



One More Thing: Collaborating to Reduce Overdose Issue Brief

2023-2024 NCACC President Johnnie Carswell Presidential Initiative

Objective

Counties play a vital role in how the opioid overdose crisis is addressed in North Carolina. The North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) is leading an effort to strategically guide and inform counties as they plan how they are going to utilize their settlement funds. This year, the presidential initiative is focused on highlighting how counties can use their funds to maximize their impact, strengthening collaboration among counties that may want to form a regional approach, and making sure all counties know about the evidence-based, high-impact strategies to invest their settlement funds. The planning committee for the initiative is creating two key events this summer that will bring together locally elected leaders, subject matter experts, and key stakeholders to work together on addressing this crisis.

This initiative is being highlighted at the national level through a partnership with the National Association of Counties (NACo). NACo and NCACC are working together to host an event during the summer 2024 NACo Annual Conference in Hillsborough County, Florida to highlight the best practices from other states that may have unique approaches yielding positive results.

North Carolina will also host a state-focused event in August around the NCACC Annual Conference. The goal of these events is to provide counties with resources, information, and opportunities to create a strategic approach to ending the opioid overdose crisis.

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Key Facts

Over 11 North Carolinians die every day from drug overdose.

North Carolina will receive \$1.5 billion from a series of national opioid settlements.

North Carolina local governments are receiving technical assistance through a team of subject matter experts at the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners.

North Carolina's allocation model has the highest percentage of dollars going directly to local governments in the country. NC local governments will receive 85% of opioid settlement dollars coming into the state.

NCACC President Johnnie Carswell is spending his presidential year ensuring that counties have the right tools and resources to be strategic with their settlement dollars and to approach this epidemic with strong coordination and collaboration.



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