

Maximizing the Impact of Opioid Settlement Funds

Presentation to the NASEM Committee on a
Blueprint for a National Prevention
Infrastructure for Behavioral Health
Disorders: Meeting 3

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Introductions



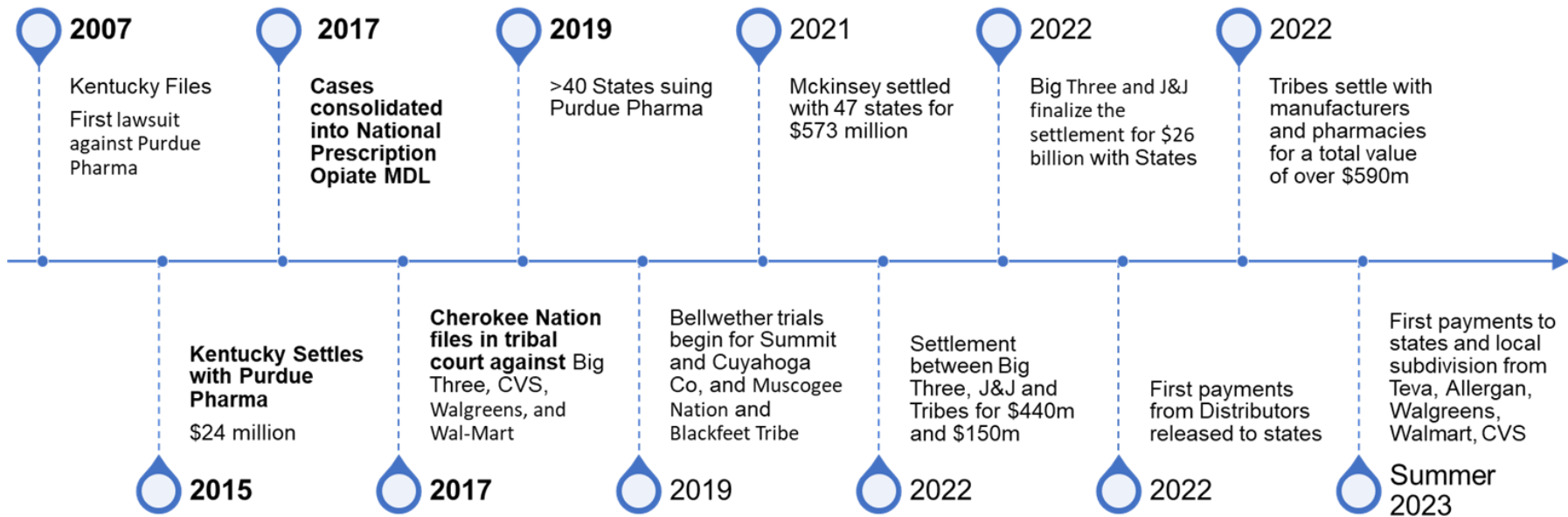
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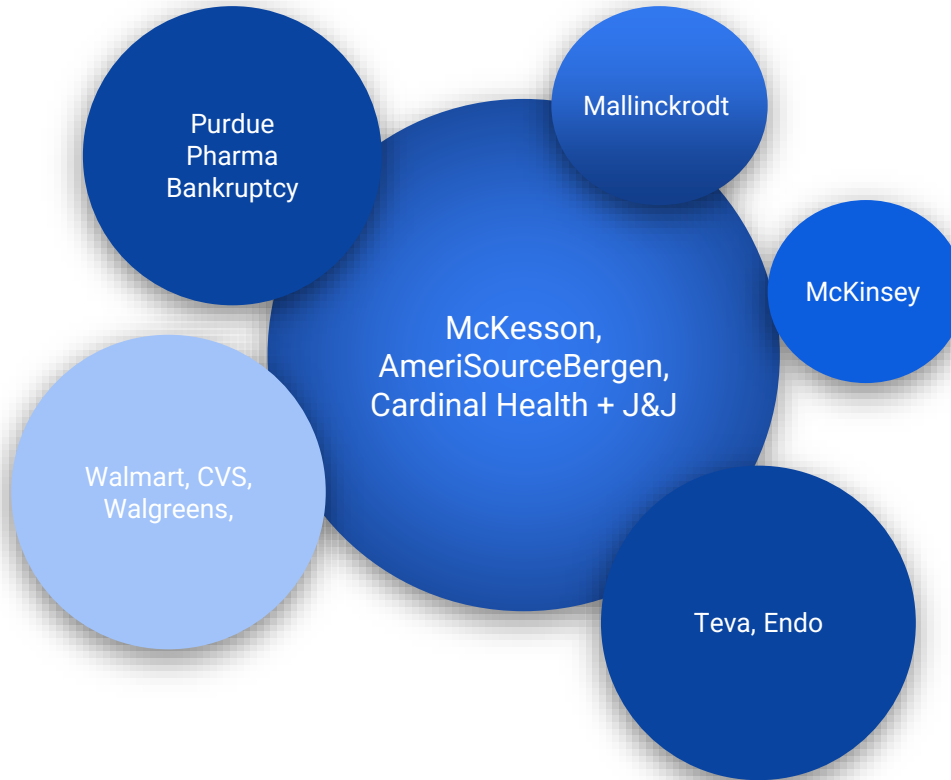


The Opioid Litigation

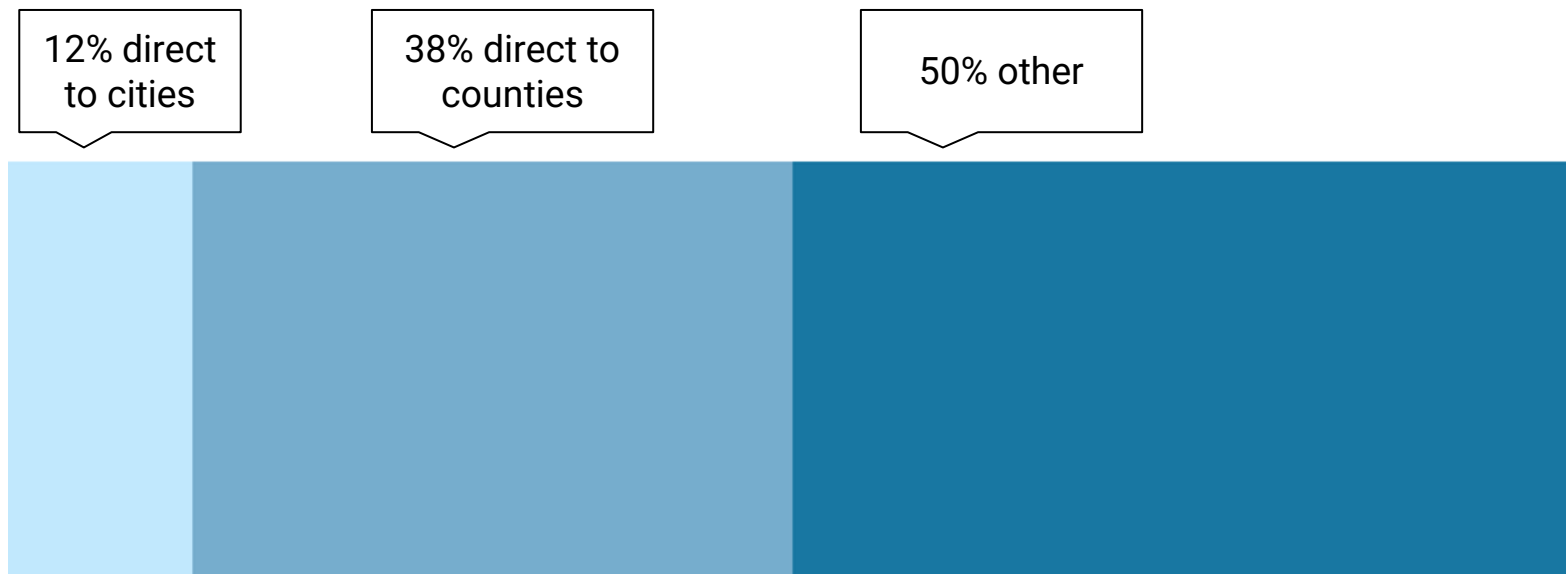
Opioid Litigation Timeline



~\$56 Billion to State & Local Govs

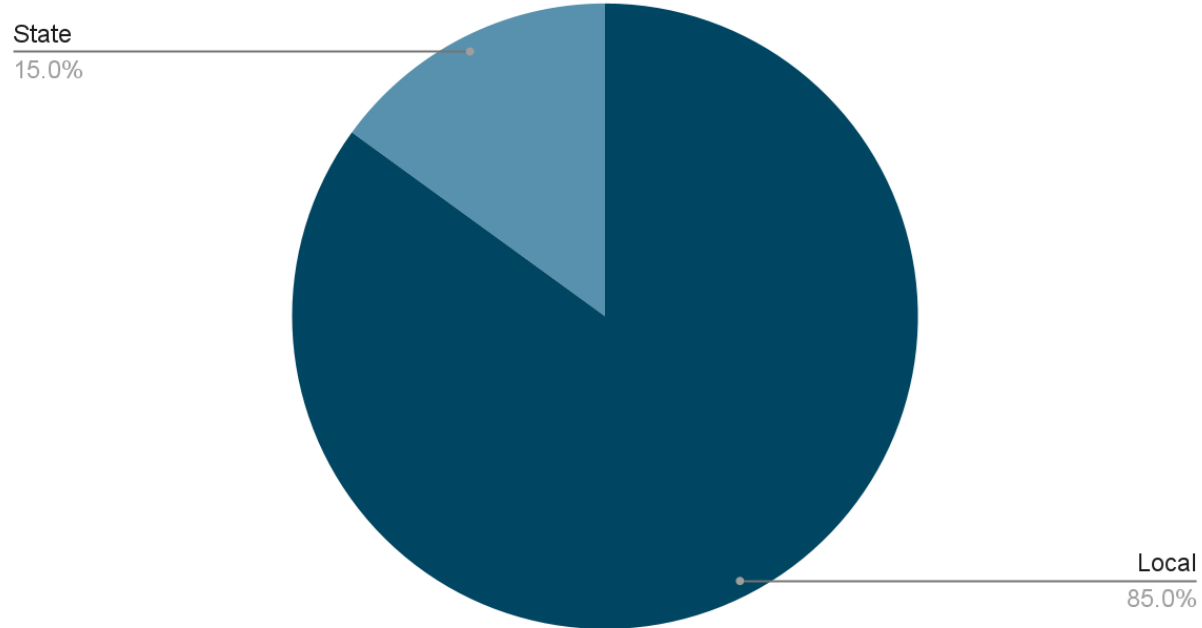


Across the country



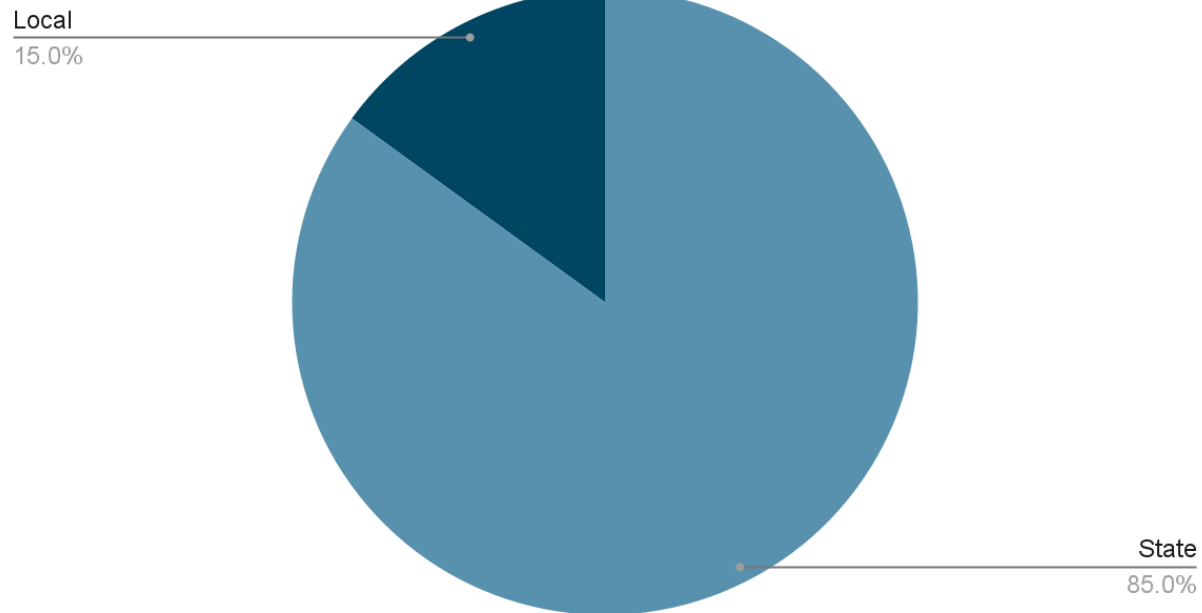
Majority Local

North Carolina



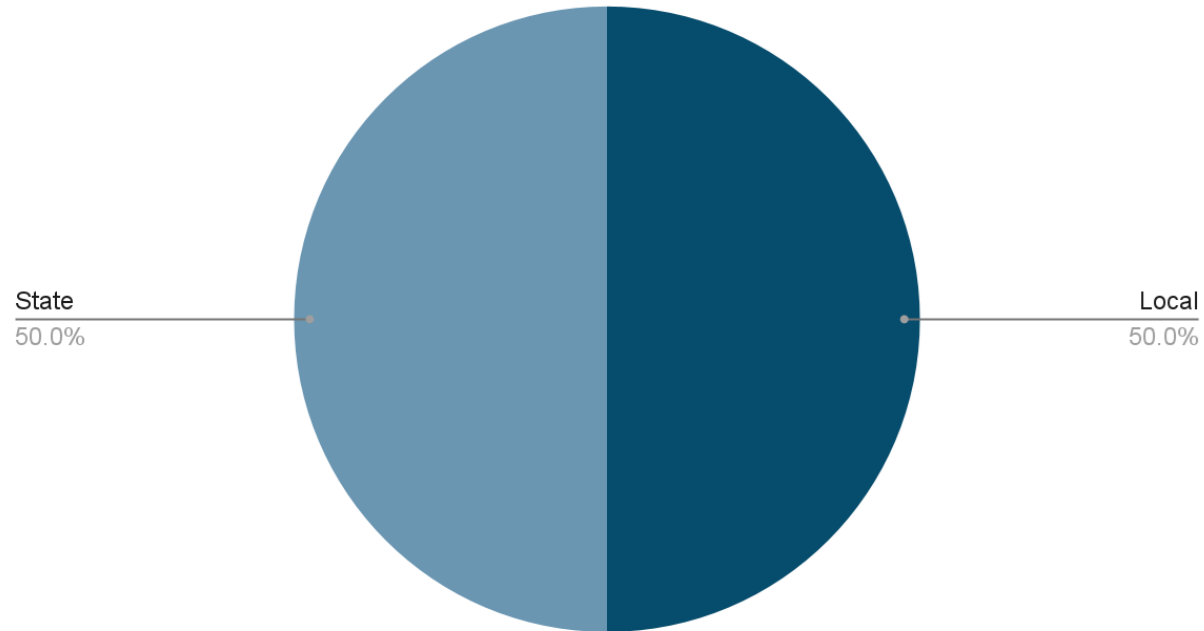
Majority State

North Dakota



50/50

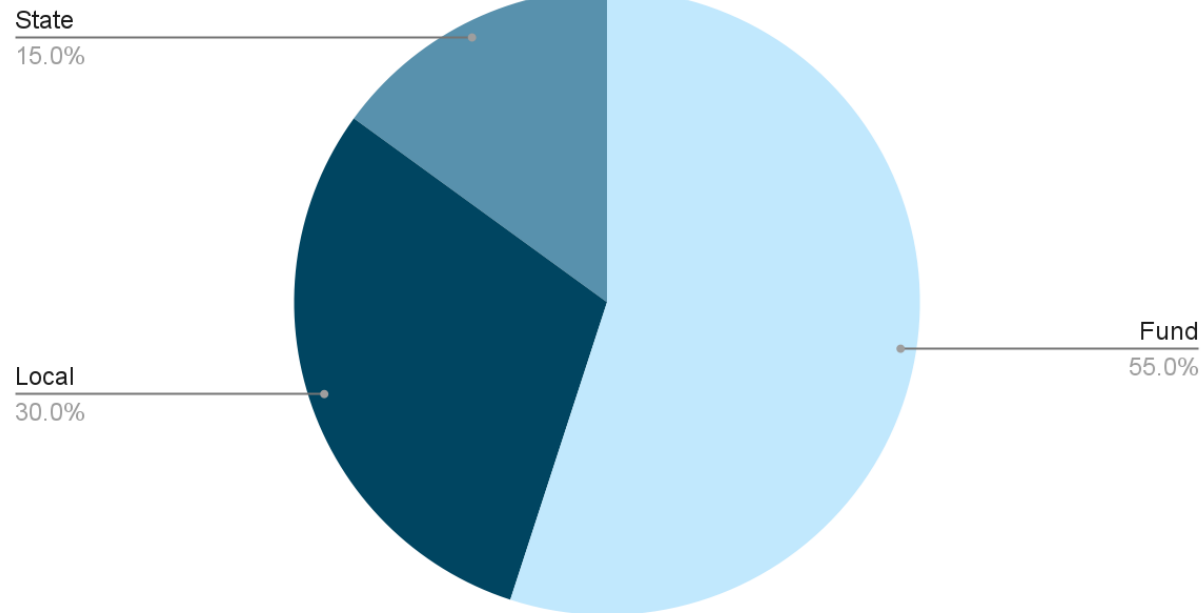
Indiana



Source: Vital Strategies

Other

Virginia





A new funding
stream

Varying Payment Structure

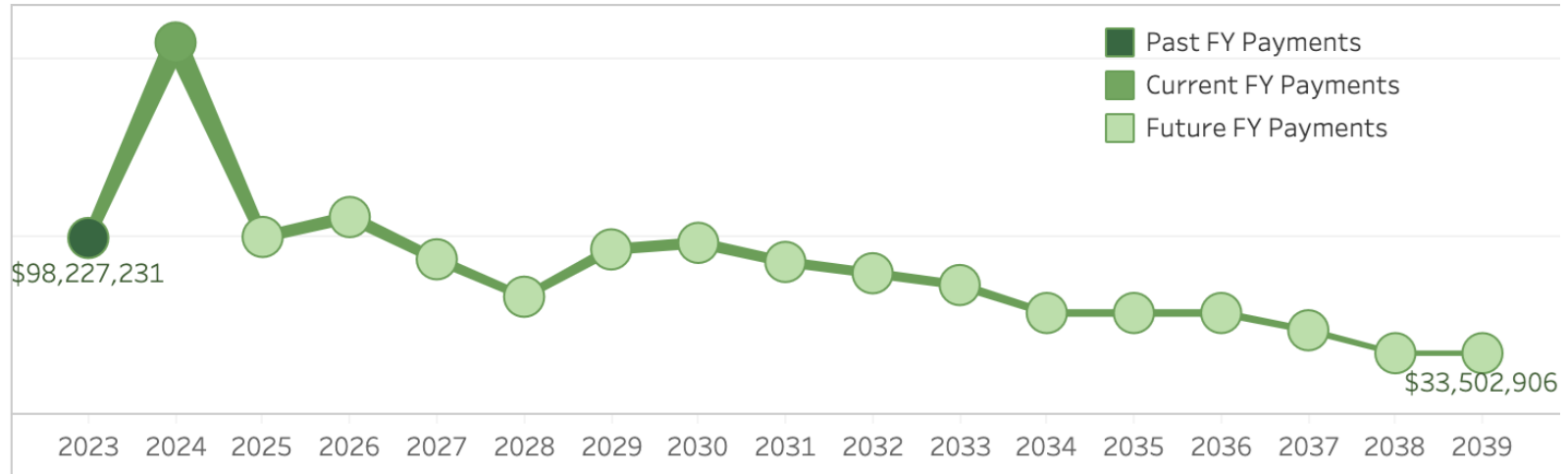
- Different Settlement = Different terms
- Length of settlement
 - 1 time payments
 - 18 years
- Some are front loaded

Example:

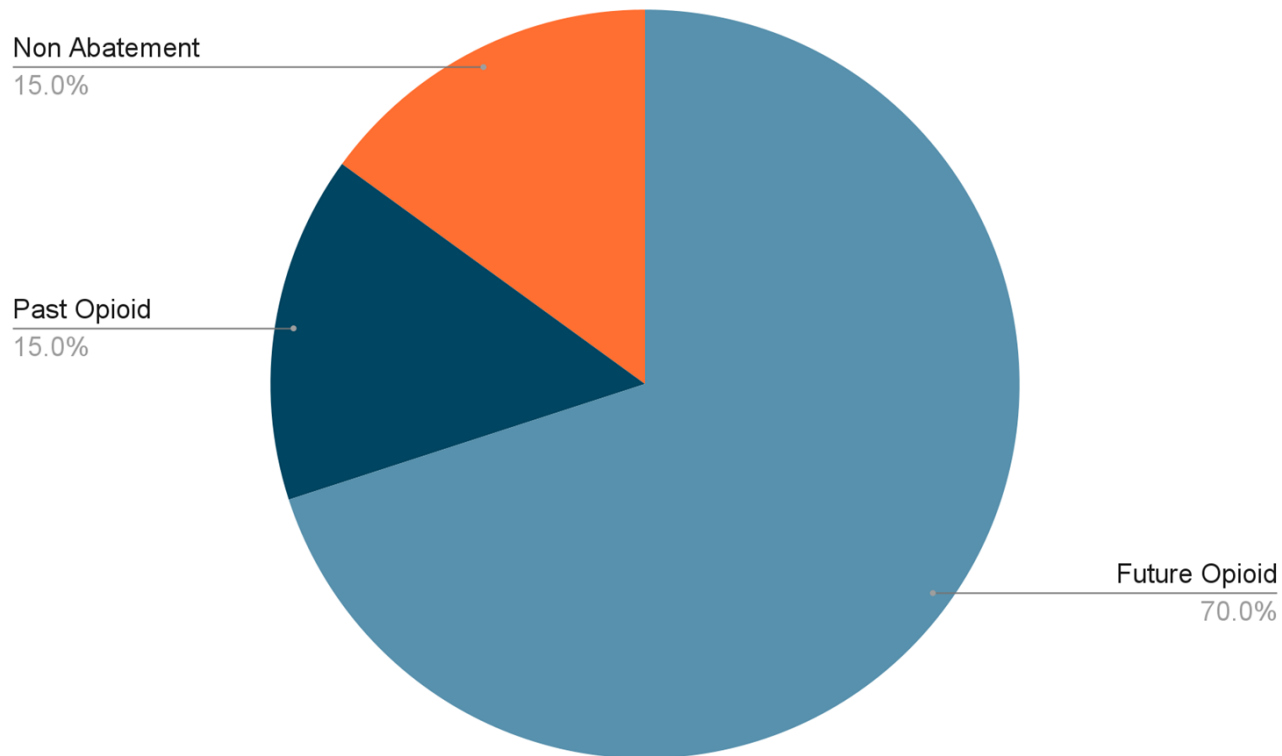
18 Year Payment to NC State & Local Governments (Total) during 2022-2038:

\$1,370,523,739

Payments Over Time - NC State & Local Governments (Total)



How to spend funds?



What can funds be spent on?

Exhibit E:

- Not legally binding
- Core Strategies + Suggested Uses
- Some states adopted
- Some have amended

9 Core Strategies

1. Broaden access to naloxone
2. Increase use of medications to treat opioid use disorder
3. Provide treatment and supports during pregnancy and the postpartum period
4. Expand services for neonatal opioid withdrawal syndrome
5. Fund warm hand-off programs and recovery services
6. Improve treatment in jails and prisons
7. Enrich prevention strategies
8. Expand harm reduction programs
9. Support data collection and research



Creating
Lasting
Solutions

Example: Rock
County, WI

Community-Based
Needs Assessment



Example: Beaufort County, South Carolina

Medications for Opioid Use Disorder



- SBIRT Training
- Comprehensive wrap-around services to individuals in recovery, including housing, transportation, job placement/training, and childcare

Example: Milwaukee
County, WI

Harm Reduction
Vending Machines



Example: Cambria
County, PA

Supporting School
Mental Health



Example: Cuyahoga County, OH

Divert Individuals
Away from Jail and
into Care



The Principles

**NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED GUIDANCE FOR
OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS**

Principles for the Use of Funds From the Opioid Litigation

Developed by a coalition of organizations across the spectrum of the substance use field including physicians, addiction medicine specialists, recovery, treatment, and harm reduction. The Principles for the Use of Funds From the Opioid Litigation provide planning and process level guidance for state and local policymakers on how to effectively spend money from the opioid settlements.

Explore the Principles

<http://opioidprinciples.jhsph.edu>

Thank you!

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