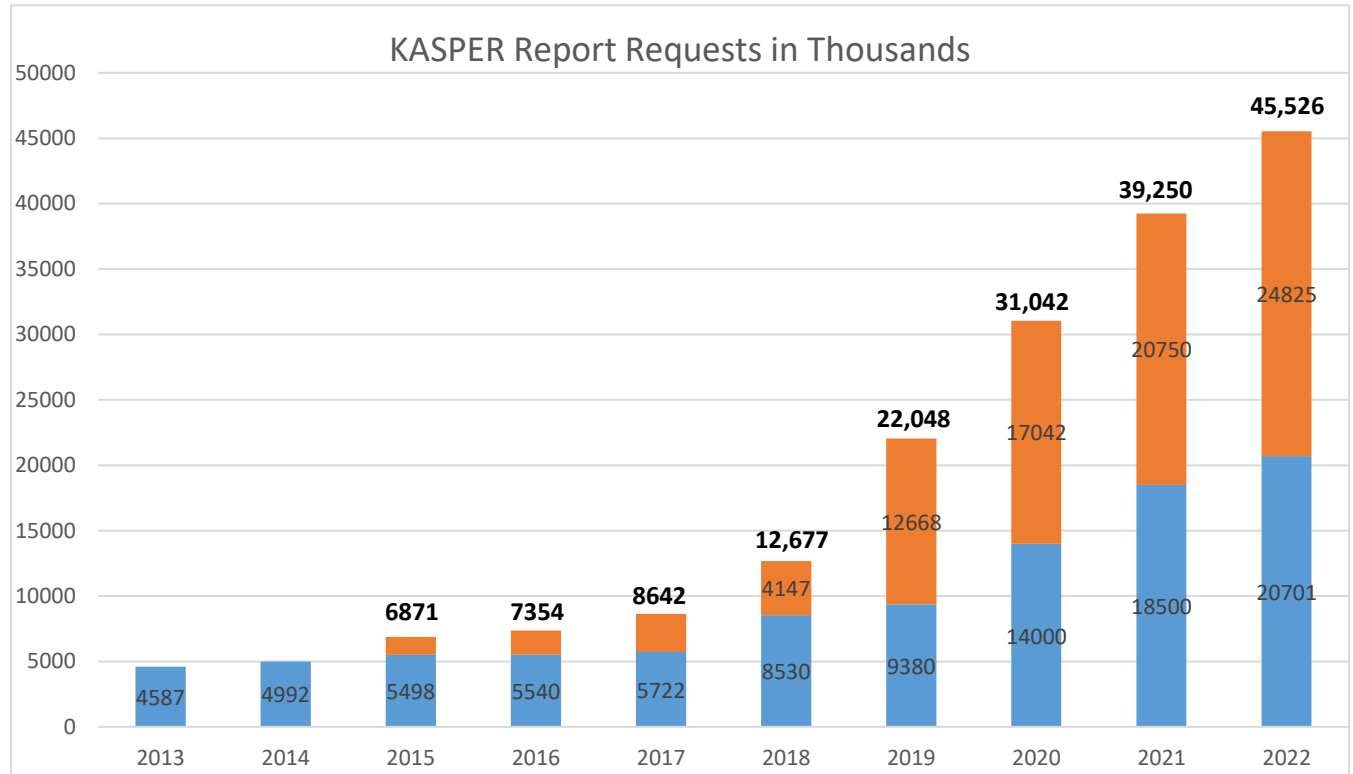
The following chart lists the generic and some brand names for the top 10 controlled substances dispensed in Kentucky as of December 31, 2022. Gabapentin remains the most frequently prescribed controlled substance in Kentucky.

### KASPER: Top Controlled Substances Based on Number of Doses - 2022



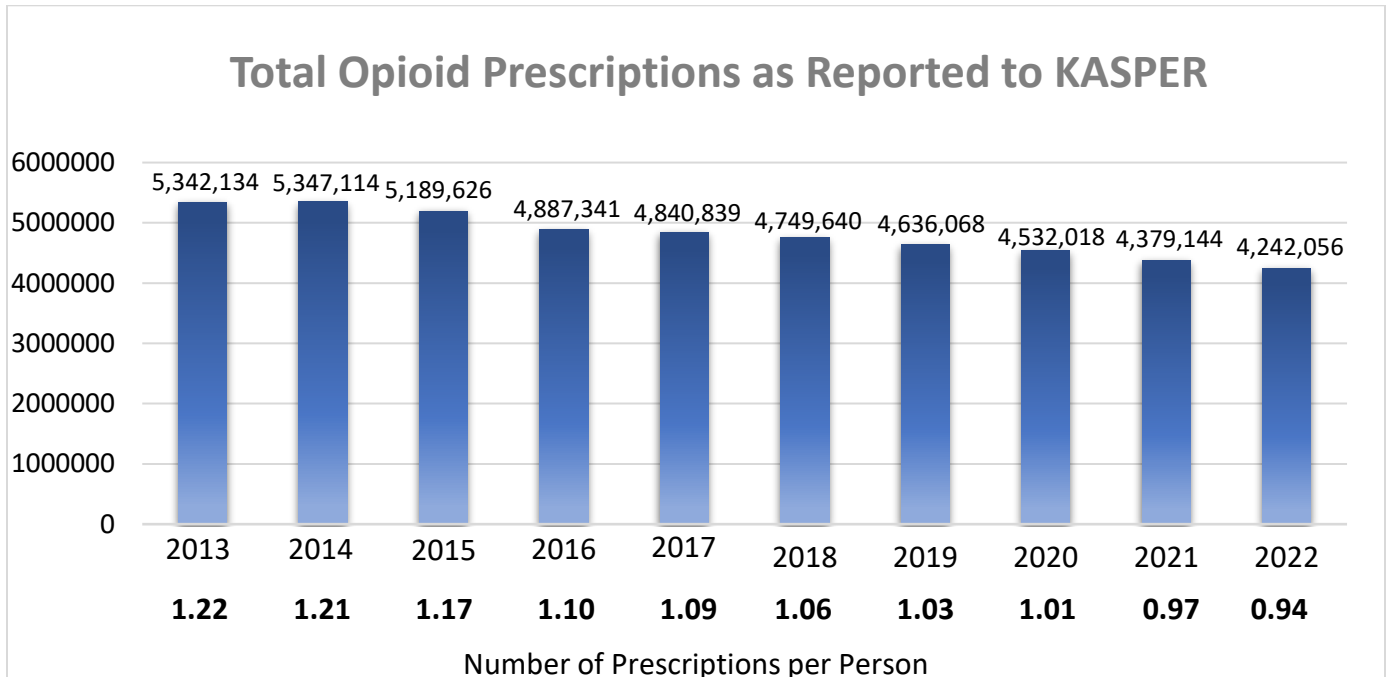
In 2022, there were over 45.5 million requests from KASPER reports and data, representing an increase of 16% from 2021. The number of reports requested continued to expand as KASPER use by health care facilities and pharmacies that have integrated their electronic health record and pharmacy software

systems grows and use of the interstate data sharing capability by authorized users of other state Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs, especially in Kentucky Border States spreads.



## Total Opioid Prescriptions

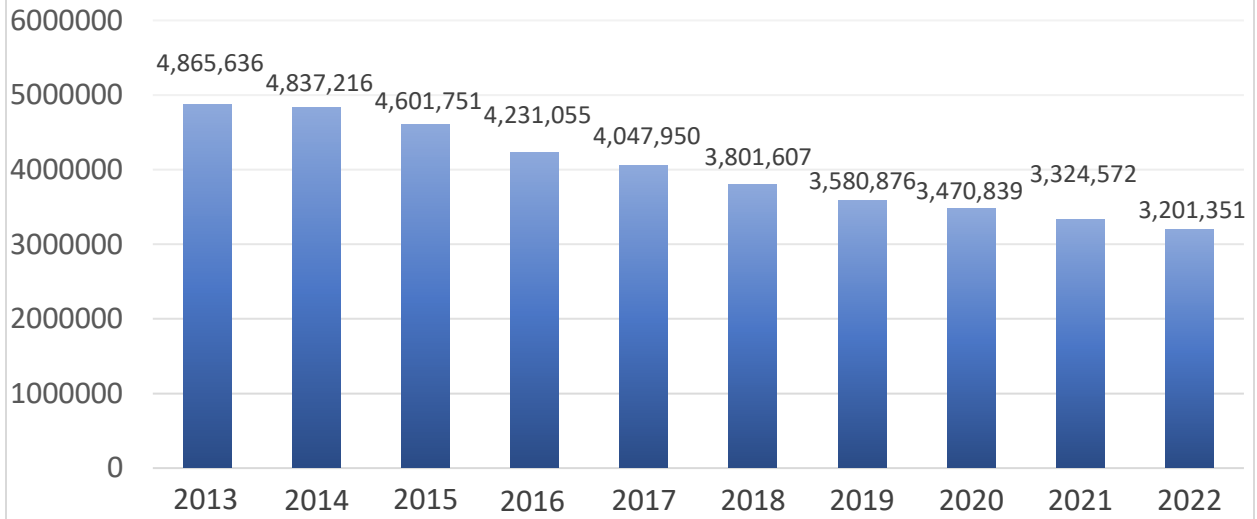
The total number of opioid prescriptions dispensed in Kentucky as reported to KASPER continues to decline, with a 2022 per capital rate of 0.94 opioid prescriptions per person.



## Total Opioid Prescriptions for Pain

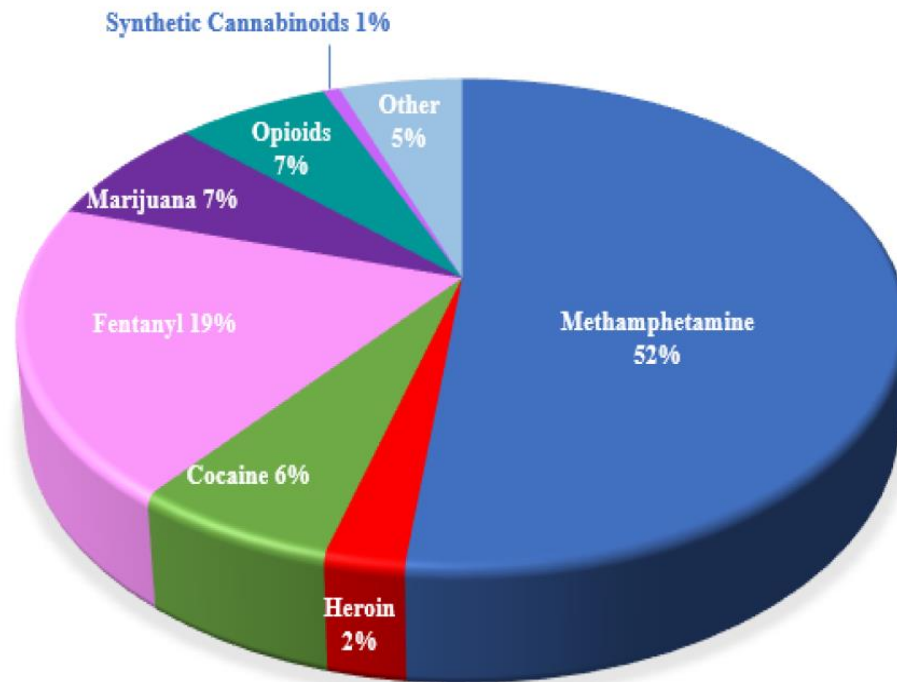
The total number of opioid prescriptions for pain decreased in 2022. The number of opioid prescriptions for pain is determined by excluding the buprenorphine/naloxone opioid data. Buprenorphine/naloxone is typically used for medication-assisted treatment of opioid use disorder and therefore is not considered to be prescribed for pain.

EXCLUDING BUPRENORPHINE/NALOXONE AS REPORTED TO KASPER



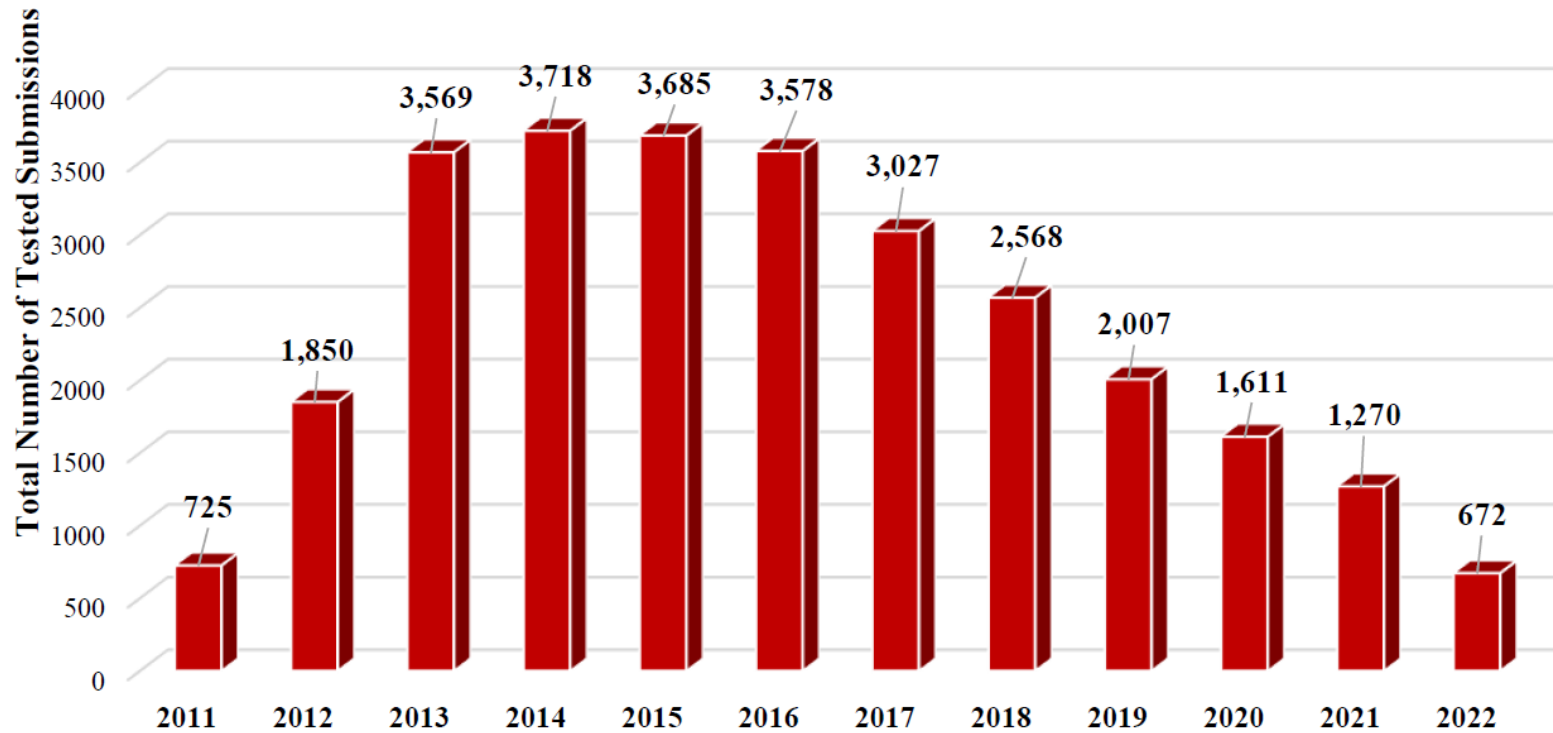
# Kentucky State Police Submissions

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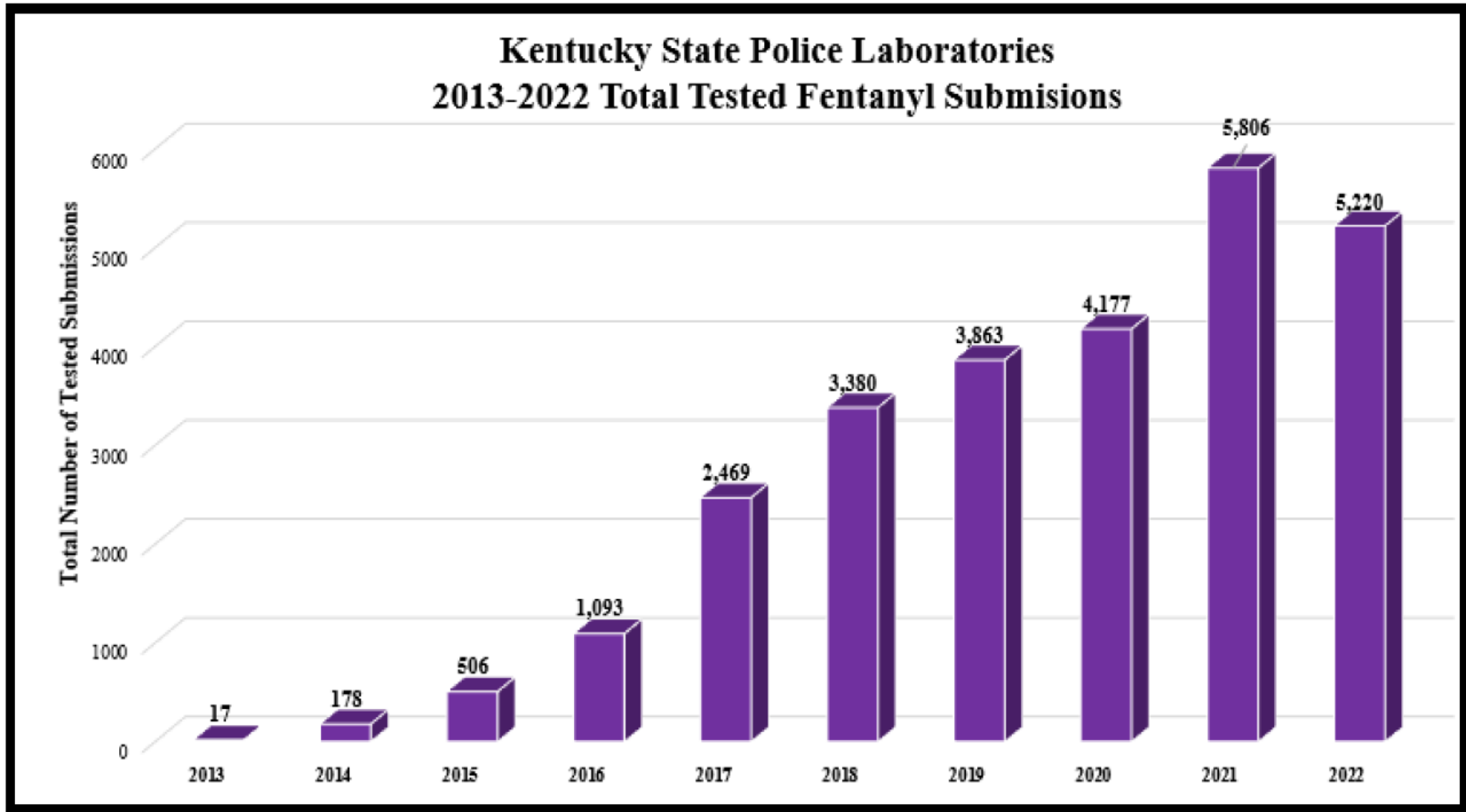




## Kentucky State Police Laboratories 2011-2022 Total Tested Heroin Submissions

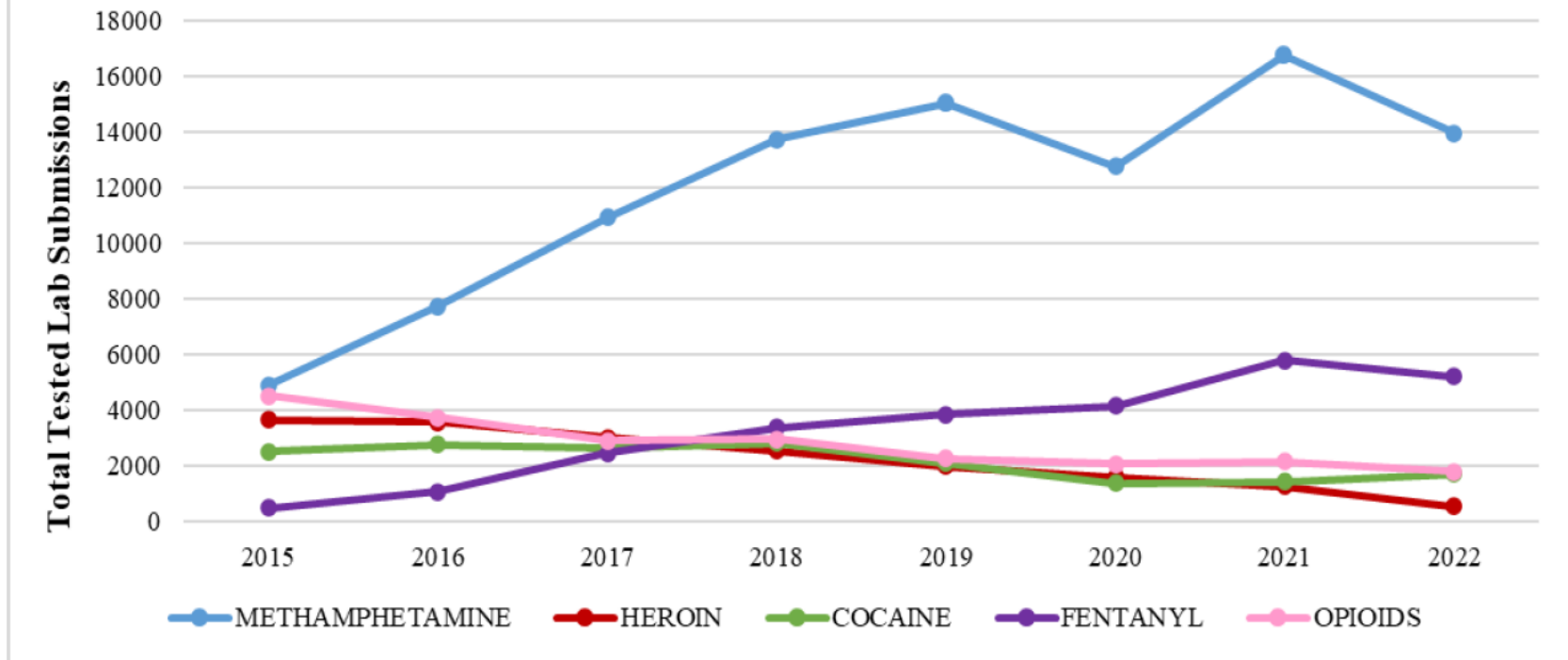


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## 2015-2022 Drug Trends: Meth, Heroin, Cocaine, Fentanyl/Fentanyl Analogs & Opioids



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# Kentucky Office of Drug Control Policy

## SFY2022 Funded Programs

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In 2022, the Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet provided a total of \$21,938,150 from the state budget to 19 Kentucky Programs to combat substance misuse in the Commonwealth.

Among other efforts, the expanded funds will help support treatment in communities and jails, alternative sentencing programs and care for expectant mothers who are struggling with drug dependency and recovery efforts in the commonwealth.

Funding for Fiscal Year 2022 includes the following allocations:

FUND: 0100  
FUNCTION: AK00

### Substance Abuse Initiatives

- \$150,000 – Region 6 KY-ASAP Harm Reduction  
Funds from ODCP to Region 6 KY-ASAP to increase its 2021 award to allow additional naloxone purchase
- \$617,000 – KY-ASAP Local Boards Traditional Award  
Funds from ODCP to Local KY-ASAP boards to operate prevention, treatment & enforcement projects, and programs
- \$2,000,000 – DPA Social Workers  
Funds from ODCP to Department of Public Advocacy (DPA) to provide social workers in DPA offices to assist with social needs of defendants
- \$2,700,000 – CHFS – Neo Natal Abstinence Syndrome  
Funds from ODCP to Division of Behavioral Health to expand treatment for pregnant & parenting women with substance use disorder
  - \$250,000 – Chrysalis House
  - \$200,000 – Communicare
  - \$122,400 – Four Rivers Behavioral Health
  - \$220,500 – Kentucky River
  - \$250,000 – Mountain Comprehensive Care Center
  - \$242,700 – New Vista
  - \$250,000 – Pathways
  - \$246,800 – River Valley

- \$227,300 – Seven Counties
- \$250,000 - UK PATHways Program
- \$270,000 – Volunteers of America
  
- \$2,500,000 –CHFS – Community Mental Health Centers  
 Funds from ODCP to Division of Behavioral Health to expand treatment access through Community Mental Health Centers (CMHC)
  - \$133,000 – Adanta
  - \$209,600 – Comprehend
  - \$178,900 – Cumberland River
  - \$232,200 – Kentucky River
  - \$250,000 – LifeSkills
  - \$231,700 – Mountain Comprehensive Care Center
  - \$220,500 – New Vista
  - \$250,000 – NorthKey
  - \$225,000 – RiverValley
  - \$227,300 – Seven Counties
  - \$247,200 - Pathways

Awardees must demonstrate a commitment to ensuring individuals have access to evidence-based services and supports that include outpatient, medication-assisted, individuals, group, family, intensive outpatient, crisis, case management, residential treatment and recovery support services.

- \$3,000,000 - DOC – Substance Abuse Program  
 Funds from ODCP to DOC to operate substance abuse programming in prisons, county jails for state and non-state inmates. Also, to operate a naltrexone program for inmates with opioid use disorder leaving custody.
  
- \$2,000,000 – PAC – Rocket Docket  
 Funds from ODCP to Prosecutors Advisory Council (PAC) to subgrant to Commonwealth Attorneys to operate Rocket Docket programs.
  
- \$500,000 – UNITE Call Center  
 Funds from ODCP to Operation UNITE to operate a screening and statewide referral service.
  
- \$36,000 – KSP – Interdiction & Prevention  
 Funds from ODCP to Kentucky State Police for KyOPS HIDTA ODMAP Integration.
  
- \$300,000 –KPERF – Naloxone for Law Enforcement

Funds from ODCP to Kentucky Pharmacy Educational Research Foundation (KPERF) to purchase, provide and train law enforcement agencies for naloxone.

- \$1,500,000 – Kentucky Medical Examiner’s Office – Staffing & Toxicology Funds from ODCP to Kentucky Medical Examiner’s Office to assist with staffing and toxicology.
- \$300,000 – Recovery Ready Communities Program  
Funds will be used to establish a framework for communities to become “Recovery Ready”, bringing much needed consistency to local substance use prevention, treatment and recovery efforts.
- \$50,000 – Child Fatality and Near Fatality External Review Panel  
Funds for ODCP to Child Fatality and Near Fatality External Review Panel to hire an epidemiologist to assist with data collection and analysis.
- \$150,000 – EKCEP - Recovery & Support Specialists  
Funds from ODCP to Eastern Kentucky Concentrated Employment Program (EKCEP) to increase access to and retention of employment for persons in recovery from substance use disorders as well as those with associated mental health issues seeking (re)employment and job training.
- \$60,000 – Reducing Barriers to ReEntry  
Funds from ODCP to support the Reducing Barriers to ReEntry Program administered by the Opportunity Network to be used to better connect justice involved individuals to supports and opportunities that will re-direct them into productive lives by bringing system decision makers together with users and providers of services and supports to improve outcomes and remove barriers to successful re-entry. The funding is intended to address policy and practice gaps to create a community that prevents and reduces recidivism. The funding is further intended to provide a connection to opportunities for justice-involved individuals, specifically returning youth and adults, to build/rebuild their lives in the community.
- \$10,000 – Louisville Recovery Community Connections – Recovery & Resources Awareness  
Funds from ODCP to Louisville Recovery Community Connections to create recovery and resource awareness within the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The funding is intended to facilitate the production and distribution of awareness of individuals in recovery through a multitude of platforms such as videos, public service announcements, resource brochures/cards and social media.

FUND: 65AH  
FUNCTION: AH00

## Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement

- \$1,763,000 – KY-ASAP Local Boards (traditional awards & new boards)  
Funds from ODCP to Local KY-ASAP boards to operate prevention, treatment & enforcement projects and programs.
- \$375,000 – Kentucky Chamber of Commerce – Recovery Friendly Workplaces  
Funds from ODCP to Kentucky Chamber Foundation to address destigmatizing the addiction epidemic and support employers' role in opioid prevention, treatment and recovery in the workplace, business engagement and opioid use, prevention and response.
- \$350,000 – Volunteers of America – Restorative Justice  
Funds from ODCP to support Restorative Justice Program administered by the Volunteers of America. The Restorative Justice Program allows victims of crime to participate more fully in the resolution of the offense that has been done – with a focus on seeking solutions and making amends. Specifically, these funds will be used to provide restorative justice practices in the KY District Court Judicial Districts of 27, 34, and 41, which includes Clay, Leslie, Jackson, Knox, Laurel, McCreary, and Whitley Counties. These restorative justice practices include Family Group Conferencing, Case Management Services, evaluation of restorative justice project implemented in Clay, Leslie, Jackson, Knox, Laurel, McCreary and Whitley Counties.
- \$20,000 – Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky for Kentucky Safety & Prevention Network (KSPAN) – Accidental Childhood Overdose Prevention  
Funds from ODCP to KSPAN to provide medication lockbox and overdose prevention education create recovery and resource awareness within the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

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### KY ATTORNEY GENERAL - PURDUE LAWSUIT

- \$1,500,000 – UNITE – Operating Expenses  
Funds from Office of Attorney General from Purdue Pharma settlement to ODCP as pass through to Operation UNITE for operating expenses.

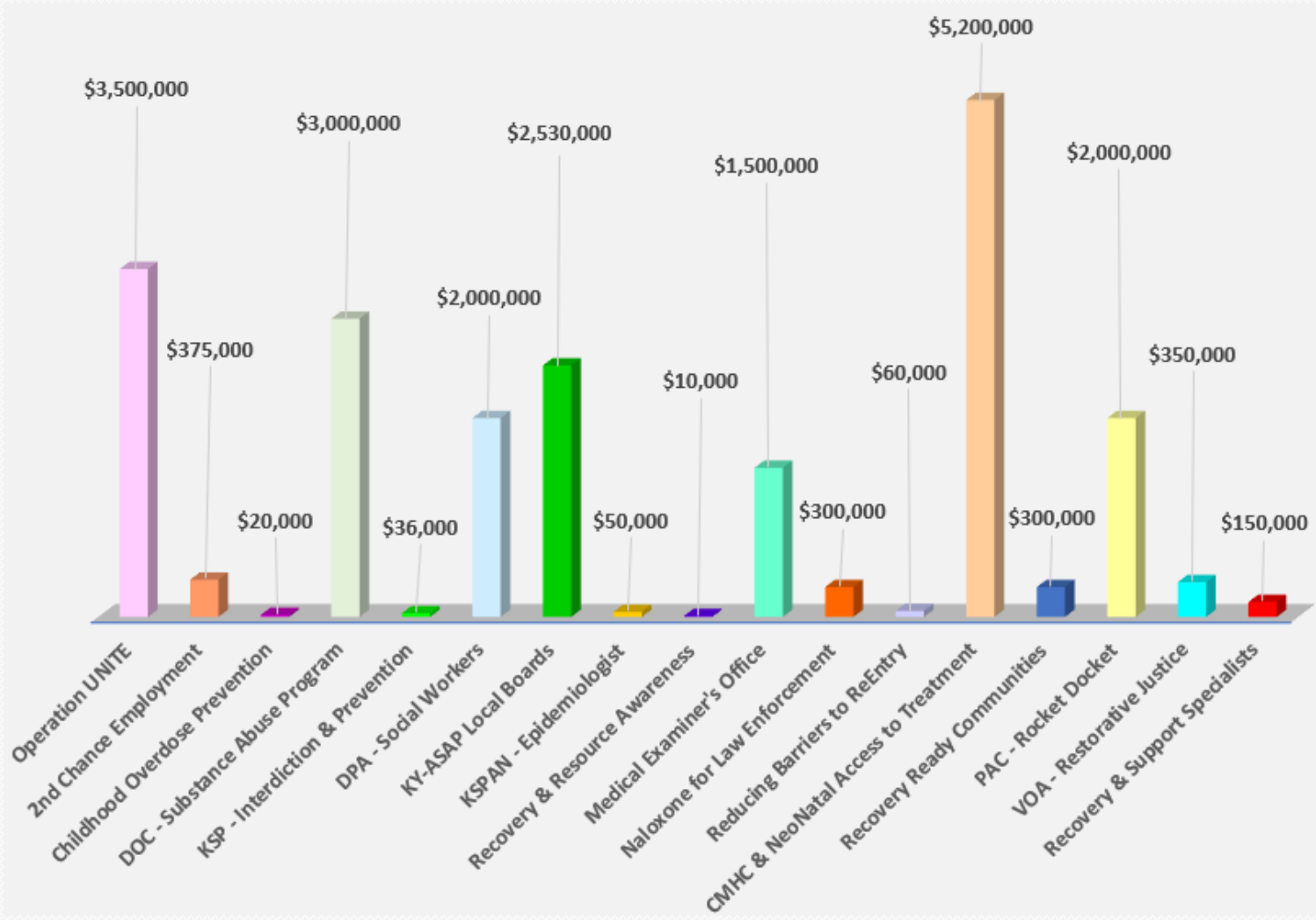
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### General Fund

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### Kentucky Office of Drug Control Policy SFY2022 Funded Programs



# MethCheck

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In 2005, Kentucky and dozens of other states passed laws restricting the sale of products containing pseudoephedrine (PSE), the key ingredient for meth production. These laws closely followed similar legislation enacted in Oklahoma in 2004. States that restricted PSE began seeing immediate declines in meth-lab responses. Those declines, however, were short-lived, as meth users and cooks began an activity known as ‘smurfing,’ a process of purchasing small amounts of PSE at multiple locations.

The National Precursor Log Exchange (NPLEx) is a real-time electronic logging system used by pharmacies and law enforcement to track sales of over-the-counter (OTC) cold and allergy medications containing precursors to the illegal drug, methamphetamine. This system has the ability to alert the pharmacist at the point of sale when an individual is attempting to exceed legal product limits.

In 2012, Senate Bill 3 was passed that further limits the amount of over-the counter allergy and cold medication that may be purchased without a prescription.

## Impacts of MethCheck / NPLEx on Kentucky

- Reduces the quantities of allergy or cold medicines containing ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, or phenylpropanolamine that may be purchased without a prescription from 9 grams to 7.2 grams per month.
- Establishes an annual limit of 24 grams of allergy or cold medicine containing ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, or phenylpropanolamine that may be purchased without a prescription, whereas existing law did not specify an annual limit.
- Prohibits individuals under the age of 18 from purchasing any quantity of allergy or cold medicines containing ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, or phenylpropanolamine without a prescription.
- Requires pharmacies to maintain an electronic record-keeping system that allows them to prohibit transactions in excess of the limits established by this bill and provides ODCP with unimpeded access to records for statistical analysis purposes.
- Requires ODCP to submit annual statistical reports on the sale of compounds, mixtures, or preparations containing ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, or phenylpropanolamine to the Legislative Research Commission.
- Prohibits individuals convicted of any offense relating to methamphetamine from possessing or attempting to possess medication containing ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, or phenylpropanolamine until 5 years after the following dates:

- The date the individual was convicted;
- The date the individual was discharged from incarceration; or
- The date the individual was released from probation or parole.

In 2022, ODCP assisted countless pharmacies and numerous customers.

# Recovery Ready Communities

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[House Bill 7](#), sponsored by Rep. Adam Bowling (R-Middlesboro) and passed during the 2021 legislative session, established a framework for communities to become “Recovery Ready,” bringing much-needed consistency to local substance use prevention, treatment, and recovery efforts. The bill sought to ensure Kentuckians struggling with substance use disorder are supported in their communities.

Recovery-Ready Communities leverage a combination of access to treatment, employment opportunities, education opportunities and safe housing for those in recovery.

By providing job training and employment opportunities to people in recovery, hard-hit employers benefit from a new, deeper pool of labor.

It’s also an acknowledgement that we must view addiction and people who use drugs differently, and the willingness among people and organizations throughout Kentucky to join the recovery-ready effort is an indication that things have changed.

Gov. Andy Beshear is encouraging communities across Kentucky to strengthen their fight against the drug epidemic by having them apply for certification as a “Recovery Ready Community.”

In June 2022, the Governor announced the creation of the Recovery Ready Communities program. Since then, the Office of Drug Control Policy, the Advisory Council for Recovery Ready Communities, and Volunteers of America Mid-States, have created the certification program for communities across Kentucky. Communities are eligible to apply for this certification, which measures their services to residents who are seeking help for drug or alcohol addiction in three different categories: prevention, treatment, and recovery support.

Upon application, communities will undergo an evaluation process, including a site visit and assessment from Volunteers of America staff, who will then make a recommendation to the Advisory Council for a decision on certification.

Communities that are not initially designated as Recovery Ready will receive an explanation for the denial as well as an offer of technical assistance from VOA to help formulate new programs or interventions necessary to achieve certification. Once improvements are made, communities are encouraged to reapply and get certified. There is no application deadline. The advisory council will certify communities on a rolling basis.

On May 18, 2023, Gov. Andy Beshear designated Boyle County as the first Recovery Ready Community for its commitment to providing residents with access to addiction treatment and recovery support and removing barriers to the workforce.

To learn more about the program and apply for certification as a Recovery Ready Community, local government leaders can email [info@rrcky.org](mailto:info@rrcky.org).

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# Behavioral Health Conditional Dismissal Program (SB90)

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The Behavioral Health Conditional Dismissal (BHCDP) pilot program began on Oct. 1, 2022. It is also known as [Senate Bill 90](#).

The BHCDP provides an alternative to incarceration by allowing eligible defendants, based on qualifying charges and behavioral health needs, to receive treatment for a substance use and/or mental health disorder. Services may include but are not limited to outpatient and inpatient treatment, medications for addiction and mental health treatment, case management, educational and job training, and recovery supports. If the participant adheres to and completes the treatment plan outlined by a behavioral health provider, their charges will be dropped.

The BHCDP allows defendants a chance at a real, new start with access to the support and resources needed to manage and overcome different barriers associated with substance use and behavioral health, instead of being incarcerated.

## Who can participate?

Defendants who meet the following requirements are eligible to participate in the BHCDP:

- Must be charged with a qualifying offense (NO violent offender, sex offense, DUI, domestic violence, or protective orders against victim)
- Must be at least 18 years of age and a resident of the Commonwealth;
- Must not have a previous conviction for a Class A, B, or C felony, or a Class D felony or misdemeanor that is not a qualifying offense; and
- Has been assessed by pretrial services as a low-risk, low-level offender
- Clinical assessment must indicate behavioral health disorder
- **OR** Determined by the attorney for the Commonwealth or the attorney for the defendant as a viable participant in the program.

## Where is this available?

The BHCDP is currently available in the following counties:

- Christian
- Clark
- Daviess
- Greenup
- Hopkins
- Kenton
- Letcher
- Madison
- McCracken
- Oldham
- Pulaski

#### **Who chooses the treatment provider?**

The State provides defendants with a list of approved providers based on the individual needs of the defendant. The defendant can choose any provider from this list.

#### **Who pays for the treatment?**

Treatment is offered at no cost to defendants; all costs are covered by insurance or other funding sources.

#### **How long is the treatment?**

The length of treatment varies for each individual and is based on the provider's recommendations. Treatment will be at least one year but will not be longer than the maximum potential period of incarceration if the defendant is found guilty of the charged offenses.



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# Collaborative Partnerships

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The Office of Drug Control Policy has established significant working relationships with many governmental and private agencies across the Commonwealth and nationally. The strength of success is found in the quality of the working relationships. Listed below is a sampling of some of the agencies that have partnered with ODCP on initiatives:

- The Commonwealth Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention
- The Advancing Pharmacy Practice Coalition
- Kentucky Harm Reduction Coalition
- UNITE
- Kentucky Pharmacy Educational Research Foundation
- Appalachian Regional Commission
- Kentucky Chamber of Commerce Foundation
- Eastern Kentucky Concentrated Employment Program
- Community Foundations of Louisville
- Kentucky Coalition of Nurse Practitioners & Nurse Midwives
- University of Kentucky
- Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA)
- Department of Corrections
- Department of Education
- Department for Medicaid Services
- Department for Public Health
- Department for Behavioral Health, Development, and Intellectual Disabilities
- Department of Public Advocacy
- Prosecutors Advisory Council
- Eastern Kentucky University
- Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet
- Kentucky All Scheduled Prescription Electronic Reporting (KASPER)
- Kentucky Administrative Office of the Courts – Drug Courts
- Kentucky Alcoholic Beverage Control
- Kentucky Attorney General’s Office
- Kentucky Board of Pharmacy
- Kentucky Broadcasters Association
- Kentucky Department for Public Health
- Kentucky Center for School Safety
- Kentucky County Attorneys Association
- Kentucky Crime Prevention Coalition
- Kentucky Injury Prevention Group
- SPARK Ministries – Casey’s Law
- Northern KY Hates Heroin- Casey’s Law

- Pfizer Foundation
- Kentucky Narcotic Officer's Association
- Kentucky Office of Homeland Security
- Kentucky Pharmacists Association
- Kentucky Prevention Network
- Kentucky Retail Federation
- Kentucky School Boards Association
- Kentucky State Police
- Office of Inspector General in the Cabinet for Health & Family Services
- Office of National Drug Control Policy
- Operation Unlawful Narcotics Investigation, Treatment & Education
- People Advocating Recovery
- Regional Organized Crime Information Center (ROCIC)
- Reach of Louisville
- Regional Prevention Centers
- Substance Misuse and Mental Health Services Administration
- SYNAR Inter-Agency Workgroup
- Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Program Strategic Planning Group
- University of Kentucky Center on Drug and Alcohol Research
- University of Kentucky Community Coalition on Underage Drinking
- UNITE Medical Advisory Board
- NADDI (National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators)
- SEOW (State Epidemiology Outcomes Workgroup)
- MHDDAS (Mental Health Developmental Disabilities Addiction Services)
- Kentucky Pharmacy Board - PSE Sales
- PIRE (Pacific Institute for Research & Evaluation)
- Kentucky Medical Examiners Officer-Dr. Corey
- Governors Re-entry Task Force committee
- Physician Training sessions - Buprenorphine in the office setting
- Penal Code Task Force
- UK Real Time Data Collection Study
- Interstate Prescription Drug Misuse Task Force-KY, OH, WV and TN
- Recovery Kentucky
- HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas)
- KSPAN (Kentucky Safety & Prevention Alignment Network)
- KY Domestic Violence Committee with RX training
- KY League of Cities
- Kentucky Medical Association
- Kentucky Board Nursing Licensure
- Kentucky Workers Compensation
- Drug Enforcement Agency
- Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure

# The Kentucky Injury Prevention and Research Center (KIPRIC)

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The Kentucky Injury Prevention and Research Center (KIPRIC) is a partnership between the Kentucky Department for Public Health and the University of Kentucky's College of Public Health that combines academic investigation with practical public health initiatives.

KIPRIC's purpose is to decrease the burden of injury in the Commonwealth. Our partnership, grounded in a belief that most injuries are preventable, cultivates a collaborative approach to problem solving. KIPRIC works to reduce injury through education, policy initiatives, public health programming, surveillance, risk factor analysis, direct interventions, and evaluation.

KIPRIC's mission is to increase knowledge and awareness of the injury prevalence in Kentucky, and to impart skills and strategies to reduce this problem and make Kentucky a safer place to call home.

The [Kentucky Injury Prevention and Research Center \(KIPRIC\)](#) recently launched a new resource for people with substance use disorder (SUD), [FindRecoveryHousingNowKY.org](#). It's a free, searchable website that generates an individualized list of Kentucky recovery houses with immediate openings.

People who visit the site can confidentially locate safe, affordable recovery housing openings based on their needs and personal situation. Users can narrow their search by location, rent amount, amenities, services, residence requirements, transportation options and more. [FindRecoveryHousingNowKY.org](#) is an unparalleled digital resource for SUD treatment facilities, parole and probation officers, people who have completed inpatient SUD treatment or are re-entering the community after incarceration, as well as the general public.

FindRecoveryHousingNowKY.org is modeled after [FindHelpNowKY.org](#), which was also developed by KIPRIC. [FindHelpNowKY.org](#) is an online search engine that generates individualized lists of SUD treatment centers with the current availability. [FindRecoveryHousingNowKY.org](#) is the next step in the continuum of care that helps people find suitable housing to sustain their recovery once they have initiated SUD treatment.

The recovery search engine offers benefits for housing managers in addition to those seeking SUD recovery. The Recovery Management System, or RMS, is for recovery house owners and operators to be able to track bed usage, resident information (including successes) and additional house operations. The system tracks information related to residents from their arrival at the home until departure. The RMS will be an ever-evolving system, based upon the needs of the recovery house owners, operators and, most importantly, their residents.

The Certification Module is another tool for recovery house operators. It will allow recovery house owners to use [FindRecoveryHousingNowKY.org](http://FindRecoveryHousingNowKY.org) to apply for National Alliance for Recovery Residences (NARR) certification through the Kentucky Recovery Housing Network (KRHN), Kentucky's NARR state affiliate. The original process included sending large amounts of documentation back and forth through the mail; the certification module allows for electronic document submission that makes the process much easier and faster for everyone involved.

[FindRecoveryHousingNowKY.org](http://FindRecoveryHousingNowKY.org) is funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and produced by KIPRC, the bona fide agent of the Kentucky Department for Public Health. In addition to being the result of a dynamic collaboration between the CDC and KIPRC, [FindRecoveryHousingNowKY.org](http://FindRecoveryHousingNowKY.org) wouldn't be possible without the following contributing partners: the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, the Kentucky Recovery Housing Network, Get Help, and the Fletcher Group.

# Kentucky Agency for Substance Abuse Policy

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KY-ASAP has continued to evolve since its placement in the Office of Drug Control Policy in 2004. KY-ASAP continues to embrace and incorporate the philosophy of ODCP to utilize the three-pronged approach of prevention, treatment, and law enforcement. KY-ASAP is unique in that local boards determine their own needs for their service areas. Through a strategic plan and needs assessment, the local boards identify the issues they need to direct their dollars toward concerning tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs as related to misuse.

Local communities continue to be required to complete a community needs and resource assessment as well as develop a strategic plan and assist in coordinating the local response to alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs before they receive KY-ASAP local board designation. Although ODCP has limited resources to support local boards, with currently less than two full-time positions<sup>1</sup>, its strong collaboration with Regional Prevention Centers provides technical assistance to both newly forming as well as existing local KY-ASAP boards. Furthermore, newly designated local boards now receive only \$20,000 upon completion of their needs and resource assessment and strategic planning documents.

KY-ASAP Local Boards now exist in 119 of Kentucky's 120 counties and are being used in many of these communities as the primary component of a comprehensive drug education/prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and law enforcement program. Within the three-pronged approach, there are several intervention programs that have been proven to be effective and are available to schools, families, and communities.

Local KY-ASAP boards are effective in their individual communities because these boards are comprised of the key stakeholders in the communities. Through these stakeholders, unique and varied perspectives can be brought to the discussion table, thus allowing a holistic approach to a local board's ability to reach its entire community demographic. These stakeholders include individuals from the following sectors:

School Superintendent	Faith Based Community	Judicial System
Law Enforcement	Media	Health Care
University/College	Mental Health Center	Judge Executive
Health Department	Family Resource Center	Business
Groups in ATOD Prevention	Groups in ATOD Treatment	DCBS
Leaders in ATOD Prevention		

Additionally, local boards may choose to add other community members to their membership rosters. These additional members include parents, students, or other community members.

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<sup>1</sup>Staffing levels at ODCP and KY-ASAP decreased from as high as 14 to 3 today.



The local KY-ASAP boards, through their community partners, engage in a variety of policy and programming initiatives; examples of these include:

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| 100% Tobacco Free Policy             | Attitudes & Behavioral Surveys     |
| Beth's Blessings                     | Chad's Hope                        |
| Community Coalitions                 | ATOD Assemblies                    |
| Curriculum                           | Curricula Facilitation             |
| DEA National Take Back Days          | Drug Court                         |
| Drug Court Staffing Training         | Drug Testing                       |
| DUI Checkpoints                      | Educational Materials              |
| Educational Meetings                 | Family Learning Nights             |
| GOALS Curriculum                     | Health Fairs                       |
| HOT Conference                       | Indoor Smoking Ordinances          |
| Juvenile Drug Court                  | Keep a Clear Mind Curriculum       |
| Ladies Like Us Curriculum            | Law Enforcement K-9 Unit Support   |
| Law Enforcement AlcoBlow Kits        | Law Enforcement Breathalyzer       |
| Law Enforcement Crisis Intervention  | Law Enforcement Equipment          |
| Law Enforcement Overtime             | Law Enforcement Training           |
| Leveraging Other Funding             | Life Skills Curriculum             |
| Messaging/Marketing Campaign         | Naloxone Distribution              |
| Nicotine Replacement Therapy         | Permanent Prescription Disposal    |
| Project Graduation                   | Project Prom                       |
| Protective Factor Building           | Random Student Drug Testing Policy |
| Recovery Month Activities            | Red Ribbon Week                    |
| Responsible Beverage Server Training | School Resource Officer            |
| Smoking Cessation Classes            | Smoke-Free Coalitions              |
| Social Host Policy                   | Synthetics Educational Trainings   |
| Teens Against Tobacco Use (TATU)     | TEG/TAP Programs                   |
| Treatment Transportation             | Treatment Vouchers                 |
| Underage Drinking Campaigns          | UNITE Clubs                        |
| Youth Coalitions                     | Youth PSA Contests                 |

The Commonwealth is fortunate to have dedicated local KY-ASAP boards that offer innovative and creative approaches to attacking the tobacco, alcohol, and other drug challenges in their communities. These local boards have a unique ability to find community collaborations that allow them to blend and braid various funding sources to provide the best practical solutions to the challenges they face throughout their communities. Through these community collaborations, local KY-ASAP boards are able to combine KY-ASAP funding with other funding to accomplish more in all communities across the Commonwealth.

KY-ASAP will continue to work toward significant goals that will strengthen its position to fight drugs in Kentucky communities through innovative partnerships, technology, and leadership.

In conclusion, ODCP and KY-ASAP reiterate that the local boards are dedicated, effective, valuable, but most of all, successful. They are an excellent local community tool and much needed component in educating, preventing, treating, and enforcing substance misuse as part of a comprehensive prevention program.

Local boards are currently and have been involved in the following activities:

- Permanent Prescription Drug Disposal Locations
- Naloxone Distribution in the Community
- Supporting Tobacco Cessation programs
- Contracting with local school districts to provide evidence-based prevention programs in schools
- Hosting regional youth summits which focused on tobacco, substance misuse and underage drinking issues
- Investing in Drug Courts for adults and juveniles
- Providing Meth Awareness Trainings for community members
- Payment assistant for treatment services
- Support of School Resource Officers
- Providing financial support to law enforcement for prevention efforts
- Addressing substance misuse policies at all levels
- Media Ads with alcohol, tobacco, and other substance facts (locally, statewide, & nationally)
- Student generated Public Service Announcements concerning Substance Misuse issues
- Supported community events such as Red Ribbon Week, Project Prom, Project Graduation, We Card, and Great American Ghost Out
- Collaborated with school districts and health departments to change smoking and drug policies at schools and provided financial support for programs such as Tobacco Education Groups/Tobacco Awareness Program (TEG/TAP), Teens Against Tobacco and Genesis Express
- Hosted Town Hall meetings to build awareness
- Preparing for community and school policy changes such as smoking ordinances, social host ordinances and random student drug testing
- Conducting adult and student surveys to assess the needs of their communities

Local KY-ASAP Boards utilize the KIP (Kentucky Incentives for Prevention) survey, among others, to collect their baseline data. The survey is conducted biannually in the fall in even-numbered years, with participants including 6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> graders attending school in most Kentucky counties. To learn more about the KIP Survey and view the latest drug trends among youth in Kentucky visit the Reach of Louisville website at: <http://www.reachoflouisville.com>.



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We have reviewed the expenditures of the Kentucky Health Care Improvement Fund from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. The Office of Drug Control Policy (ODCP), the Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS), and the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) are responsible for ensuring expenditures reported within the Kentucky Health Care Improvement Fund are complete and accurate. Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the expenditures reported within the Kentucky Health Care Improvement Fund based on our review.

Our review was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the standards applicable to attestation engagements contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the review to obtain limited assurance about whether any material modifications should be made to the expenditures reported within the Kentucky Health Care Improvement Fund. The procedures performed in a review vary in nature and timing from and are substantially less in extent than, an examination, the objective of which is to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the expenditures reported within the Kentucky Health Care Improvement Fund are complete and accurate, in all material respects, in order to express an opinion. Because of the limited nature of the engagement, the level of assurance obtained in a review is substantially lower than the assurance that would have been obtained had an examination been performed. We believe that the review evidence obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a reasonable basis for our conclusion.

We are required to be independent and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with relevant ethical requirements related to the engagement.

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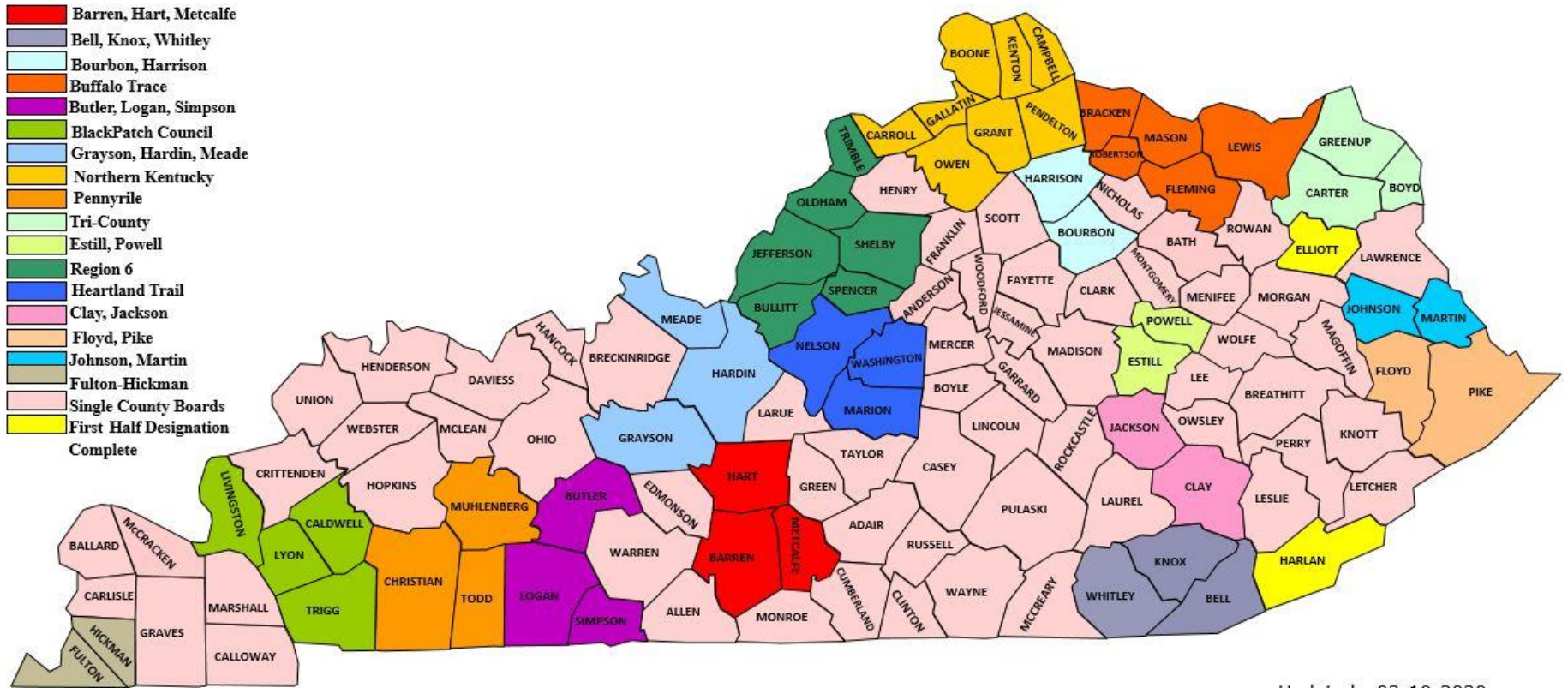
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# Kentucky Agency for Substance Abuse Policy

81 Local Boards in 120 Counties  
 (17 multi-county & 103 single county)  
 includes Harlan & Elliott counties in process of receiving full board designation



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<a href="#"><u>Tim Cesario</u></a> Private Community-based Organizations <i>Designee: Tony Landrum</i>	<a href="#"><u>Vacant</u></a> Kentucky Cancer Society <i>Designee: None</i>
<a href="#"><u>Jamie Iسس</u></a> KY Family Resource Youth Services Coalition <i>Designee: None</i>	<a href="#"><u>Shannon Smith</u></a> American Heart Association <i>Designee: David Sloane</i>
<a href="#"><u>Eric Friedlander, Secretary</u></a> Cabinet for Health & Family Services <i>Designee: Maggie Schroeder</i>	<a href="#"><u>Patti Clark</u></a> Division for Behavioral Health, Dept. of Behavioral Health, Developmental & Intellectual Disabilities <i>Designee: Paula Brown</i>
<a href="#"><u>Jason Glass, Commissioner</u></a> Department of Education <i>Designee: Doug Roberts</i>	UPDATED 03/2023



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4	Ballard County Local KY-ASAP Board
5	Barren-Hart-Metcalf Local KY-ASAP Board (BHM)
6	Bath County Local KY-ASAP Board
7	Bell-Knox-Whitley Local KY-ASAP Board (BKW)
8	Black Patch Council Local KY-ASAP Board (Livingston, Lyon, Caldwell, Trigg)
9	Bourbon/Harrison Local KY-ASAP Board
10	Boyle County Local KY-ASAP Board
11	Breathitt County Local KY-ASAP Board
12	Breckinridge County Local KY-ASAP Board
13	Buffalo Trace Local KY-ASAP Board
14	Butler-Logan-Simpson Local KY-ASAP Board (BLS)
15	Calloway County Local KY-ASAP Board
16	Carlisle County Local KY-ASAP Board
17	Casey County Local KY-ASAP Board
18	Central KY Local KY-ASAP Board
19	Clark County Local KY-ASAP Board
20	Clay-Jackson Local KY-ASAP Board
21	Clinton County Local KY-ASAP Board
22	Crittenden County Local KY-ASAP Board
23	Cumberland County Local KY-ASAP Board
24	Daviess County Local KY-ASAP Board
25	Edmonson County Local KY-ASAP Board
26	Elliott County (1 <sup>st</sup> half designation compete)
27	Estill-Powell Local KY-ASAP Board
28	Fayette County Local KY-ASAP Board
29	Floyd-Pike Local KY-ASAP Board
30	Franklin County Local KY-ASAP Board
31	Fulton-Hickman County Local KY-ASAP Board
32	Garrard County Local KY-ASAP Board
33	Graves County Local KY-ASAP Board

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34	Grayson-Meade-Hardin Local KY-ASAP Board
35	Green County Local KY-ASAP Board
36	Harlan County Local KY-ASAP Board ( <i>1<sup>st</sup> half designation complete</i> )
37	Hancock County Local KY-ASAP Board
38	Heartland Trail Local KY-ASAP Board
39	Henderson County Local KY-ASAP Board
40	Henry County Local KY-ASAP Board
41	Hopkins County Local KY-ASAP Board
42	Jessamine County Local KY-ASAP Board
43	Johnson-Martin Local KY-ASAP Board
44	Knott County Local KY-ASAP Board
45	LaRue County Local KY-ASAP Board
46	Laurel County Local KY-ASAP Board
47	Lawrence County Local KY-ASAP Board
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49	Leslie County Local KY-ASAP Board
50	Letcher County Local KY-ASAP Board
51	Lincoln County Local KY-ASAP Board
52	Madison County Local KY-ASAP Board
53	Magoffin County Local KY-ASAP Board
54	Marshall County Local KY-ASAP Board
55	McCracken County Local KY-ASAP Board
56	McCreary County Local KY-ASAP Board
57	McLean County Local KY-ASAP Board
58	Menifee County Local KY-ASAP Board
59	Mercer County Local KY-ASAP Board
60	Monroe County Local KY-ASAP Board
61	Montgomery County Local KY-ASAP Board
62	Morgan County Local KY-ASAP Board
63	Nicholas County Local KY-ASAP Board
64	Northern KY Local KY-ASAP Board (Carroll, Gallatin, Boone, Kenton, Campbell, Pendleton, Grant, Owen)
65	Ohio County Local KY-ASAP Board

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66	Owsley County Local KY-ASAP Board
67	Pennyrile Local KY-ASAP Board (Todd, Christian, Muhlenberg)
68	Perry County Local KY-ASAP Board
69	Pulaski County Local KY-ASAP Board
70	Region 6 Local KY-ASAP Board (Trimble, Oldham, Jefferson, Bullitt, Spencer, Shelby)
71	Rockcastle County Local KY-ASAP Board
72	Rowan County Local KY-ASAP Board
73	Russell County Local KY-ASAP Board
74	Scott County Local KY-ASAP Board
75	Tri-County Local KY-ASAP Board (Carter, Greenup, Boyd)
76	Union County Local KY-ASAP Board
77	Warren County Local KY-ASAP Board
78	Wayne County Local KY-ASAP Board
79	Webster County Local KY-ASAP Board
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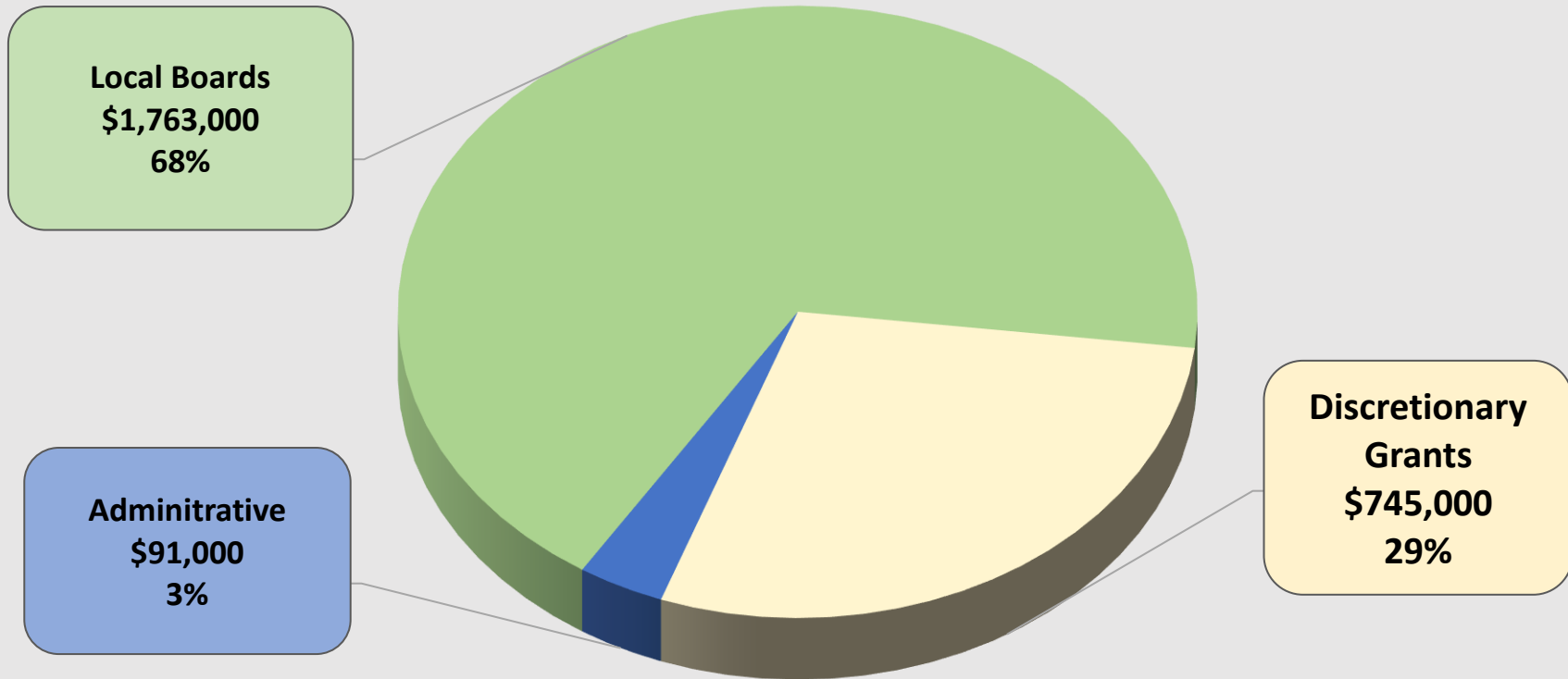


**Kentucky Agency for Substance Abuse Policy**  
**Program Expenditure Summary SFY2022**  
**July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022**  
**(Tobacco Fund – 65AH)**

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Kentucky Office of Drug Control Policy Tobacco Settlement Expenditures	
	2022
KY-ASAP Traditional Awards	\$1,763,000
Other (EMARS/supplies, telephone, COT, AGATE, Auditor, Copier, Media, etc.)	\$281.05
Salary, Fringe, Travel	\$90,718.95
Kentucky Chamber of Commerce – Second Chance Employment	\$375,000
Volunteers of America – Restorative Justice	\$350,000
KSPAN – Medication Lockbox & Childhood Overdose Prevention	\$20,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,599,000</b>

## 2022 Tobacco Settlement Expenditures



# KY-ASAP: SFY2022 Local Board Funding

KY-ASAP LOCAL BOARDS SFY2022 FUNDING		
Board	Traditional Award <sup>2</sup>	Harm Reduction Award <sup>3</sup>
Adair County Local KY-ASAP Board	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
Allen County Local KY-ASAP Board	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
Anderson County Local KY-ASAP Board	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
Ballard County Local KY-ASAP Board	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
Barren Hart Metcalfe Local KY-ASAP Board (BHM)	\$60,000.00	\$0.00
Bath County Local KY-ASAP Board	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
Bell Knox Whitley Local KY-ASAP Board (BKW)	\$60,000.00	\$0.00
Black Patch Council (BPC) Local KY-ASAP Board	\$80,000.00	\$0.00
Bourbon/Harrison Local KY-ASAP Board	\$40,000.00	\$0.00
Boyle County Local KY-ASAP Board	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
Breathitt County Local KY-ASAP Board	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
Breckinridge County Local KY-ASAP Board	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
Buffalo Trace Local KY-ASAP Board	\$100,000.00	\$0.00
Butler Logan Simpson Local KY-ASAP Board (BLS)	\$60,000.00	\$0.00
Calloway County Local KY-ASAP Board	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
Carlisle County Local KY-ASAP Board	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
Casey County Local KY-ASAP Board	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
Clark County Local KY-ASAP Board	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
Clay/Jackson Local KY-ASAP Board	\$40,000.00	\$0.00
Clinton County Local KY-ASAP Board	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
Crittenden County Local KY-ASAP Board	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
Cumberland County Local KY-ASAP Board	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
Daviess County Local KY-ASAP Board	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
Edmonson County Local KY-ASAP Board	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
Elliott County Local KY-ASAP Board	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
Estill/Powell Local KY-ASAP Board	\$40,000.00	\$0.00

<sup>2</sup> Traditional Awards were supplemented with funding from AK00 – Substance Abuse Initiatives

<sup>3</sup> Harm Reduction funding was awarded to KY-ASAP Boards in June 2021, therefore no 2022 harm reduction awards were made in 2022.

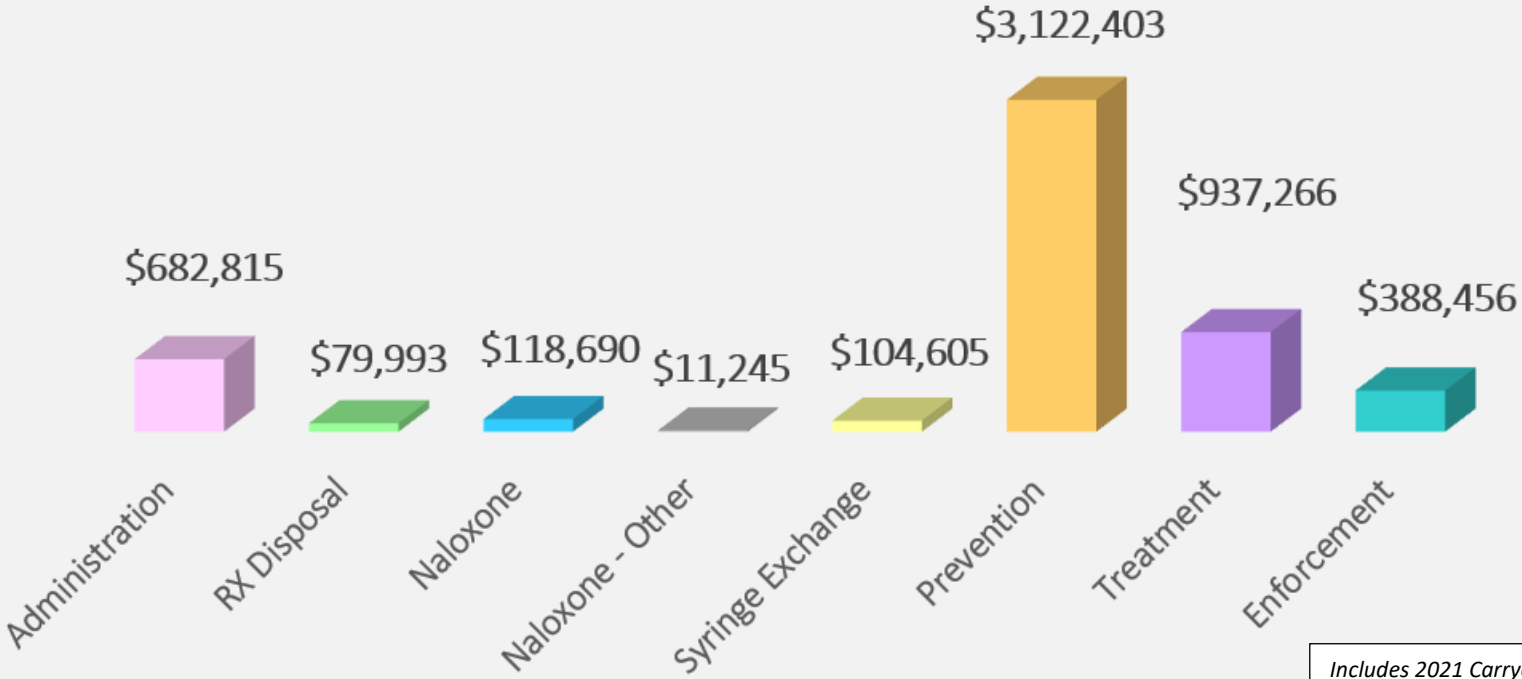
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Fayette County Local KY-ASAP Board	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
Floyd/Pike Local KY-ASAP Board	\$40,000.00	\$0.00
Franklin County Local KY-ASAP Board	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
Fulton-Hickman Local KY-ASAP Board	\$40,000.00	\$0.00
Garrard County Local KY-ASAP Board	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
Graves County Local KY-ASAP Board	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
Grayson Meade Hardin Local KY-ASAP Board (GMH)	\$60,000.00	\$0.00
Green County Local KY-ASAP Board	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
Hancock County Local KY-ASAP Board	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
Harlan County Local KY-ASAP Board <sup>4</sup>	\$0.00	\$0.00
Heartland Trail Local KY-ASAP Board	\$60,000.00	\$0.00
Henderson County Local KY-ASAP Board	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
Henry County Local KY-ASAP Board	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
Hopkins County Local KY-ASAP Board	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
Jessamine County Local KY-ASAP Board	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
Johnson/Martin Local KY-ASAP Board	\$40,000.00	\$0.00
Knott County Local KY-ASAP Board	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
LaRue County Local KY-ASAP Board	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
Laurel County Local KY-ASAP Board	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
Lawrence County Local KY-ASAP Board	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
Lee County Local KY-ASAP Board	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
Leslie County Local KY-ASAP Board	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
Letcher County Local KY-ASAP Board	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
Lincoln County Local KY-ASAP Board	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
Madison County Local KY-ASAP Board	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
Magoffin County Local KY-ASAP Board	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
Marshall County Local KY-ASAP Board	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
McCracken County Local KY-ASAP Board	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
McCreary County Local KY-ASAP Board	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
McLean County Local KY-ASAP Board	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
Menifee County Local KY-ASAP Board	\$20,000.00	\$0.00

<sup>4</sup> Harlan County has not yet completed the second half of the designation process and therefore is not eligible for traditional funding.

KY-ASAP LOCAL BOARDS SFY2022 FUNDING		
Board	Traditional Award <sup>2</sup>	Harm Reduction Award <sup>3</sup>
Mercer County Local KY-ASAP Board	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
Monroe County Local KY-ASAP Board	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
Montgomery County Local KY-ASAP Board	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
Morgan County Local KY-ASAP Board	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
Nicholas County Local KY-ASAP Board	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
Northern KY Local KY-ASAP Board	\$160,000.00	\$0.00
Ohio County Local KY-ASAP Board	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
Owsley County Local KY-ASAP Board	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
Pennyrile Local KY-ASAP Board	\$60,000.00	\$0.00
Perry County Local KY-ASAP Board	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
Pulaski County Local KY-ASAP Board	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
Region 6 Local KY-ASAP Board	\$120,000.00	\$150,000 <sup>5</sup>
Rockcastle County Local KY-ASAP Board	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
Rowan County Local KY-ASAP Board	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
Russell County Local KY-ASAP Board	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
Scott County Local KY-ASAP Board	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
Taylor County Local KY-ASAP Board	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
Tri-County Local KY-ASAP Board	\$60,000.00	\$0.00
Union County Local KY-ASAP Board	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
Warren County Local KY-ASAP Board	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
Wayne County Local KY-ASAP Board	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
Webster County Local KY-ASAP Board	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
Wolfe County Local KY-ASAP Board	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
Woodford County Local KY-ASAP Board	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
	\$2,380,000.00	\$150,000

<sup>5</sup> Region 6 Local KY-ASAP Board 2021 Harm Reduction Award was amended to provide an additional \$150,000 to allow for additional purchase of Naloxone for Communities in the local board’s six county area

KY-ASAP Local Board  
2022 Local Board Spending Plans



*Includes 2021 Carryover*

# Prescription Drug Disposal

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Unused or expired prescription medications are a public safety issue, leading to potential accidental poisoning, misuse, and overdoses. Proper disposal of unused drugs saves lives and protects the environment.

In 2011, understanding the necessity for Kentuckians to have a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing prescription drugs, KY-ASAP created and published a statewide directory identifying prescription drug disposal locations. At its inception, the directory identified 69 locations in 42 Kentucky counties. The directory makes it easier for citizens of the Commonwealth to dispose of their expired or unwanted medications, both prescription and over-the-counter. Prescription drop boxes are available across Kentucky in conjunction with law enforcement agencies and local governments. There are 193 locations for drug disposal in 115 counties, including law enforcement locations, all Walgreens, Walmart, and Meijer pharmacies, and many independent pharmacies, with sites added daily.

## [Collection Site Locator:](#)

### Find a Prescription Drug Disposal Location

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**Search by County**





# National Drug Take Back Initiative

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## NATIONAL TAKE-BACK INITIATIVES

April 30, 2022

October 29, 2022

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Opioid misuse in the United States and in Kentucky remains a critical public health concern.

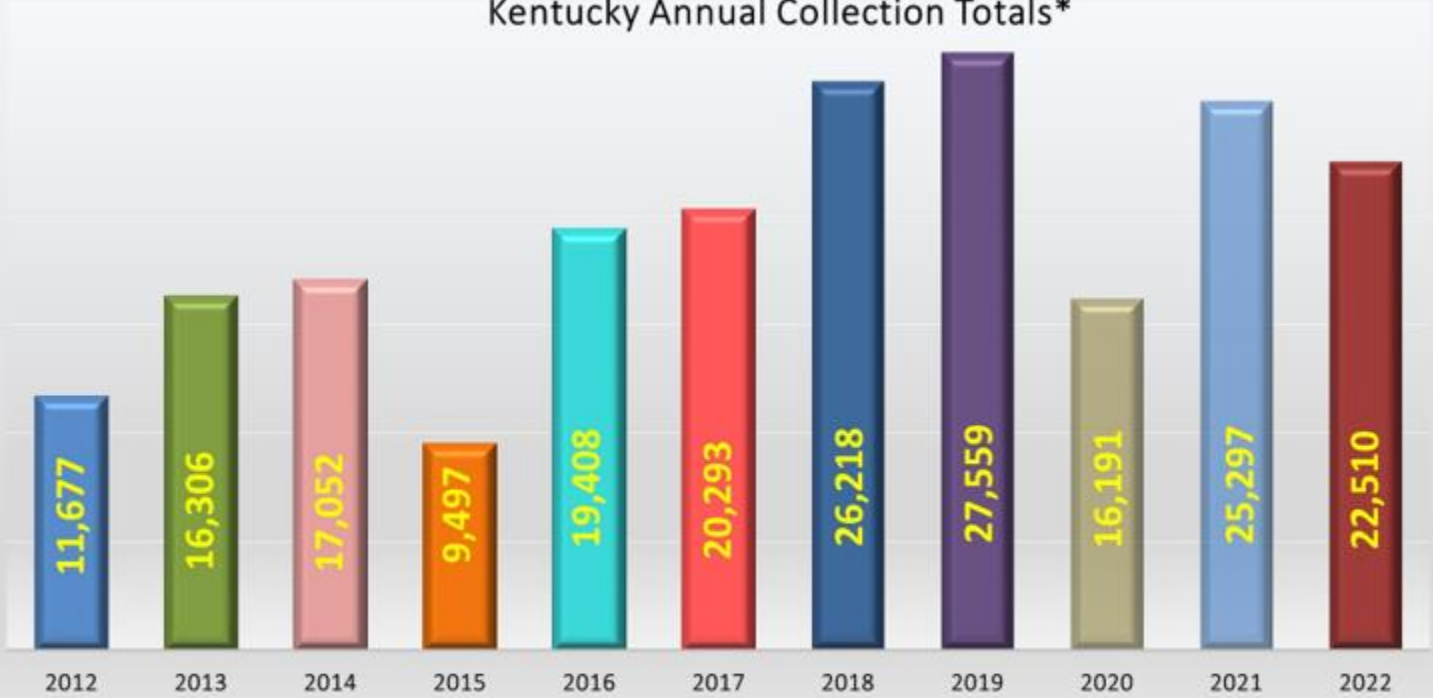
National Prescription Drug Take Back Day allows consumers a safe, convenient, and responsible way to dispose of unused or expired prescription drugs at locations in communities throughout the country.

The majority of misused prescription drugs were obtained from family and friends, often from the home medicine cabinet.

In Kentucky, law enforcement agencies participated in National Take Back Day events on April 30 and October 29, 2022, where they collected a total of 22,510 pounds of unused, unwanted, and expired prescription drugs. In all, Kentucky has collected a total of 227,035 pounds of unused and/or unwanted prescription medications at all Drug Take-Back events and locations since October 2011.

To make it easier for citizens of the Commonwealth to dispose of their expired or unwanted medications, both prescription and over-the-counter, prescription drop boxes are available across Kentucky. There are now 193 locations in 115 counties, with sites added daily. Citizens can search by county for the closest to them by visiting the Kentucky Office of Drug Control Policy website at <https://odcp.ky.gov/Pages/Prescription-Drug-Disposal-Locations.aspx>

### National Drug Take Back Day Kentucky Annual Collection Totals\*



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## KYStopOverdoses Website

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As the fentanyl epidemic rages on with other deadly opioids sneaking into the supply, ODCP and KY-ASAP are committed to connecting more people to the medication that can reverse an overdose.

ODCP and KY-ASAP launched the website [KyStopOverdoses.ky.gov](http://KyStopOverdoses.ky.gov) which allows people to search for pharmacies that carry naloxone by city, county, or Zip code. The site also allows users to locate syringe exchange locations on the searchable database and map, along with hours of operation.

The drug naloxone, also known by its brand name Narcan, blocks the effects of fentanyl/heroin and opioids to the brain. The drug can also pull someone who is overdosing into immediate withdrawal and restore a normal pattern of breathing.

The website also serves as an information portal. Visitors can get information on how to recognize and react to an overdose, how Kentucky's Casey's Law can help parents petition the court to get treatment for an unwilling loved one, and how Kentucky's Good Samaritan law works to protect people from prosecution when they report a drug overdose.

ODCP and KY-ASAP collaborated with the Advancing Pharmacy Practice in Kentucky Coalition and the Kentucky Board of Pharmacy to develop the website.

The map includes more than 619 pharmacies and is updated frequently as new pharmacies are added.

# Drug-Free Communities Support Program

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Preventing youth substance use is critical to ending the drug crisis in America. The Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Support Program is the nation’s leading effort to mobilize communities to prevent and reduce substance abuse among youth. Created in 1997 by the Drug-Free Communities Act, administered by the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), and now managed by the CDC, the DFC Program provides grants to community coalitions to strengthen the infrastructure among local partners to create and sustain a reduction in local youth substance use.

The Drug Free Communities Coalitions is a \$101 million grant program that establishes and strengthens collaboration among various sectors of a community working to prevent youth substance use. Drug-Free Communities are programs that work to reduce youth substance use rates in communities across the country.

DFC Coalitions are made up of community leaders representing twelve sectors that organize to meet the local prevention needs of the youth and families in their communities. These twelve sectors are youth, parents, businesses, media, school, youth serving organizations, law enforcement, religious/fraternal organizations, civic and volunteer organizations, healthcare professionals, state, local, and tribal governments, and other organizations involved in reducing illicit substance use.

In addition, Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA) Local Drug Crisis grants are funded at \$4 million to enhance DFC efforts by creating sustainable community-level change to prevent and reduce the use of illicit opioids or methamphetamines and the misuse of prescription medications among youth.

Currently, ONDCP funds more than 700 community coalitions across the country in all 50 states. DFC grant recipients are awarded up to \$125,000 per year.

## **FY 2022 Kentucky New Drug-Free Communities Grantees**

Webster County KY-ASAP True Blue Coalition - Dixon

Champions for a Drug-Free Lyon County - Eddyville

Just Say Yes (JSY) - Frankfort

Allen County Agency for Substance Abuse Policy Board – Scottsville

## **FY 2022 Kentucky Continuation Drug-Free Communities Grantees**

Butler County Drug Free Coalition – Morgantown

Erlanger – Elsmer Early Childhood

Community Collaborative, E3C – Erlanger

Central Louisville Coalition – Louisville

Shawnee Transformation Youth Coalition – Louisville  
Drug Free Warren County – Bowling Green  
Campbell County Drug-Free Alliance – Newport  
Graves County Agency for Substance Abuse Prevention Community Support Program - Mayfield  
Spencer County Community Action Network – Taylorsville  
Bullitt County Partners in Prevention – Shepherdsville  
Champions for a Drug Free Gallatin County – Warsaw  
Youth Impact Team – Berea  
Wolfe County Coalition UNITED Against Drugs – Campton  
Champions for a Drug-Free Muhlenberg County – Central City  
Champions for a Drug-free Grant County – Williamstown  
Champions for a Drug-Free Pendleton County – Butler  
Owen County Drug Prevention Coalition – Owenton  
Casey County ASAP – Liberty  
The Graymoor-Devondale Healthy Community Coalition – Louisville  
Mental Health America of Northern Kentucky and Southwest Ohio – Ft. Mitchell  
Coalition for a Healthy Oldham County - LaGrange

# Treatment

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## KY HELP Call Center:

The Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet and Operation UNITE are launching a new substance misuse call center to connect people across the state with drug treatment.

Kentuckians struggling with a substance use disorder, either themselves or within their families, can call [1-833-8KY-HELP \(1-833-859-4357\)](tel:1-833-8KY-HELP) toll-free to speak with a specialist about treatment options and available resources. The specialist will conduct a brief screening assessment in order to connect callers with the available services most relevant to their needs. Options will include everything from medication-assisted treatment to faith-based care, and a live specialist will help callers work through all the variables, such as location and cost.

Callers can speak to a specialist from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (EST), Monday through Friday. During non-business hours, callers may leave a message and the call center staff will get back in touch with them.

Operation UNITE already fields about 1,000 inquiries each month from desperate residents seeking help with a substance use disorder. The new [KY HELP Call Center](#) will provide referrals across the state to both public and private treatment providers.

## Casey's Law:

The Matthew Casey Wethington Act for Substance Misuse Intervention is named for Matthew Casey Wethington, who died in 2002 from a heroin overdose at the age of 23. Casey was an energetic young man who enjoyed life until it was “taken” by drugs. Casey never intended to become addicted to drugs when he used the first time. What he did not realize was that his using would progress from abusing to dependence and then to the disease of addiction. Although his parents tried to get him help, there was no law that could force someone into treatment as an adult. After Casey's death his parents lobbied for a change. “Casey's Law” passed on April 9, 2004 and took effect July 13, 2004.

The act provides a means of intervening with someone who is unable to recognize their need for treatment due to their impairment. This law allows parents, relatives and/or friends to petition the court for treatment on behalf of the substance misuse-impaired person. Denial and distorted thinking impede a person's ability to make a rational decision. Addiction is a progressive, life-threatening disease that, for many, results in death. The best hope of survival for a person with substance use disorder is intervention. Studies show that involuntary treatment can be just as successful as voluntary treatment. Most individuals with substance misuse disorder receive court-ordered treatment only after they have been arrested for a crime while under the influence. Drugs and crime often go hand-in-hand because people who are substance misuse-impaired are forced by their disease to resort to any means necessary to procure their drug. But not all people

struggling with addiction are arrested. Court-ordered treatment can be effective regardless of who initiates it.

The following steps must be taken in order to involuntarily commit someone to treatment:

- Obtain a copy of the petition from the District Court clerk's office by requesting Form 700A – the Verified Petition for Involuntary Treatment of Alcohol/Drug Misuse – or [click here](#) to download.
- A spouse, relative, friend or guardian of the substance misuse-impaired person completes the petition and files it with the District Court clerk.
- The court reviews the allegations in the petition and examines the petitioner under oath.
- The court determines whether there is probable cause to order treatment for the person named in the petition (the respondent).
- If probable cause is established a judge appoints an attorney to represent the respondent, orders the respondent to be evaluated, and schedules a hearing within 14 days.
- The respondent is notified of the date and purpose of the hearing.
- The respondent is evaluated by two qualified health professionals, at least one of whom is a physician, to determine if the respondent could benefit from treatment.
- If the judge finds the respondent should undergo treatment, the court shall order treatment from 60 days up to 360 days, depending upon the request in the petition and the result of the evaluation. Treatment options vary depending upon each individual's circumstances and can range from detoxification to intensive treatment through recovery.

As the law is currently written the petitioner is obligated to pay all costs incurred in the process as well as for the court-ordered treatment. The petitioner must sign a guaranty for payment.

## The Angel Initiative:



The Angel Initiative is a program started by the Kentucky State Police in 2016 with one goal: save lives. “Walk in. Ask for help.”

The Angel Initiative is a pro-active approach offering an alternative escape to those battling addiction. Under this initiative, anyone battling addiction can come to any KSP post and get help finding a treatment center. No questions asked.

To date, KSP has helped to place countless individuals who asked for help in treatment. KSP continues to pursue and prosecute those trafficking drugs and feeding the addiction epidemic. But for those finding themselves in need of help to escape the grip of addiction, this program can provide it.

Just show up at any of the 16 KSP posts across the Commonwealth. Individuals can even call ahead of time to schedule a meeting.

An "Angel" at the post will meet the individual and will connect him or her with one of the many nearby treatment centers with health professionals that are experts in helping those struggling with addiction.

## Find Help Now:



A new website will provide a vital link for Kentucky health care providers, court officials, families and individuals seeking options for substance misuse treatment and recovery. “[Find Help Now KY](http://www.findhelpnowky.org)” ([www.findhelpnowky.org](http://www.findhelpnowky.org)) will deliver real-time information about available space in substance use disorder treatment programs and guide users to the right type of treatment for their needs.

The website is a project of the [Kentucky Injury Prevention and Research Center \(KIPRC\)](#) at the [University of Kentucky College of Public Health](#), a bona fide agent of the Kentucky Department for Public Health. The project is in partnership with the Kentucky Office of the Governor and the Kentucky Cabinets for Health and Family Services and Justice and Public Safety. The site, funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), will link to Kentucky’s current, “[Don’t Let](#)



[Them Die](#)” website. The “Find Help Now KY” website also includes the statewide hotline number (1-833-8KY-HELP) for direct assistance.

“Find Help Now KY” features a near real-time treatment opening locator for substance use disorder (SUD, commonly known as addiction). The locator guides individuals to available SUD treatment openings based on the type of treatment needed. It takes into consideration the substance(s) being used, payment options including commercial and public insurance programs, gender identity, preference for in- or out-patient treatment, and needed co-occurring treatments such as mental health care, plus 30 more criteria. The site provides daily availability information for treatment openings to enable rapid admission to addiction programs. The “Find Help Now KY” landing page also allows high priority populations, such adolescents and those who are pregnant, to find treatment availability options more easily.

## Personalized, compassionate assistance

Staffed by Operation UNITE, the KY HELP Statewide Call Center provides Screening and Referral Specialists who:

- Speak with *each* caller seeking resources for those needing substance use disorder treatment;
- Provide comfort and guidance to family members confronted with a loved one's addiction;
- Respond to questions about substance use disorders and the disease of addiction;
- Assist each client by completing the "leg work" of making contact with facilities to ensure that they accept the client's insurance and to determine the estimated time before the client will be able to begin treatment.

Every caller is offered the option of being contacted by an Outreach Specialist within a 30-day period (for up to a year) to determine their progress and to provide additional assistance that may be needed.

## Hours of Operation

Monday to Friday  
8:30 am to 5:30 pm (EDT)

*Messages left after business hours  
are returned the next business day.*

1-833-8KY-HELP  
Fax: 606-886-9461

A service of



350 CAP Drive  
London, KY 40744  
1-866-678-6483  
OperationUNITE.org



DON'T  
LET  
THEM  
DIE

The KY HELP Statewide Call Center is an initiative of the Commonwealth's "Don't Let Them Die" campaign. The Call Center is staffed by Operation UNITE utilizing funding from the Kentucky Justice & Public Safety Cabinet.



The Angel Initiative, provided by the Kentucky State Police, allows anyone battling an addiction to come to any KSP Post and receive help finding a treatment facility - no questions.

FindHelpNowKy.org

FindHelpNowKy.org, provided by the Kentucky Injury Prevention and Research Center, is a listing of treatment centers in the state accepting new patients.



STATEWIDE CALL CENTER

*Providing resources  
for Kentuckians  
seeking help for  
a substance use  
disorder and  
offering support  
to their families.*

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## Kentucky Department of Corrections:

### Addiction Services of Kentucky

Recovery is possible if you **ASK** for help!

The Division of Addiction Services is responsible for the clinical and administrative oversight of all Substance Use Disorder (SUD) treatment related to inmates, parolees, and probationers within our care as determined by statute. This oversight includes treatment in prisons, jails, reentry service centers (RSCs), recovery Kentucky Centers (RKC), and Intensive Outpatient Programs (IOPs) through a partnership with regional Community Mental Health Centers (CMHCs). Substance Use Disorder clinical determination for probationers and parolees through a network of social service clinicians in the Probation & Parole districts are also included in this oversight.

To date, the Division has programs in the following:

- 14 programs in 11 prisons with a total of 903 beds
- 29 programs in 19 detention centers/jails with a total of 1,590 beds
- 14 Reentry Service Centers with a total of 1,314 beds
- 14 Recover Kentucky Centers with a total of 840 beds
- 15 Intensive Outpatient Programs - Community Mental Health Centers with a total of 1,450 beds

In FY2022, there were an average of **6,307** corrections-based substance use disorder (SUD) treatment slots in jails, prisons, Reentry Service Centers (or halfway houses), Recovery Kentucky Centers, community mental health centers, and intensive outpatient centers – which is ***the highest number in the history of DOC SUD programming.***

## Recovery Kentucky

Recovery Kentucky was created to help Kentuckians recover from substance abuse, which often leads to chronic homelessness. There are 13 Recovery Kentucky centers across the Commonwealth. They are in Bowling Green, Campbellsville, Erlanger, Florence, Grayson, Harlan, Henderson, Hopkinsville, Owensboro, Paducah, Richmond, Somerset, and Knott County. These centers provide housing and recovery services for up to 2,000 Kentuckians across the state.

The Recovery Kentucky centers were designed to reduce the state's drug problem and resolve some of the state's homeless issues. They help people recover from addiction and gain control of their lives so they can eventually reside in permanent housing.

Thousands of Kentuckians experience homelessness each year. Many of them are "chronically homeless," meaning they remain homeless for extended or repeated periods of time, often due to chemical dependency and other special needs. While the chronically homeless only represent a fraction of the homeless population, they consume over 50 percent of homeless resources.

As supportive housing projects, each Recovery Kentucky center uses a recovery program model that includes peer support, daily living skills classes, job responsibilities, and establishes new behaviors.

This type of supportive housing and recovery program is proven to help people who face the most complex challenges to live more stable, productive lives. It has been demonstrated successfully by both the Hope Center in Lexington and The Healing Place in Louisville, which were models for the program and named "A Model That Works" by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Without a stable place to live and a support system to help them address their underlying problems, most homeless people who also suffer from substance abuse and addiction bounce around between shelters, public hospitals, prisons, psychiatric institutions, and detoxification centers. Recovery Kentucky was designed to save Kentuckians millions in tax dollars that would have been spent on emergency room visits and jail costs.

The local governments and communities at each Recovery Kentucky center location have also contributed greatly to making these centers a reality.





## Recovery Kentucky Locations

For more information, contact: Mike Townsend, Toll-free in Kentucky: 800-633-8896, 502-564-7630, extension 715, TTY 711, or at [mtownsend@kyhousing.org](mailto:mtownsend@kyhousing.org)

ID	Population Served	County	Center Name	Address	City	State	Zip Code
A	Women	Harlan	Cumberland Hope Community Center for Women	6050 Hwy 38	Evarts	KY	40828
B	Women	Boone	Brighton Center for Women	375 Weaver Rd.	Florence	KY	41042
C	Women	Henderson	Women's Addiction Recovery Manor	56 North McKinley	Henderson	KY	42420
D	Women	Christian	Trilogy Center for Women	100 Trilogy Ave.	Hopkinsville	KY	42240
E	Women (Program Model)	Fayette	The Hope Center Recovery Program for Women	1524 Versailles Rd.	Lexington	KY	40504
F	Women (Program Model)	Jefferson	The Healing Place Women and Children's Community	1503 S. 15th St.	Louisville	KY	40210
G	Women	Madison	Liberty Place for Women	218 Lake St.	Richmond	KY	40475
H	Men	Taylor	The Healing Place of Campbellsville	105 Hiestad Rd.	Campbellsville	KY	42718
I	Men	Knott	Hickory Hill Recovery Center	100 Recovery Way	Emmalena	KY	41740
J	Men	Kenton	Transitions Grateful Life Center for Men	305 Pleasure Isle Dr.	Erlanger	KY	41018
K	Men (Program Model)	Fayette	George Privett Recovery Center for Men	250 W Loudon Ave.	Lexington	KY	40508
L	Men	Warren	Men's Addiction Recovery Campus	1791 Old Louisville Road	Bowling Green	KY	42101
M	Men (Program Model)	Jefferson	The Healing Place for Men	1020 W. Market St.	Louisville	KY	40202
N	Men	Daviess	Owensboro Regional Recovery Center for Men	4301 Veach Rd.	Owensboro	KY	42303
O	Men	McCracken	CenterPoint Recovery Center for Men	530 County Park Rd.	Paducah	KY	42001

Source: Recovery Kentucky

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Van served with the Maysville Kentucky Police Department for more than 23 years, the last six as Chief of Police. He is a former President of the Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police and was named "Kentucky Chief of the Year" in 2001. He is the 2004 recipient of the Governor's Award for Outstanding Contribution to Law Enforcement, as well as the Melvin Shein Award for distinguished service to Kentucky law enforcement.

Van is a certified law enforcement instructor and has trained officers across the state on a variety of topics, including community-oriented policing, case management, and "Kentucky Substance Misuse Issues" for Chiefs, Sheriff's and command staff. He is a frequent speaker on a variety of substance misuse issues both in Kentucky and nationally.

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Heather has an extensive background in Local Government Administration and Public Relations. She also worked as a contract lobbyist, and served as Director of Marketing for Junior Achievement, a not-for-profit organization whose purpose is to inspire young people to succeed in a global economy. Heather also has a breadth of high-school and middle-school classroom teaching experience in World History, American History, and Political Science.

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