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THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC BY THE NUMBERS

IN 2016...



116

People died every day from opioid-related drug overdoses



11.5 m

People misused prescription opioids¹



42,249

People died from overdosing on opioids²



2.1 million

People misused prescription opioids for the first time¹



2.1 million

People had an opioid use disorder¹



17,087

Deaths attributed to overdosing on commonly prescribed opioids²



948,000

People used heroin¹



19,413

Deaths attributed to overdosing on synthetic opioids other than methadone²



170,000

People used heroin for the first time¹



15,469

Deaths attributed to overdosing on heroin²



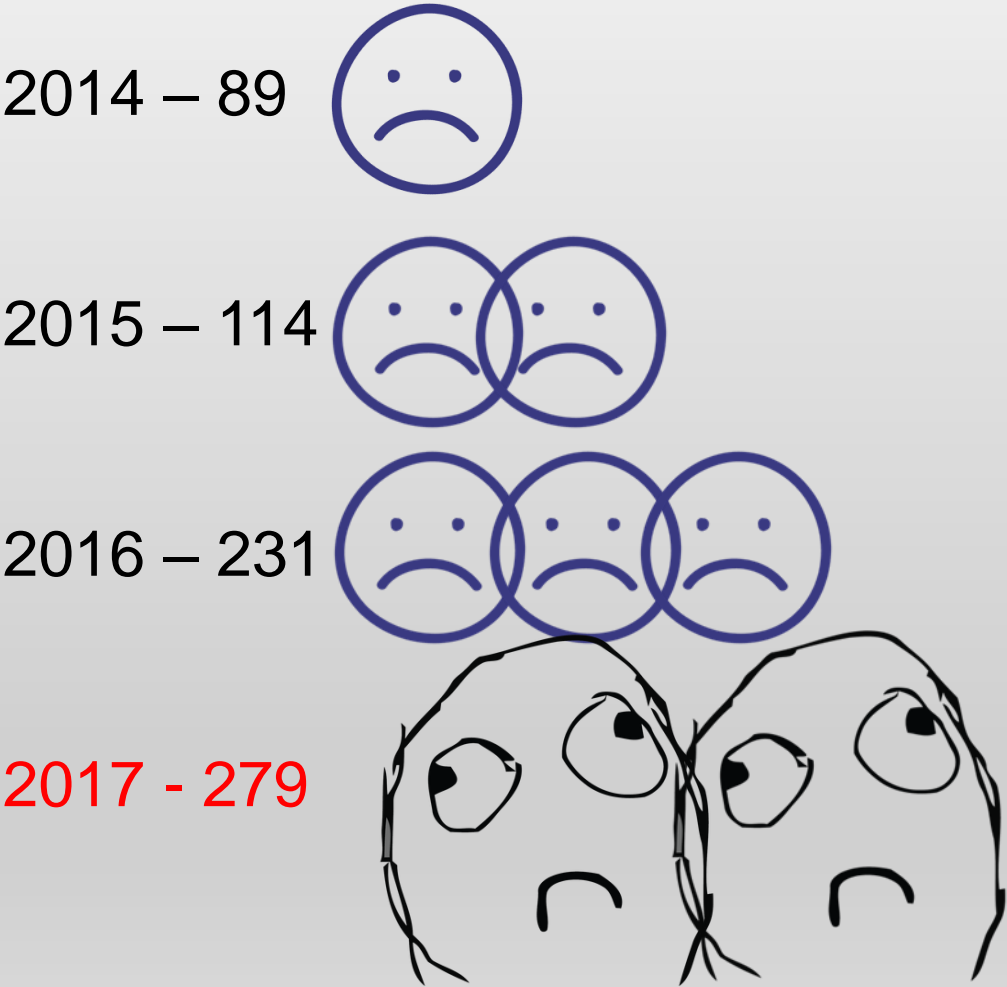
504 billion

In economic costs³

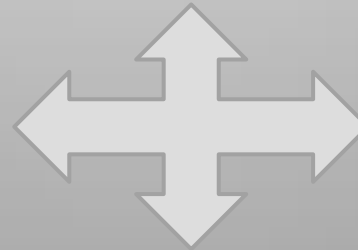
Sources: ¹ 2016 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, ² Mortality in the United States, 2016 NCHS Data Brief No. 293, December 2017, ³ CEA Report: The underestimated cost of the opioid crisis, 2017

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Overdose Deaths in Washington DC



Creating A Coordinated Response



“They say, 'Oh you know what, I didn't keep my appointment because I relapsed.'”



We're not going to judge you.
It's okay to fall, it's okay to stumble.
Come back, we're still going to help.

And they come back.

Ms. Kenny, Drop in Center Coordinator



14,000 points of service per month

350,000 Syringes Exchanged

165 overdoses prevented

45 people housed

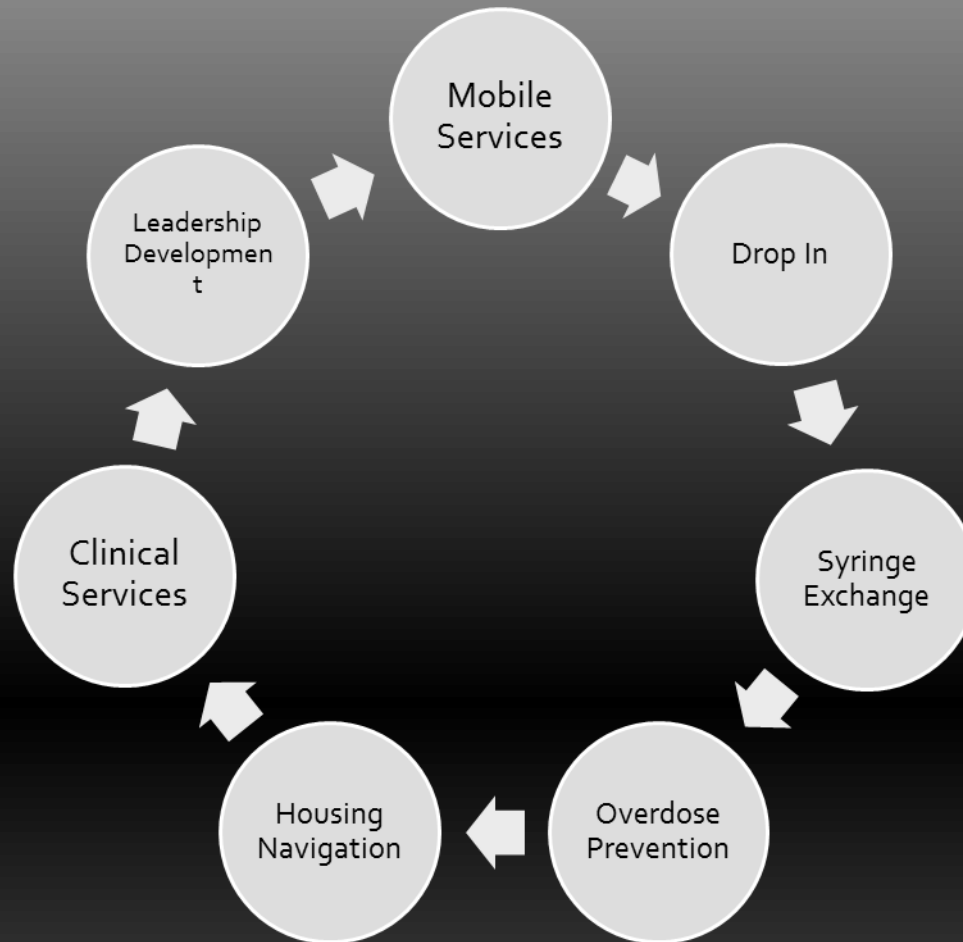
265 linkages to drug treatment

74 virally suppressed

22 linked to PrEP

80 **cured** of Hepatitis C

Comprehensive Harm Reduction Services



Thank You!



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