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Barry County Overdose Fatality Review

2026 Report

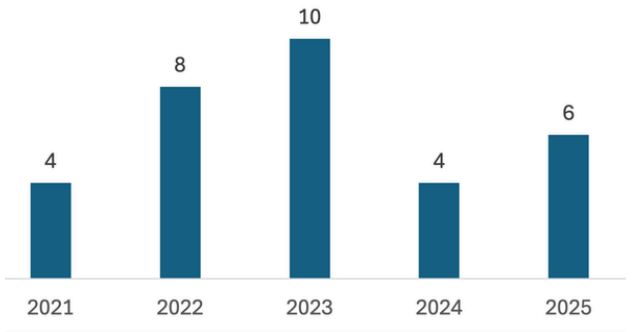
Introduction

The Barry County Overdose Fatality Review (OFR) Team's mission is to prevent future overdose deaths in Barry County by identifying opportunities for intervention and prevention. During FY 2026, the OFR Team convened three times: twice to conduct case reviews and once to discuss and refine OFR processes and procedures. All OFR meetings are held in person at the Barry County Central Dispatch Training Center.

Key Data Indicators: Barry County 2024-2025

- 10 individuals died due to overdose in 2024-2025 in Barry County.
- The median age of death was 44, with a range of death from 23-77.
- 60% of overdose deaths were female, higher than the previous 2 years.
- The majority (80%) of fatal overdoses in Barry County occurred at the person's residence.
- 90% of overdose deaths occurred among caucasian individuals.

Number of Overdose Deaths Barry County



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Successes and Challenges

Successes

- The Barry County OFR Team is actively involved in reviewing cases and identifying interventions.
- Members consistently prioritize in-person OFR Team meetings and bring information to share.

Challenges

- The medical examiner (WMED) has inconsistently shared case information with the epidemiologist through MDI Log, creating challenges in accessing timely information for OFR meetings.
- We are prioritizing additional training for members on recognizing and reducing stigmatizing language.

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Action Steps

Following each OFR, the Barry County SATF Opioid-Meth Workgroup received key takeaways to answer questions and implement potential interventions to reduce overdoses within the community.

Questions asked during FY 2026 OFR Team Meetings	Resulting Work
How do we support residents in medication management for those with several comorbidities?	Added a pharmacist onto OFR Team and promoted free medication lockboxes and medication sorters to residents.
If residents receive care across county lines, how do we collaborate with OFR and quick response team in other communities?	Added doctor from ED in neighboring county to provide insight into these cases.
Do residents understand the dangers of purchasing pills online, and how prescribed medications interact with eachother?	Consult with pharmacist to create and promote education on medication interactions. Review and promote awareness campaigns on the dangers of purchasing pills.
Do residents who are taking Kratom as a supplement understand the dangers of Kratom?	Partner with the workout community to promote education about the dangers of Kratom and increase the distribution of Naloxone.
Where is Kratom being sold in Barry County and what product strains are available?	Conduct an environmental scan of local retailers to understand what products are being sold.