

Colorado Consortium for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention

Annual Meeting and Education Symposium



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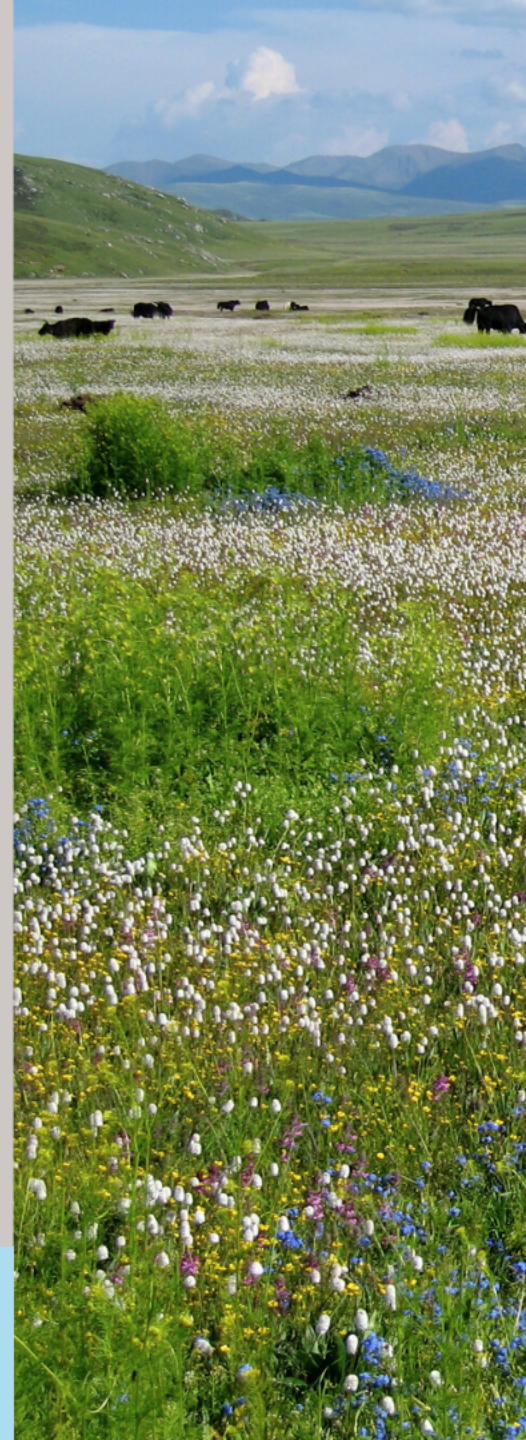


The Problem

Colorado has lost over 7000 people to fatal opioid prescription, heroin and/or Fentanyl overdose

Roughly 70% of people who use heroin report they used opioid medications first

Our state has only around 15-20% of the total drug treatment capacity we need.



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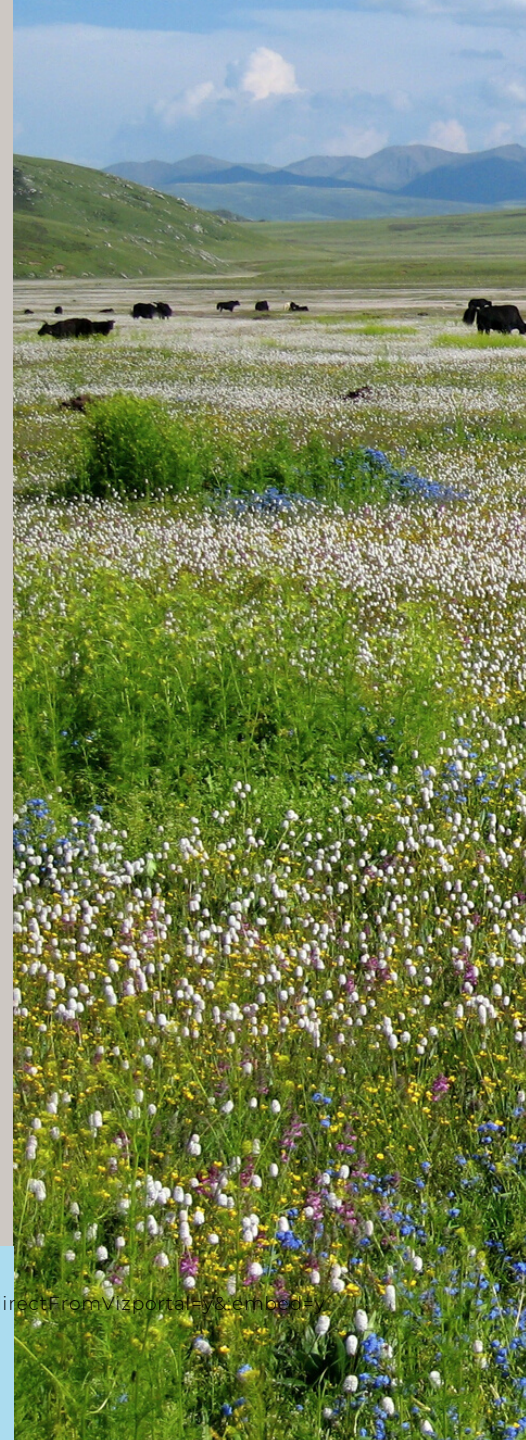
Litigation

Purdue Pharma - \$50 million

McKinsey and Company - \$10 million

Johnson & Johnson and 3 Large Drug Distributors - \$300 million

These funds will come into Colorado over the next 18 years



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Memorandum of Understanding

August, 2021



Core Principles for All Colorado Plan



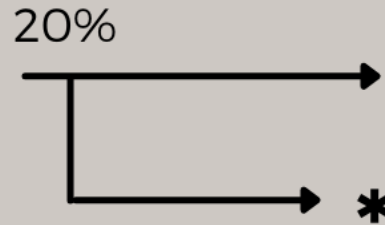
MAXIMIZE
SETTLEMENT FUNDS

UTILIZE
EXISTING
INFRASTRUCTURE
TO THE EXTENT
POSSIBLE

ENSURE
EQUITY FOR ALL
LOCAL
GOVERNMENTS

Opioid Settlement Funds

Total Colorado Share



Direct Allocation by Formula to Participating Local Governments
***Requirement – Full Transparency**



Opioid Abatement Fund
Formula Allocations to Regions
Regional Committee to formulate and submit a 2-year plan
Regional Committee to implement plan
Reporting and Auditing at end of annual cycle
***Requirement – Full Transparency**



Infrastructure Fund – State
This fund will support hard hit areas in the state with resource needs
Requirement – Full Transparency



Direct Allocation to State Government
***Requirement – Full Transparency**

Local Governments

State Government

*Local government may direct its share to county or region

ADDRESSING THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC



TREATMENT

Evidence-based treatment models

RECOVERY

Evidence-based recovery models

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Innovative treatment, diversion strategies and wrap-around services

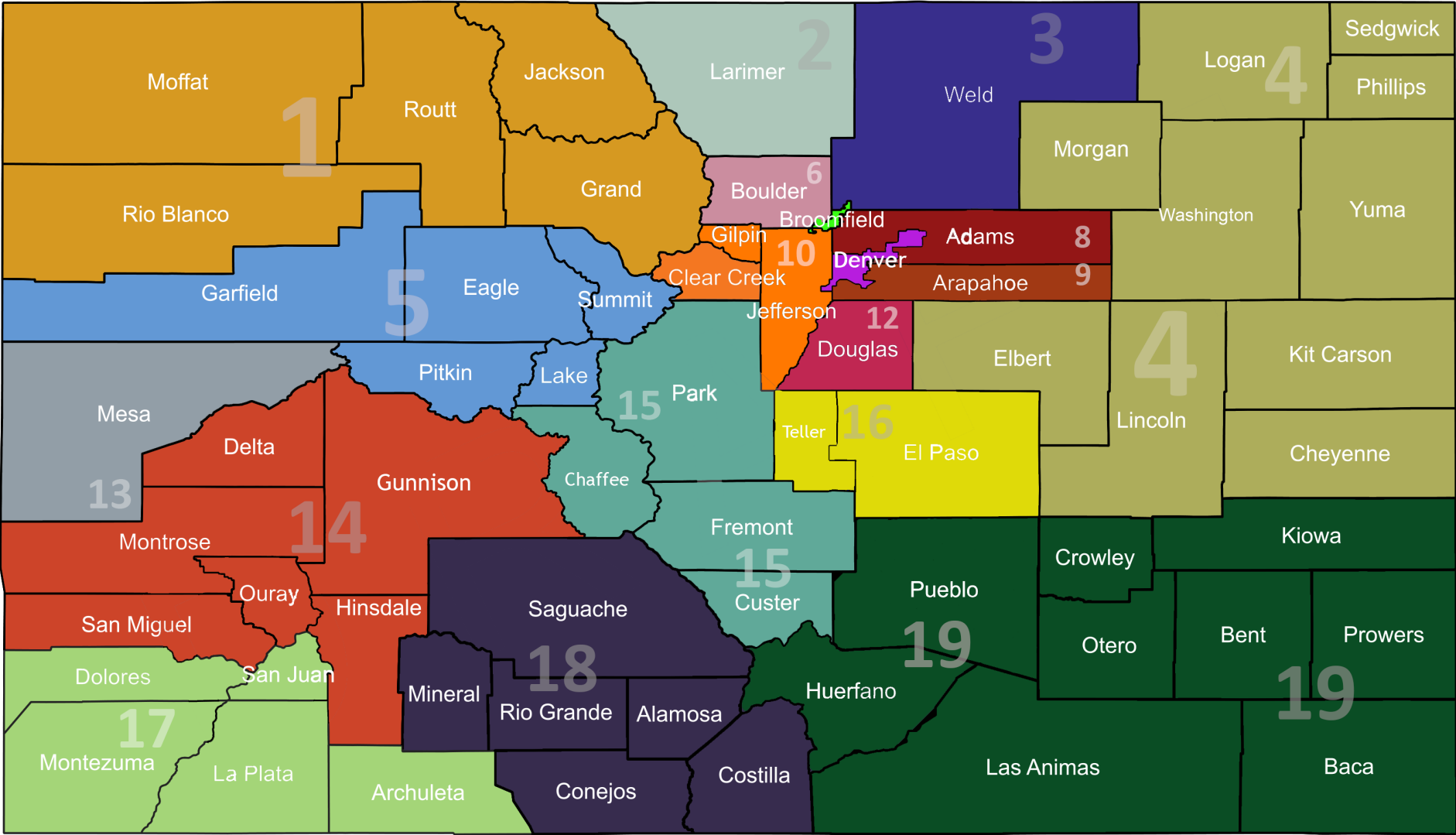
PREVENTION, EDUCATION

Widespread prevention and education efforts among communities

HARM REDUCTION

Strategies for reducing or mitigating the negative consequences associated with substance use

Regions for the distribution of opioid settlement funds



Region 1	Region 5	Region 9	Region 13	Region 17
Region 2	Region 6	Region 10	Region 14	Region 18
Region 3	Region 7 (Broomfield)	Region 11 (Denver)	Region 15	Region 19
Region 4	Region 8	Region 12	Region 16	

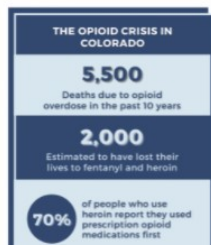
Resources

www.coag.gov/opioids



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Opioid overdoses and addiction have devastated families and communities throughout Colorado, and this crisis poses a serious threat to the state's public health, safety, and economy. Our office is committed to collaborative problem solving and working toward sustainable solutions.

To combat this crisis, the Colorado Department of Law is:

- Suing unscrupulous pharmaceutical manufacturers and distributors that contributed to the epidemic through deceptive marketing and other practices, and seeking monetary damages that can be used to support urgently needed

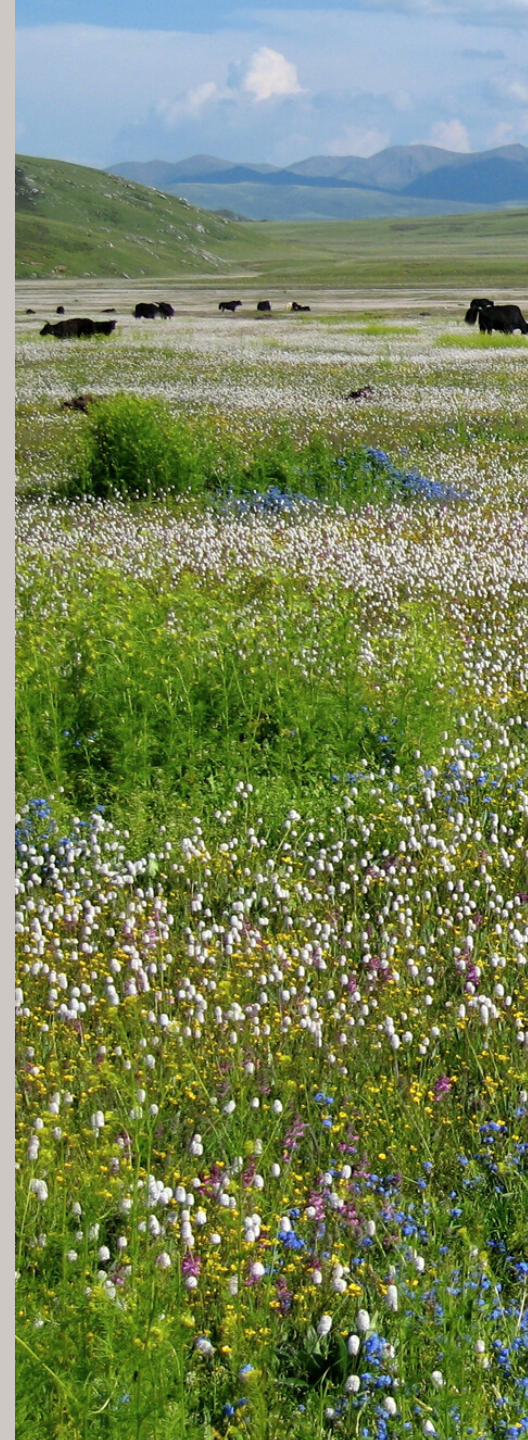
Opioid Crisis Response Plan

COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF LAW OPIOID
CRISIS RESPONSE PLAN →

Resources

Where to go if someone you know is facing an opioid addiction:

- [National helpline](#)
- [Opioid treatment](#)
- [Recovery](#)



Next Steps for Colorado

Local Governments

- Continue to work getting all municipalities and counties to sign the MOU
- Assist regions in accessing resources and technical assistance

Dismantle Cartel Operations

- Partner with law enforcement agencies to disrupt the supply of illicit drugs

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THANK YOU