

EATON OVERDOSE FATALITY REVIEW

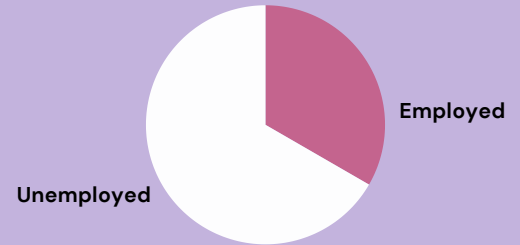
Findings and recommendations resulting from multi-disciplinary Overdose Fatality Reviews (OFRs) in Eaton County, Michigan from March 2023 – November 2023.
Fatalities reviewed (n<6) did not necessarily occur during this time period.

CHARACTERISTICS OF DECEDENTS

RACE



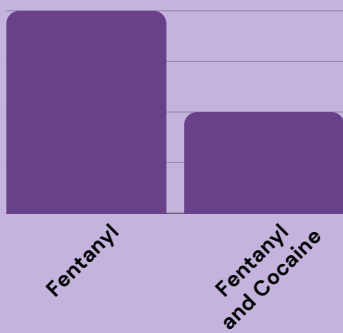
EMPLOYMENT STATUS



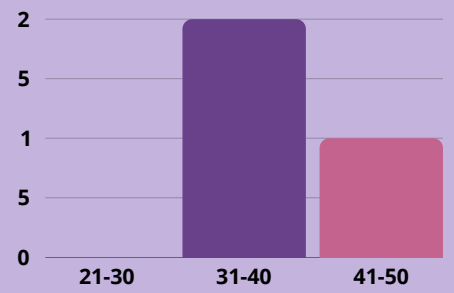
GENDER



DIED DUE TO TOXIC EFFECTS OF



AGE



RECOMMENDATIONS

Education for Community and Providers

1. Integrate harm reduction techniques into treatment discussions. This includes education on fentanyl testing strips, tolerance levels and risk periods, and more.
2. Provide education to family, friends, and other support systems on overdose risks and access to resources.

Education and Supporting the OFR Team

3. Include mental health diagnoses in OFR timeline.
4. Educational opportunities and brief presentations on resources at the county jail, as well as pharmacists and prescribing providers.
5. Invite another representative from the county jail to ensure regular attendance.
6. Invite a representative from a private practice SUD treatment center to sit on the OFR team, and/or someone that provides medication for opioid use disorder.
7. Invite a representative from the court systems.
8. Invite a representative that manages an emergency room.
9. Create a subcommittee to work on implementing recommendations.

Coordination of Care and Wraparound Services

10. Healthcare professionals should utilize peer recovery coaches and/or navigators who can follow-up with patients and get them reengaged.
11. Improve coordination of care between emergency departments, mental health, SUD treatment, and other supports.
12. Create warm handoff procedures and policies for emergency departments and other medical settings to improve connections to support.
13. Increase navigator positions to assist enrollment in mental health and SUD services.
14. Increase the utilization of peer recovery support specialists.
15. Better integrate SUD and mental health treatment.
16. Direct connect with local assistance program providers like community health workers.

Harm Reduction

17. Persons who use substances should practice harm reduction techniques, such as 'Don't Use Alone', have Narcan on hand, and utilize fentanyl testing strips.
18. Increase access to fentanyl test strips.
19. Place a vending machine that distributes Narcan and fentanyl testing strips in/near the emergency department.
20. Placement of a Narcan vending machine at the county jail and/or an educational campaign regarding the vending machine at the health department.
21. Provide harm reduction resources, peer recovery, and other supports for those upon release from jail.

Treatment and Healthcare

22. Increase access and utilization of healthcare services by making health insurance more affordable.

THE TEAM

The Eaton County OFR team has representation from disciplines in the following agencies: Medical Examiner's Office, Public Health, Education, Prevention, Mental Health and Substance Use Treatment Providers, Persons with Lived Experience, Behavioral Health, Law Enforcement, Emergency Medicine and other Public Safety, Local Charities, Health Care Provider, Community Corrections, and Recovery Support Services.