

BCBH SCA

Drug and Alcohol Trends and Services in Beaver County

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BCBH SCA Administrator

Single County Authority (SCA)

- ▶ Each of the 67 counties in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has a Single County Authority (SCA) entity and an SCA Administrator
- ▶ An SCA:
 - ▶ Is the recipient of state and federal block grant funds through contracts with the [Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs](#) (DDAP)
 - ▶ Is charged with establishing a system of care of services for Substance Use Disorders (SUD) for all County residents
 - ▶ Plans, coordinates, programmatically and fiscally manages and implements the delivery of drug and alcohol prevention, intervention, and treatment services at the local level
 - ▶ Receives funding for treatment services from the [PA Department of Human Services](#) (DHS), [Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services](#) (OMHSAS), primarily targeted to individuals in non-hospital residential care who are eligible for Medical assistance
 - ▶ Is involved in every aspect of alcohol and other drug programming on a local level, is an excellent resource to locate services along the continuum of care

Continuum of Care

- ▶ Outpatient to include Intensive Outpatient (adult and adolescent)
- ▶ Medication Assisted Treatment (adult)
- ▶ Partial Hospitalization (adult)
- ▶ Halfway House (adult)
- ▶ Medically Monitored Inpatient Detoxification (adult and adolescent)
- ▶ Medically Monitored Short-Term Residential (adult, adolescent, women with children)
- ▶ Medically Monitored Long-Term Residential (adult)
- ▶ Medically Managed (Hospital Based) Inpatient Detoxification (adult)
- ▶ Medically Managed (Hospital Based) Short-Term Residential (adult)
- ▶ Student Assistance Programming (SAP)

Beaver County SCA

- ▶ Located at Beaver County Behavioral Health (BCBH) on the second floor of the Human Services Building in downtown Beaver Falls
- ▶ Has a case management unit of 5 case workers
- ▶ Provides free level of care assessments for any person in need of evaluation for a potential SUD
- ▶ Provides funding for treatment for un/under insured and can assist with copayments and deductibles based on eligibility and availability of funds
- ▶ Hours of Operation: Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
- ▶ Appointments are required unless in need of Detox

PRIORITY POPULATIONS

The SCA and providers which serve an injection drug use population shall give preference to treatment as follows:

- ▶ 1. Pregnant injection drug users
- ▶ 2. Pregnant substance users
- ▶ 3. Injection drug users
- ▶ 4. Overdose survivors
- ▶ 5. Veterans

What Consumers Need to Know

- ▶ SUD Confidentiality Regulations are among the most stringent across all domains of health care including HIV/AIDS
- ▶ Children do not need parental consent to seek services for SUD
- ▶ There is a mechanism in place in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for parents of minors under the age of 18 to petition the court for an involuntary evaluation of a child who may be in need of treatment for a SUD but is refusing (Act 53)
- ▶ There is no mechanism in place to compel an adult to treatment for a SUD at the present time

Beaver County SUD Statistics

- ▶ It is not an exaggeration to say we are in a state of emergency in our county, region, state and nation as we continue to lose lives to addiction and overdose
- ▶ We are experiencing a Public Health Crisis here at home
- ▶ 10 years ago Alcohol was the number 1 Drug of Abuse for persons presenting to the BCBH SCA Case Management Unit
- ▶ 2010 - an increase in BCBH SCA clients reporting Injection Drug Use of Heroin
- ▶ 2012 - Heroin surpassed alcohol as primary Drug of Abuse reported by BCBH SCA clients

Beaver County Overdose Statistics

- ▶ As a response to the 2012 statewide spike in Heroin use and subsequent Overdoses, SCAs were tasked with tracking Overdose incidents at the local level
- ▶ The only data set we had at the time was Overdose Death data
- ▶ The BCBH SCA works very closely with our Beaver County Coroner, David Gabauer, to track and report Beaver County Overdose deaths. These are deaths where **Cause and Manner is Accidental Overdose** - data does not include lives lost to motor vehicle accidents, crime or injuries associated with substance abuse:



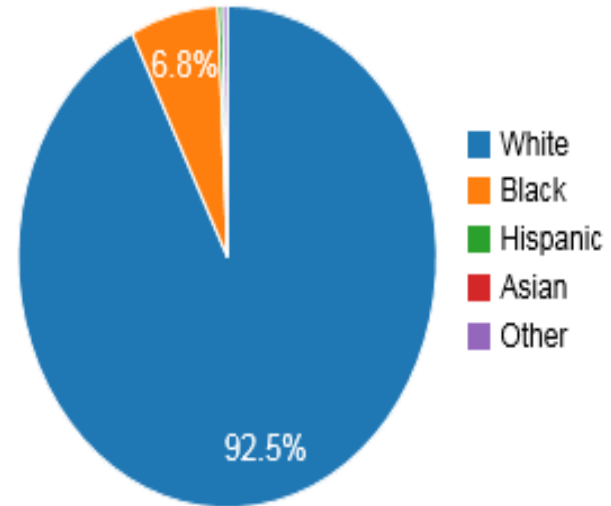
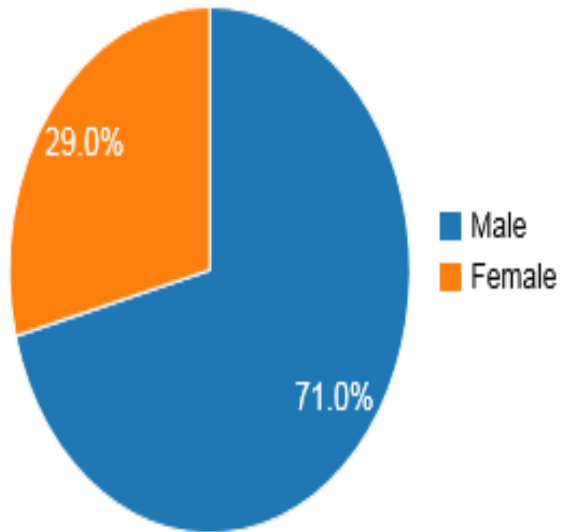
WHAT IS HAPPENING IN BEAVER COUNTY

Lives we have lost since 2012

BEAVER COUNTY OVERDOSE DEATH DEMOGRAPHICS 2012-17

GENDER AND RACE

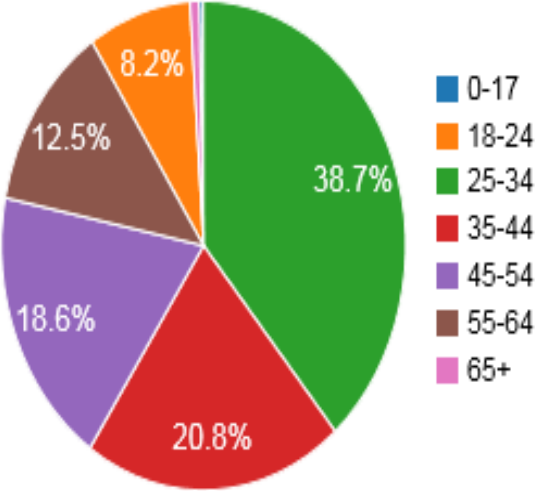
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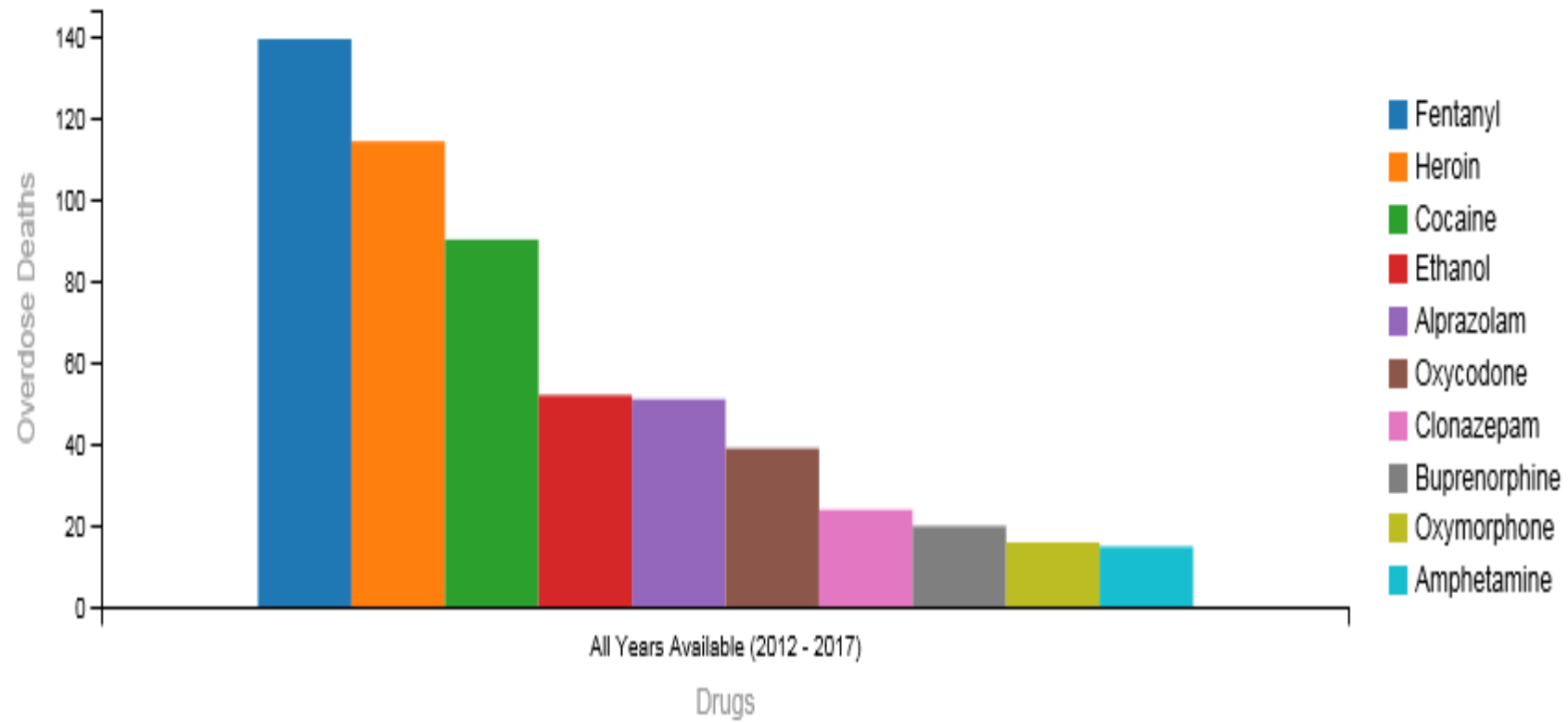
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What is important about this data is this is the generation who has received Anti Drug Curriculum at every grade level since pre-school.

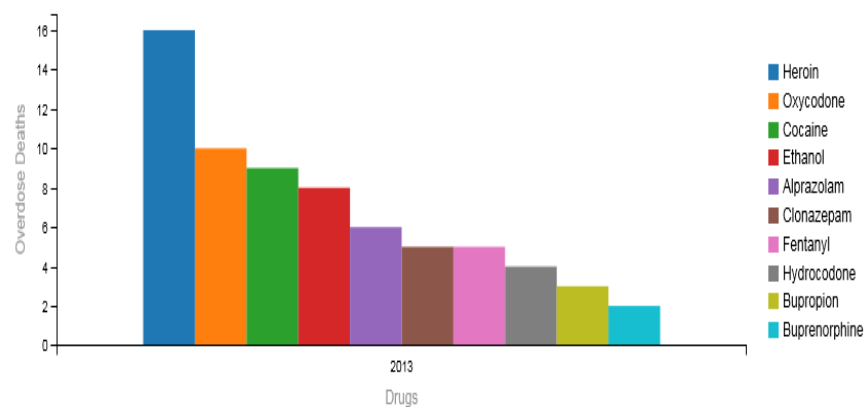


TOP 10 DRUGS OF USE PRESENT IN BEAVER COUNTY DECEDENTS AT TIME OF DEATH 2012-17

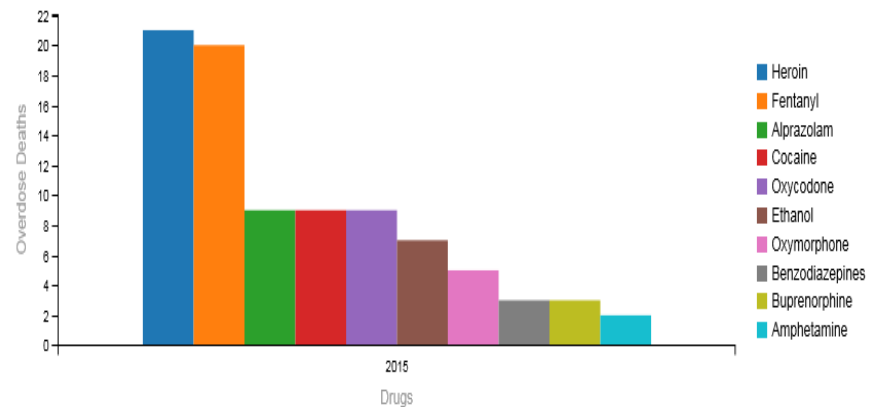


THE RISE OF FENTANYL

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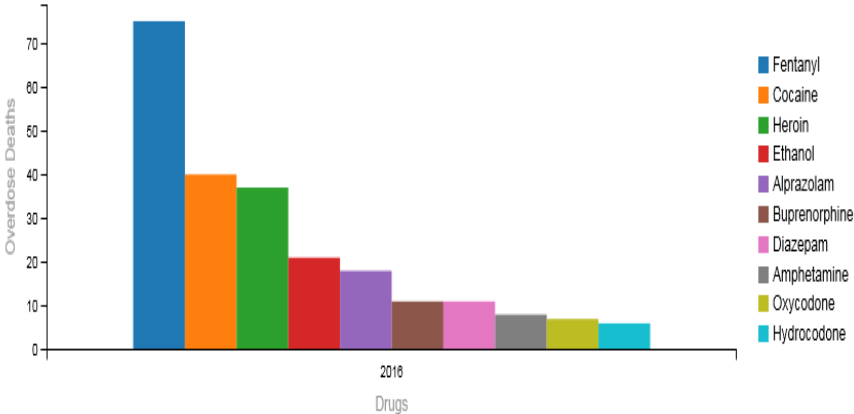


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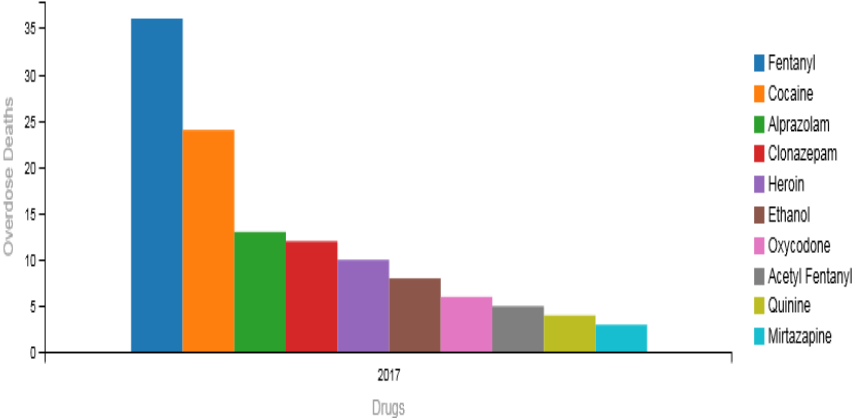


FENTANYL SURPASSES HEROIN

2016 n=102



2017 n=51



What Have We Learned

- ▶ For every 1 person afflicted with addiction - there are at least 4 other people on average who are closely connected to that person (impact: homes, neighborhoods, communities, etc...)
- ▶ In Beaver County most people who die of overdose:
 - ▶ are engaged in relationships at the time of death
 - ▶ die at home
 - ▶ have had some connection to a service agency or provider in the weeks or months preceding their death: Mental Health Clinician, Drug Treatment Program, Primary Care Physician, Law Enforcement Agent, EMS

PRECAUTIONS

- ▶ If you have an Opioid Use Disorder (OUD), you are at increased risk of Overdose Death following a period of clean time:
 - ▶ Incarceration
 - ▶ Detox/Treatment
 - ▶ Recovery
- ▶ We have wallet cards at the BCBH Resource Table for persons at risk of Overdose, including knowing your triggers, and contact information for where to go in our County for help if you or a loved one have a substance use disorder
- ▶ If you know, love or live with somebody with an OUD, be especially careful handling any personal effects and avoid all powder. Most of what is on the streets now is Fentanyl which is highly potent and can be absorbed through the skin

BEAVER COUNTY INITIATIVES

- ▶ New Beaver County SUD Residential Treatment Facility - 39 Beds: 7 Detox, 24 Short Term Rehab, 8 Long Term Rehab in the County
- ▶ Warm Handoff Case Manager to work at Heritage Valley Health Care ED to provide linkage to treatment for persons who enter the ED in the state of accidental overdose
- ▶ Beaver County Jail Vivitrol to provide Drug and Alcohol therapy and Medication Assisted Treatment to inmates with SUDs, particularly involving Opioids and Alcohol

THERE IS HOPE... THERE IS HELP

- ▶ People can and do get well
- ▶ There are many paths to recovery
- ▶ Presently Beaver County Overdose Death rates appear to be lower than last year (combined efforts of law enforcement, physical and behavioral health care providers, and first responders)
- ▶ Please view our Resource Tables for additional information
- ▶ For additional information on Overdose Prevention visit OverdosePrePa.org (University of Pittsburgh, School of Pharmacy, Education and Research Unit - PERU)
- ▶ Do not hesitate to contact me at klowery@bcbh.org or 724-847-6225