## **ENDING ADDICTION IN FLORIDA**



On August 3, 2022, the State of Florida will unveil two historic steps to fight overdose and addiction, and disrupt the opioid epidemic:

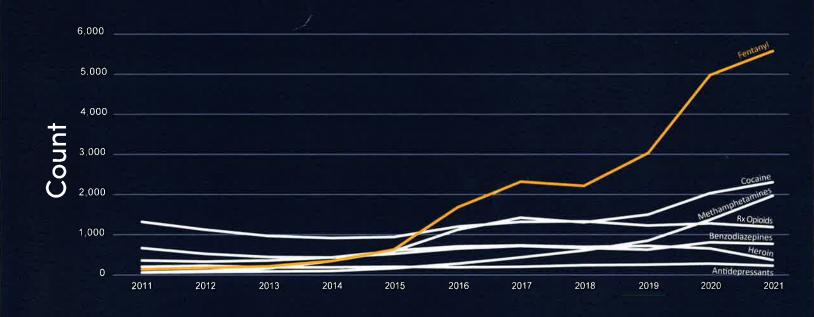
- New innovative statewide addiction care pilot program
- New Statewide Director of Opioid Recovery

#### In 2021, there were over 8,000 reported overdose deaths in Florida.

Since 2015, fentanyl-related overdose deaths have increased by 790%.

The current, nationwide model of overdose is unsustainable, unreliable, and has deadly consequences.







Coordinated Opioid Recovery (CORE) is the first of its kind in the United States and places Florida as a leader in sustainable addiction and opioid recovery.

The Florida Department of Health, the Florida Department of Children and Families, and the Agency for Health Care Administration are partnering to implement a network of addiction care in up to 12 counties in Florida. Standard treatment programs have had limited success in creating long term recoveries for this lifelong illness. This innovative program is the first of its kind in the country, expanding a state-supported cohesive coordinated system of addiction care for individuals suffering from substance use disorder.



**Overdose** 

Emergency Response and Care Navigation

Bypass Other Hospitals Transport to Specialty
Subject Matter Hospital
(Similar to a Trauma Center)

Focus on Sustainable Clinical Pathway and System of Care Transfer to Sustained Multi-Specialty Medical Group

Start Medication
Assisted Treatment

**Stabilize Patient** 

This comprehensive approach expands every aspect of overdose response and treats all primary and secondary impacts of substance use disorder. From care and peer navigators directly within an Emergency Department, to sustainable overall health care, this structure disrupts the revolving door of addiction and overdose.

The network does not solely depend on emergency response for overdoses and substance use disorder, ensuring patients are also stabilized and treated for coexisting medical and mental health conditions. Patients will need dental care, primary care, psychiatric evaluation, maternal care, and social support services. Social support services can address career training, housing, or food insecurity.



### **NEW STATEWIDE DIRECTOR OF OPIOID RECOVERY**

Dr. Courtney Phillips will serve as an expert to provide consultative support for the behavioral health system of care by offering clinical consultation for substance use disorder treatment and recovery services and help develop better policy and practice approaches. Dr. Phillips currently serves as the Director of Behavioral Health for the Health Care District of Palm Beach County. Dr. Phillips is a Board Certified Adult Psychologist.

## GETTING HELP IN FLORIDA WITH SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Life saving interventions are available to treat opioid addiction, including Medication Assisted Treatment. This treatment helps to curb cravings for the substances which reduces the likelihood of overdose.



#### HopeForHealingFL.com

Find ways to access mental health and substance abuse help.



#### isavefl com

Find quick medication assisted treatment options, Narcan access, and treatment provider options



#### HopeFlorida.com

Find help through community collaboration between the private sector, faith-based community, nonprofits, and government entities.

### FLORIDA'S AVAILABLE SERVICES

Research indicates that people who receive substance abuse treatment have better outcomes like longer recovery, reduced use, fewer arrests, better family life, employment, increased earnings, and better health.



#### **Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)**

Clinically-driven treatment with a focus on individualized patient care. Medications available include methadone, buprenorphine, and naltrexone.



#### **Recovery Support**

Support offered during and following treatment to help maintain their recovery. These services include transitional housing, life skills training, parenting skills, and peer-based/group counseling.



#### **Residential Treatment**

Structured, non-hospital set treatment with staff supervision 24/7. Multiple levels of care based on individual. Services include assessment, rehabilitation, social and educational programs, and medication management.



#### **Overdose Prevention**

These programs aim to reduce opioid overdose deaths by increasing access to free naloxone kits to people most likely to experience or witness an overdose. Programs include overdose recognition training and response.



#### **Primary Substance Abuse Prevention**

Primary prevention programs aim to prevent, delay, or reduce substance abuse. Providers and community coalitions provide prevention services in their communities and schools through information dissemination, education, recreational activities, and referrals to services.



#### Detoxification

Services that utilize medical procedures to assist in withdrawal from the physiological and psychological effects of substance abuse. Detoxification services may occur in a residential or outpatient setting.





# PUBLIC SAFETY ALERT: FENTANYL KILLS

The State of Florida is responding to an increase in **fentanyl overdoses**. All Floridians are advised to remain vigilant of current public risk.

## SIGNS OF OVERDOSE

- Small, constricted "pinpoint pupils."
- Falling asleep or losing consciousness.
- Slow, weak, or not breathing.
- Choking or gurgling sounds.
- Cold and/or clammy skin.
- Discolored skin, especially lips and nails.
- Limp body.

## WHERE TO FIND NALOXONE

If you or your organization are interested in obtaining or managing naloxone for the community, please visit <u>isavefl.com</u>

### WHAT TO DO

- 1. Call 911 Immediately.
- 2. Administer naloxone, if available.
- 3. Try to keep the person awake and breathing.
- 4. Lay the person on their side to prevent choking.
- 5. Stay with the person until emergency assistance arrives.

