

Overdose Prevention Initiatives

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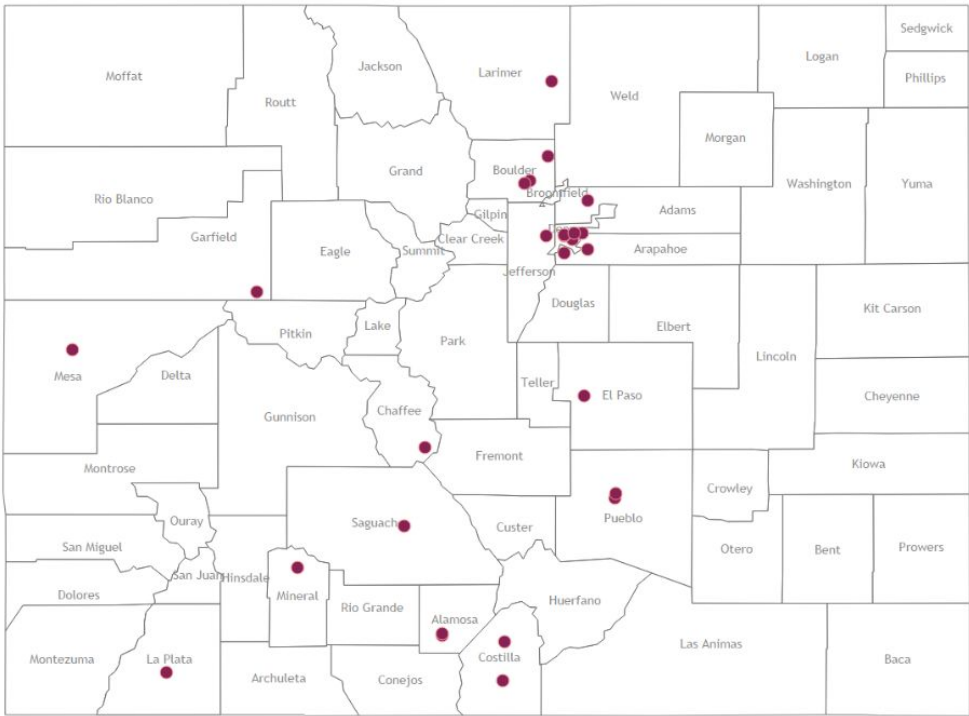
Technical Assistance and Outreach

- The CDPHE Overdose Prevention Unit trains and assists community partners on fentanyl, overdose, and harm reduction.
- The CDPHE Office of STI/HIV/Viral Hepatitis offers support to syringe access programs, local public health agencies, and community partners to enhance their ability to serve people who use/inject drugs and prevent overdose/infectious diseases. We prioritize this work due to the impact of HIV, STIs, viral hepatitis, and substance use on those populations and our commitment to meeting individuals' needs wherever they seek care.

Harm Reduction

- Syringe Access Programs - CDPHE has relationships with all of Colorado's 21 syringe access programs through competitive direct funding, supplies distribution, and/or technical assistance.
- Syringe access programs serve as a bridge to other health services including but not limited to:
 - HIV/STI/Hepatitis C (HCV) testing and treatment
 - Naloxone and fentanyl test strips
 - Medication for opiate use disorder (MOUD) and other substance use treatment

2023 Syringe Access Program Locations



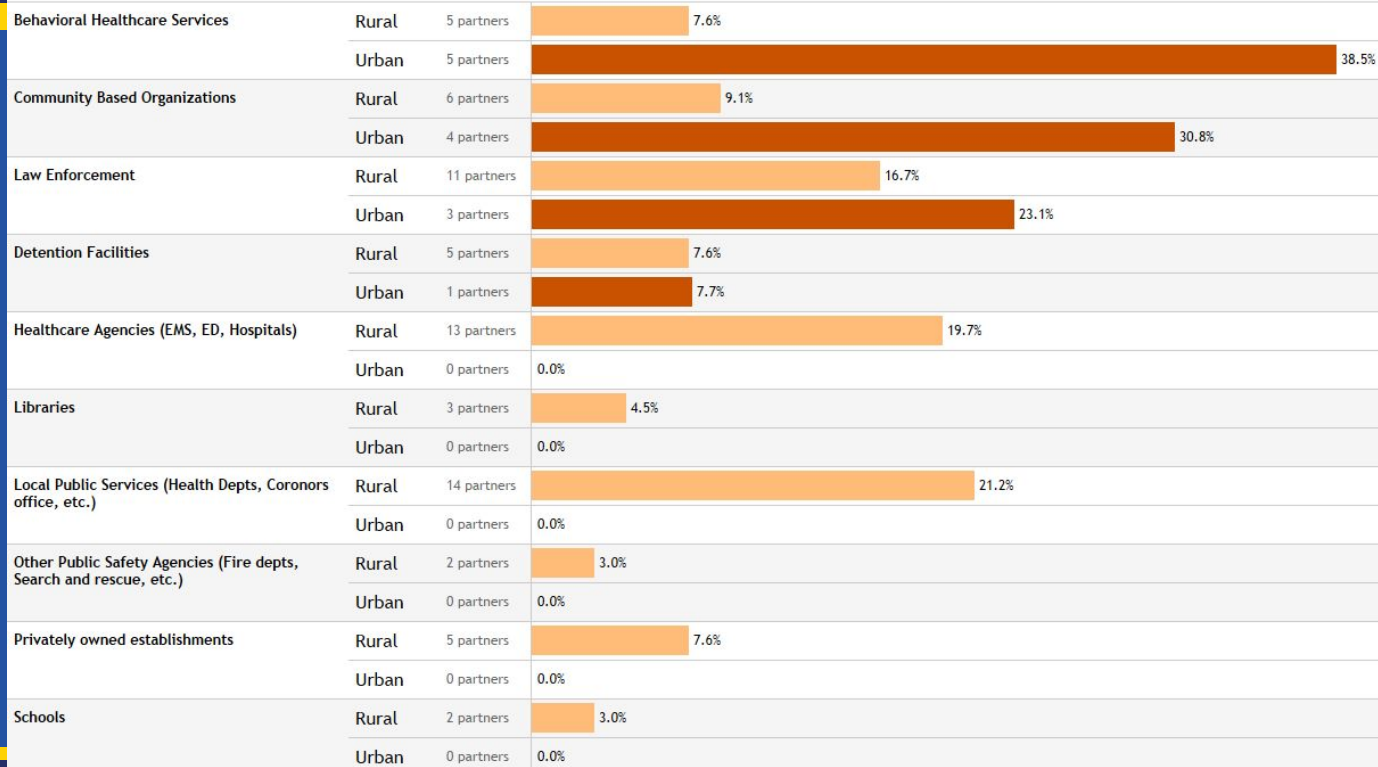
Harm Reduction

- **Free Fentanyl Test Strip (FTS) Distribution** - to date, 32 local public health agencies (LPHAs) participate in the program. These strips are provided at no cost to communities. CDPHE has provided over 100,000 FTS to LPHAs using HB22-1326 funds.

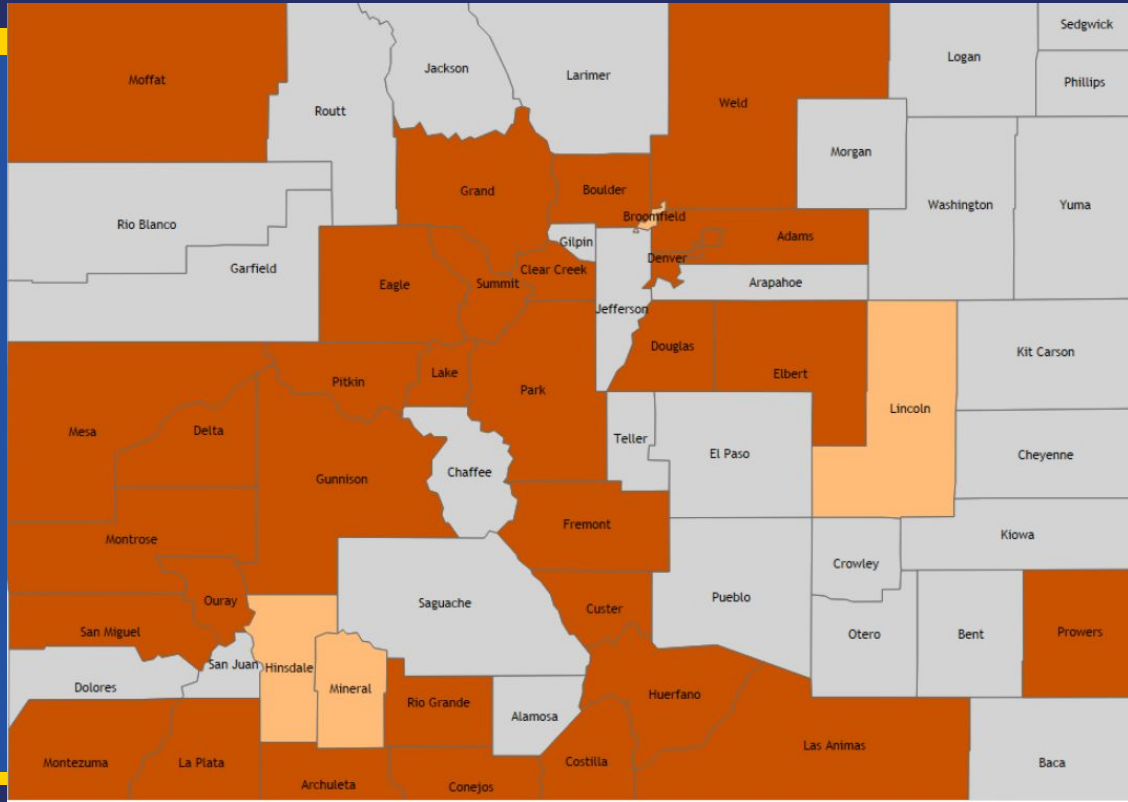
Total Number of Agencies and FTS Distribution (Mar - Jun 2023) by Urban and Rural			
<i>Urban/Rural</i>	<i># Agencies</i>	<i>SUM FTS</i>	<i>% FTS Dist</i>
Rural	22	20,666	77.78%
Urban	5	5,903	22.22%
Grand Total	27	26,569	100.00%

Fentanyl Test Strip Partners

Types of Partners by Rural and Urban LPHAs (Percentage of Total)



LPHA Enrollment Summary



Enrollment Status

- Enrolled
- Contract Pending
- Unenrolled

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Naloxone Bulk Fund

- Senate Bill 19-227 created the Opiate Antagonist Bulk Purchase Fund, commonly known as “The Naloxone Bulk Fund (C.R.S. § 25-1.5-115),” to increase the availability of affordable opiate antagonists to eligible entities.
- The Overdose Prevention Unit in the Prevention Services Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment manages the Naloxone Bulk Fund.
- In its fourth year, the Naloxone Bulk Fund distributed 382,002 doses of naloxone to agencies throughout Colorado.

Naloxone Bulk Fund

- The Naloxone Bulk Fund coordinator reviews each application, the applicant's current standing order, and verifies that the applicant's policies permit the organization to acquire, maintain, and administer naloxone safely.
- If the entity is determined eligible for the Naloxone Bulk Fund, the coordinator provides additional program information and a naloxone order form.
- If an entity is determined ineligible, information is provided to attain naloxone through other partners. The Naloxone Bulk Fund saw a 91% increase in the amount of entities enrolled this reporting year.

Naloxone Bulk Fund

- As of June 30, 2023, 507 entities in Colorado received free doses of naloxone from the Naloxone Bulk Fund.
- The number of doses distributed more than tripled since last fiscal year.
- The Naloxone Bulk Fund offers four types of naloxone products, allowing flexibility to meet the needs of each entity and the people they interact with. Narcan nasal spray was the most common type of naloxone requested and distributed.

Naloxone Bulk Fund

Harm reduction and law enforcement agencies are the most common entities requesting and utilizing naloxone in Colorado. These entities received the overwhelming majority of the naloxone distributed throughout the state, over 200,000 doses.

“We greatly appreciate this program. The Longmont Department of Safety has saved approximately 100 lives with Narcan.”



Naloxone Bulk Fund

- CDPHE saw a significant increase in the number of schools, districts, and charters accessing naloxone through the Naloxone Bulk Fund. CDPHE distributed 8,448 doses to 80 unique school settings, representing 15.8% of entities through the Naloxone Bulk Fund this fiscal year.
- The number of schools, districts, and charters enrolled has grown exponentially compared to the six districts enrolled in March 2022 and the three districts enrolled in Fall of 2021.
- This increase suggests that schools recognize their role in harm reduction, supporting the safety of young people, and caregivers through naloxone.

Additional Projects

- Independent Study
- Overdose Trends Report
- Youth Development Strategies
- CDPHE Xylazine Work Group

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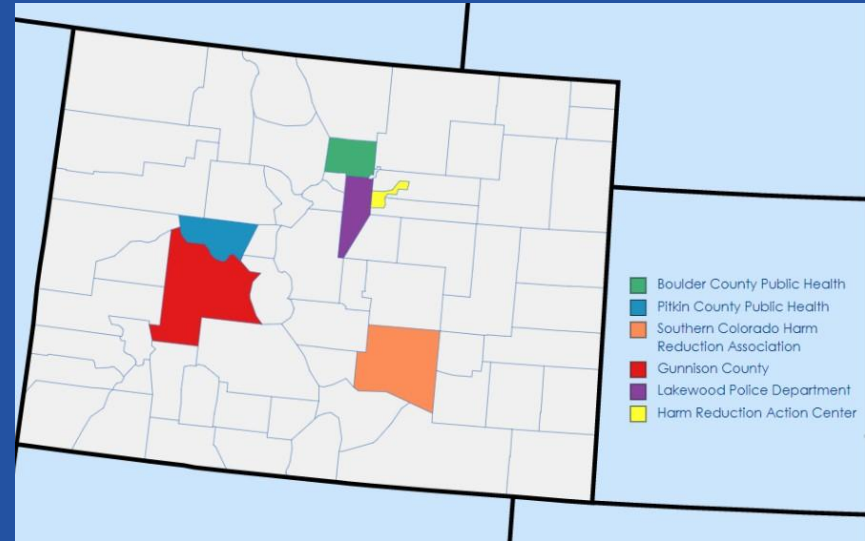
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Harm Reduction Grant Fund

- SB 19-008, Substance Use Disorder Treatment In Criminal Justice System, created the Harm Reduction Grant Fund. The bill identified local public health agencies, law enforcement, and community based organizations as the eligible entities.
- Six agencies are funded, in addition to their subcontractors.



Harm Reduction Grant Fund

The six lead contractors and their twenty subcontractors have successfully developed and implemented the following programs and strategies:

- Anti-stigma education and public awareness campaigns, including needlestick prevention
- Community, first responder, and provider training
- Distribution of basic needs and harm reduction supplies to individuals most at risk of overdose
- Re-entry support education for incarcerated individuals and those leaving incarceration
- Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) and behavioral health case management preventing individuals from entering the criminal justice system due to substance use
- Short term housing support for individuals affected by substance use
- Acudetox and linkage to medication for addiction treatment

FY22 Data Highlights:

- 19,651 harm reduction supplies distributed
- 214 MOUD inductions
- 380 co-response calls
- 116 syringe litter clean-ups
- 450 referrals to peer navigation
- 14 LEAD clients diverted from incarceration
- 3,412 individuals served through outreach
- 253 trainings
- 209 HIV/HCV tests
- 2,937 referrals to vital services

Harm Reduction Grant Fund Expansion

In 2022, the Harm Reduction Grant Fund received American Rescue Plan Act funds from HB 22-1326, the Fentanyl Accountability and Prevention Act, to expand the program to additional eligible entities and fund a second cohort of entities for a three-year term.

Seven additional projects were funded, including:

- Expansion of mobile harm reduction services in Summit County, Weld County, and Sterling
- Development of supportive life skills education for people who use drugs
- Substance use and recovery support groups for individuals along the continuum of substance use
- Expansion of peer support services, including those available in carceral settings
- Co-location of harm reduction, contingency management, MOUD services

The following agencies are eligible for funding:

- Local Public Health Agencies
- Community Based Organizations
- Law Enforcement Agencies
- Tribal Agency or Program
- Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs)
- Rural Health Clinics
- Behavioral Health Entities

Thank You!

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