

COPN Community Showcase

Stopping overdose deaths

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Effective Community Strategies: Preventing Overdose Deaths

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Community Based Strategies Work

- Must create a comprehensive partnership that is inclusive.
- Collaborative efforts must be compassionate, effective and meet folks living with SUD and OUD where they are.
- Must overcome stigma of mental illness, folks living with OUD and SUD as “bad guys”
- Must acknowledge that Narcan and MAT are valid strategies that don’t replace one drug for another.
- Education and awareness save lives!!

TOGETHER WE CAN EMPOWER COMMUNITIES TO SAVE LIVES!





Partner of El Dorado County Opioid Coalition

- PhD Immunology - University of Utah
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Rural Harm Reduction Services in El Dorado County

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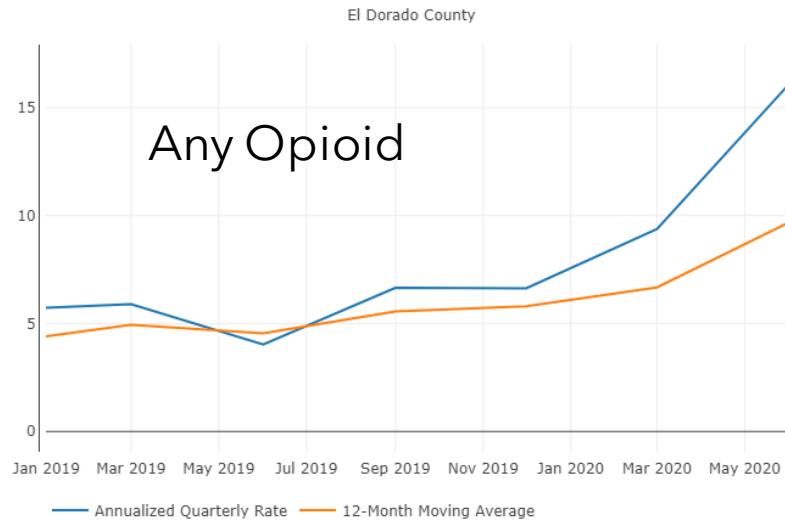


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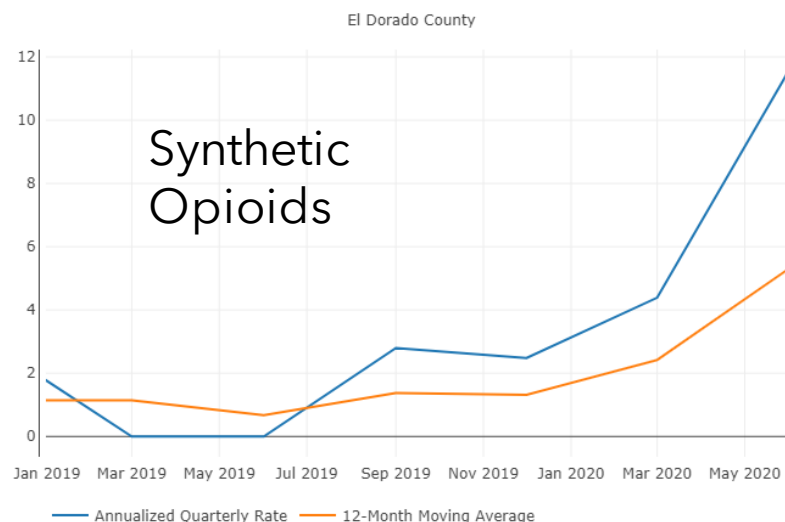
- Co-occurring crises in: COVID-19 pandemic and opioid overdose deaths in El Dorado County
- Low barrier access to harm reduction services
- Building trust and legitimacy among rural PWUD



Opioid Overdose Rate during COVID-19 Pandemic in El Dorado County

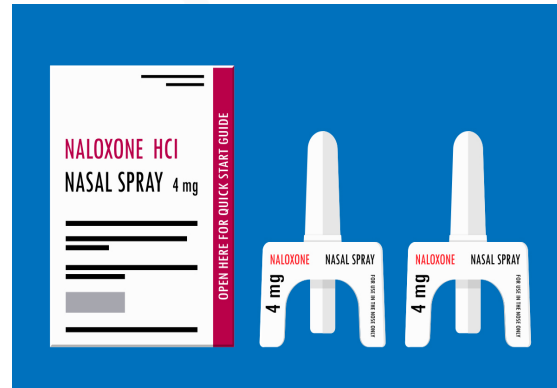


- Significant increase in opioid overdose deaths



- Significant increase driven by rise in synthetic opioid overdose deaths

Providing Harm Reduction Services in El Dorado County



Low Barrier Delivery

- Authorized Syringe Service Provider (SSP)
- Overdose Prevention
 - *Naloxone (NARCAN®)*
 - *Fentanyl test strips*



EDCOC partners!



Building Trust and Legitimacy



"We help each other help each other"

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- Low Barriers
- "Love all, trust a few, do wrong to none." -William Shakespeare
- Partnerships
- Outreach/Social Media



Rural Harm Reduction Services Work



UPCOMING WEBINAR

COPN Workshop: How to Conduct a Community Assessment (part 1)

Thursday, February 25, 2021,
12:30-2:00 pm PT



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