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Stronger than addiction

Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority:
Resources and Methods to Overcome Barriers to Access

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Accessing Quality Treatment

We're ensuring people can find quality substance use disorder treatment through TreatmentAtlas.org.
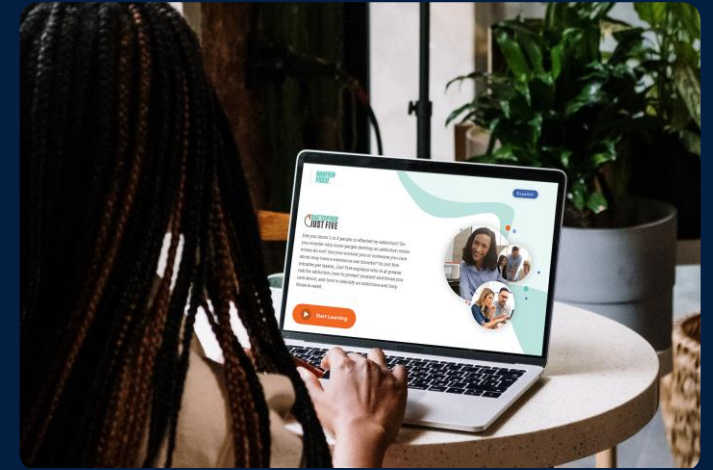
Ending Stigma

We're shifting attitudes and behaviors to remove the stigma that surrounds a SUD, a chronic illness that impacts families and communities everywhere.

Educating and Empowering

We're providing helpful resources and opportunities to support all those who are touched by addiction.

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2023 Shatterproof Advocacy Priorities

Behavioral Health Integration: Ensure payment models support quality, integrated treatment. Coverage of the Collaborative Care Model is a key opportunity.

Training and Education: Ensure all healthcare professionals are trained in addiction care, including MAT.

Opioid Settlement Funds: Ensure there is a transparent process for how funds are spent at the state level, and that they are spent on evidence-based interventions to save lives.

Fentanyl Policy Framework: Ensure states have policies in place that reflect the best practices for addressing synthetic opioids like fentanyl, including: data collection and reporting, prevention programs and public education, harm reduction, and public health / public safety partnerships.
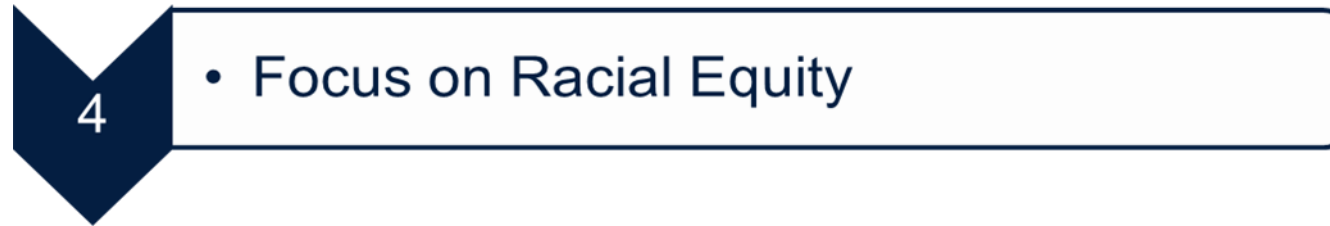
Opioid Settlement Funds

The Coalition

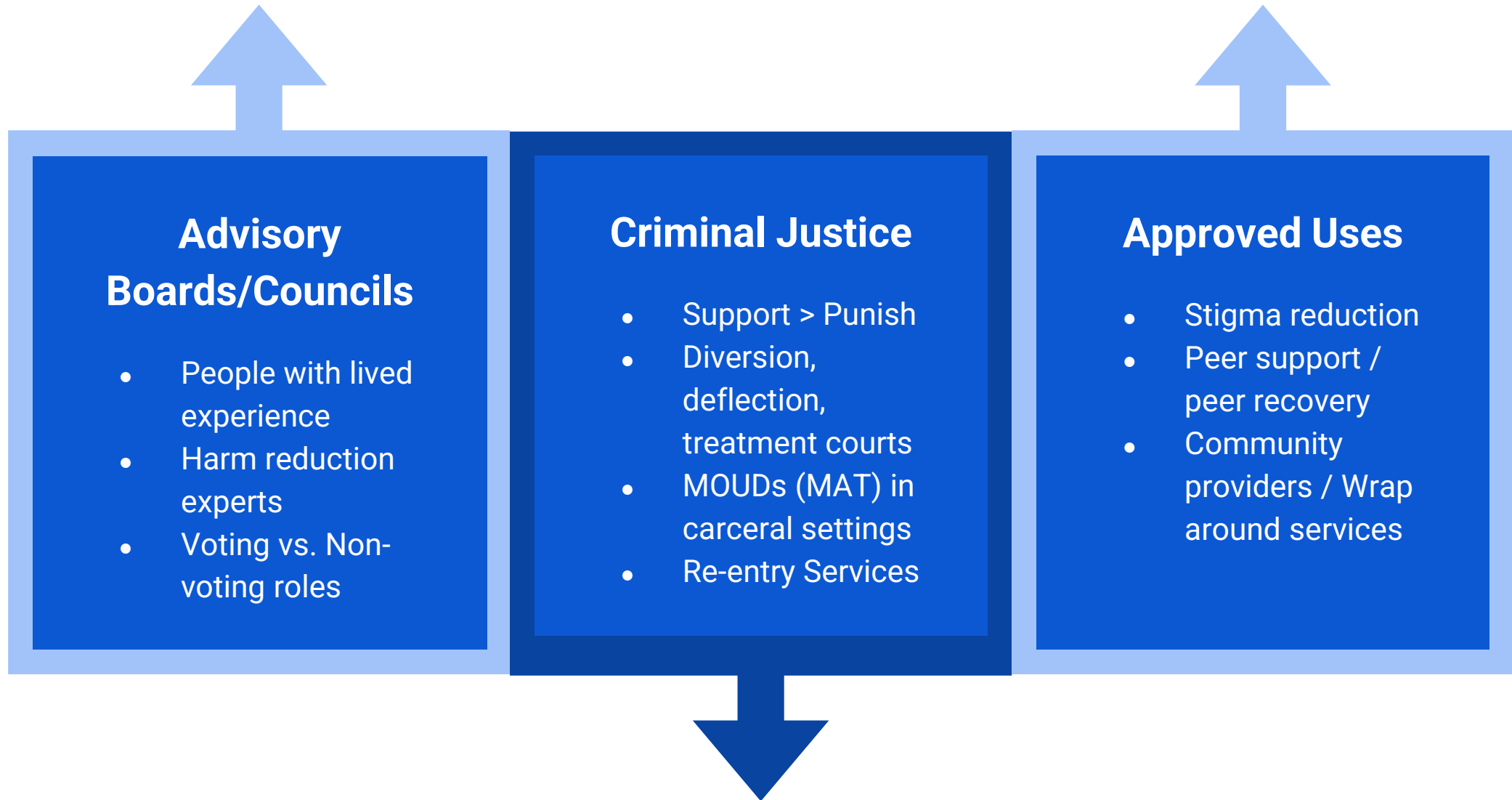# The Principles for the Use of Funds from the Opioid Litigation

1 • Spend Money to Save Lives

2 • Use Evidence to Guide Spending

3 • Invest in Youth Prevention

4 • Focus on Racial Equity

5 • Develop a Fair and Transparent Process

Principle #4

4 • Focus on Racial Equity

✓ **Invest in communities disproportionately impacted**

✓ **Support diversion from arrest and incarceration**

✓ **Fund anti-stigma campaigns**

✓ **Involve community members**

Equity

Advisory Boards/Councils

- People with lived experience
- Harm reduction experts
- Voting vs. Non-voting roles

Criminal Justice

- Support > Punish
- Diversion, deflection, treatment courts
- MOUDs (MAT) in carceral settings
- Re-entry Services

Approved Uses

- Stigma reduction
- Peer support / peer recovery
- Community providers / Wrap around services

Building Equity into the Process

Equity

Equity: The process of identifying and removing the barriers that create disparities in the access to resources and means, and the achievement of fair treatment and equal opportunities to thrive.
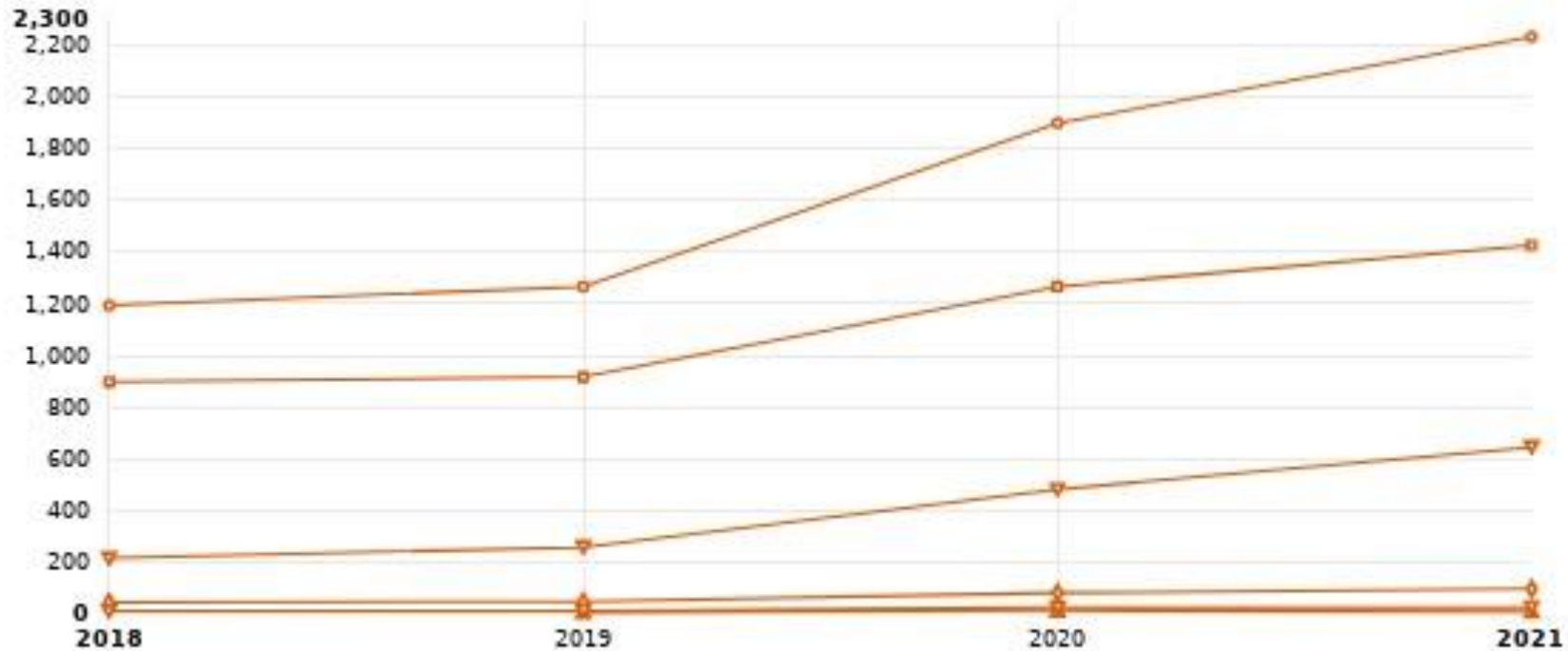
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Number of design alternatives

Cost to change your mind

IDEA

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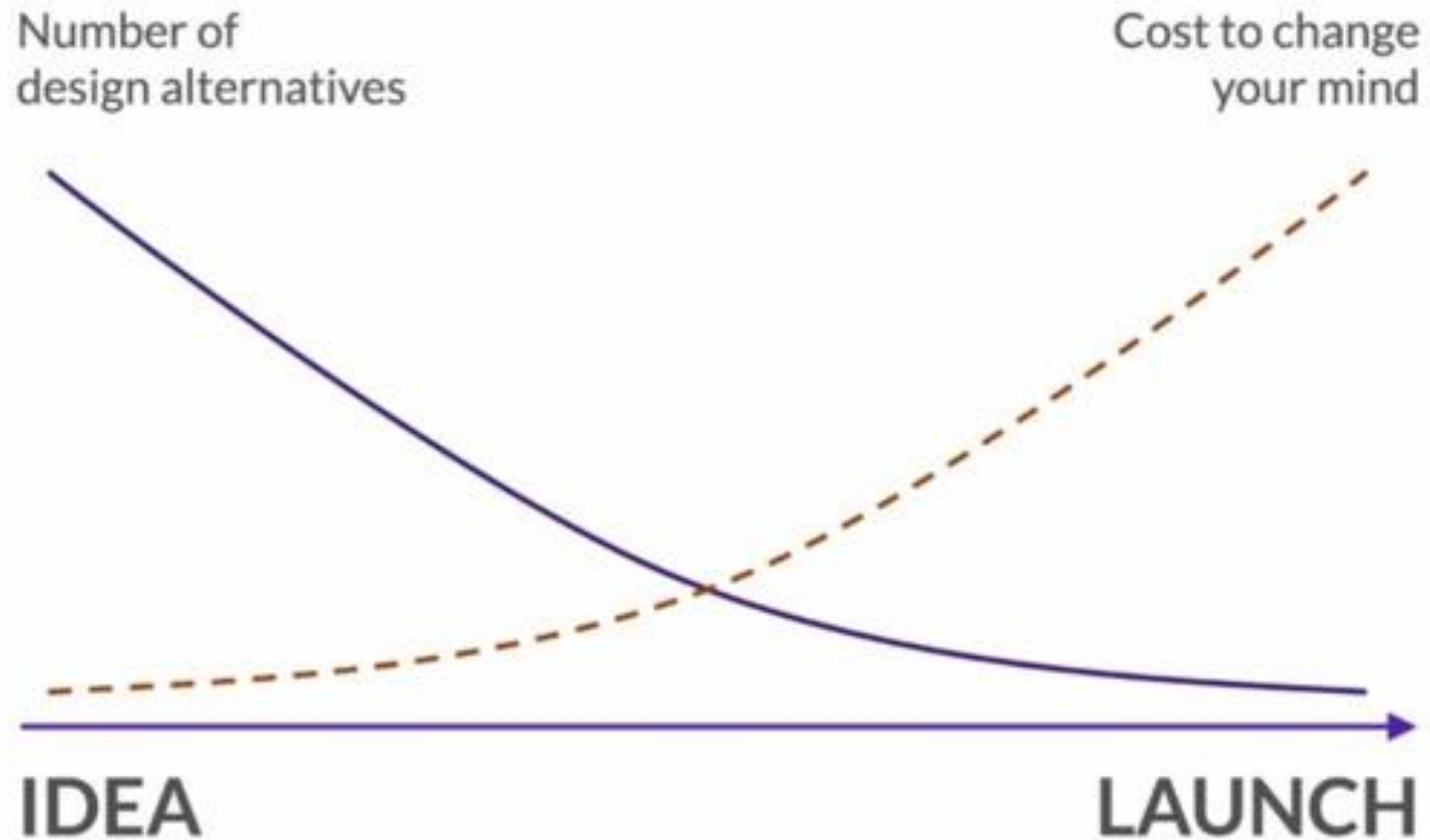
Fair and Transparent Process

- **Data**

- **Advisory Councils**

- **Funding**

- **Reporting**

Needs Assessment

Diverse Input

Strategic Prioritization

Transparent Reporting

Tracking Outcomes
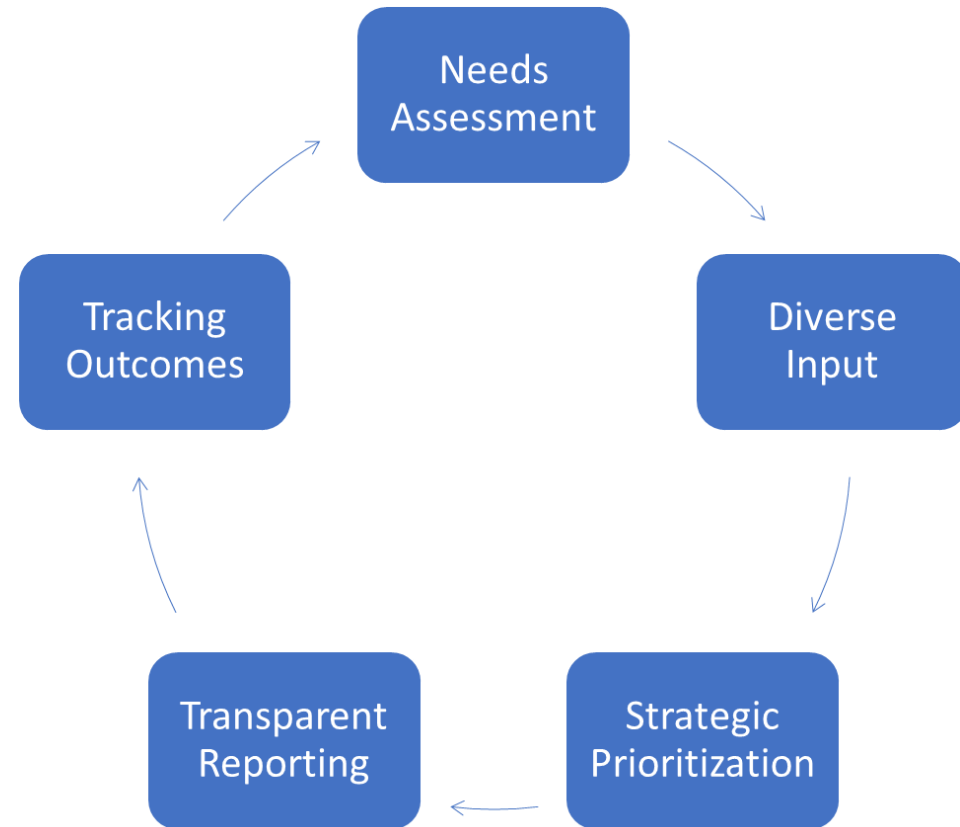
Data

Opioid Overdose Deaths by Race/Ethnicity: 2018 - 2021

SOURCE: KFF's State Health Facts.

Advisory Councils

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Virginia

Council name: Opioid Abatement Authority
Established by: Law

Across the country, council members generally fall into seven categories, but the ratios in which they're represented differ greatly and offer clues about a state's values. Percentages shown here are based on current membership rather than the category designations some states set for their councils.

Legend:

- Law enforcement and criminal justice
- Elected officials
- Government representatives
- Medical and social service providers
- Public health and human services
- Private health and human services
- Lived or shared experience
- Other

Virginia ▼

18%	27%	27%	9%	9%	9%

Nationwide total ▼

15%	17%	7%	12%	22%	15%	7%	5%

Current members of Virginia's council:

opioid

KFF Health News

Diverse Input

Resource:
- Quick Guide from the National Association of Counties and Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
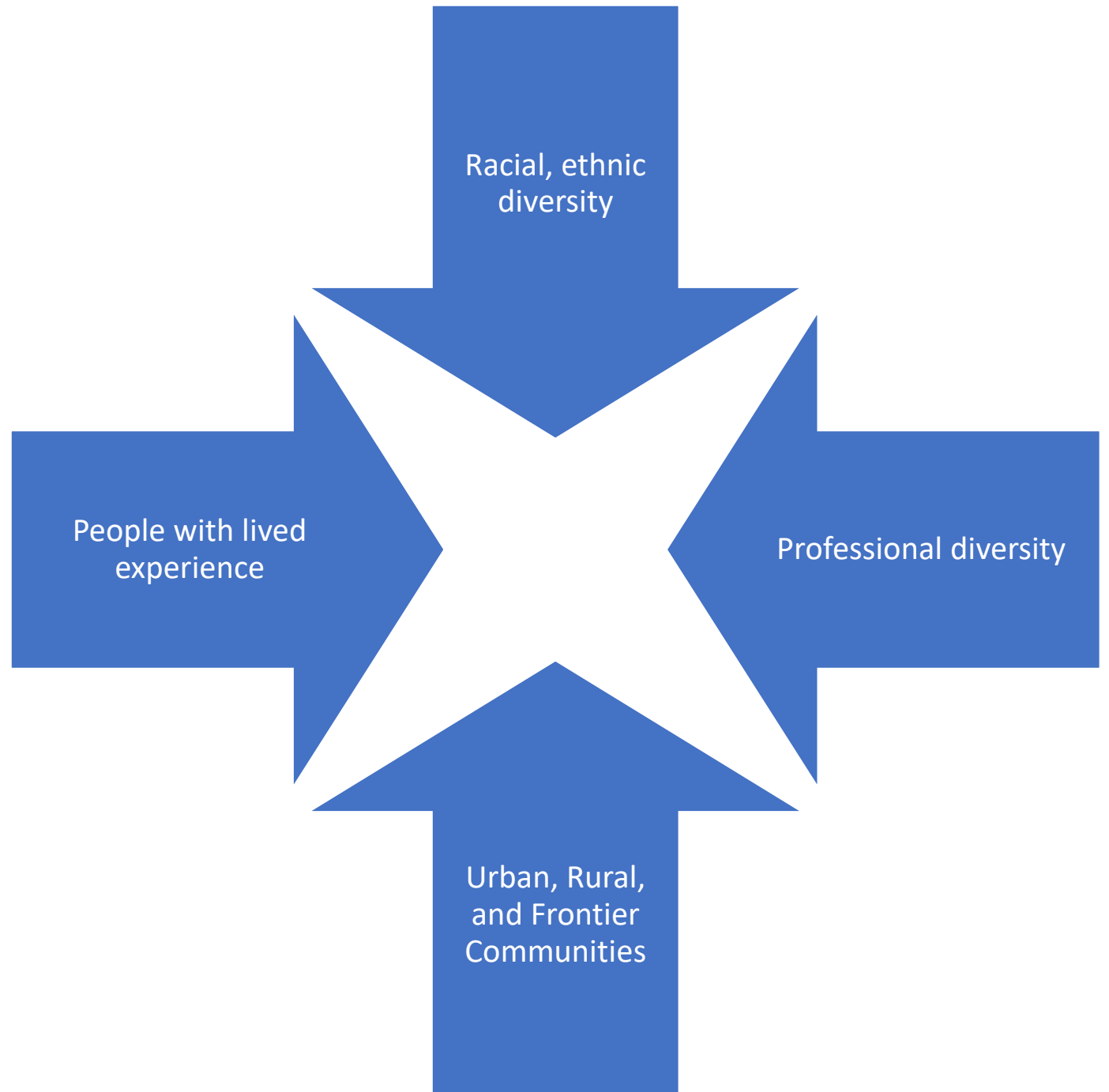
Racial, ethnic diversity

People with lived experience

Professional diversity

Urban, Rural, and Frontier Communities
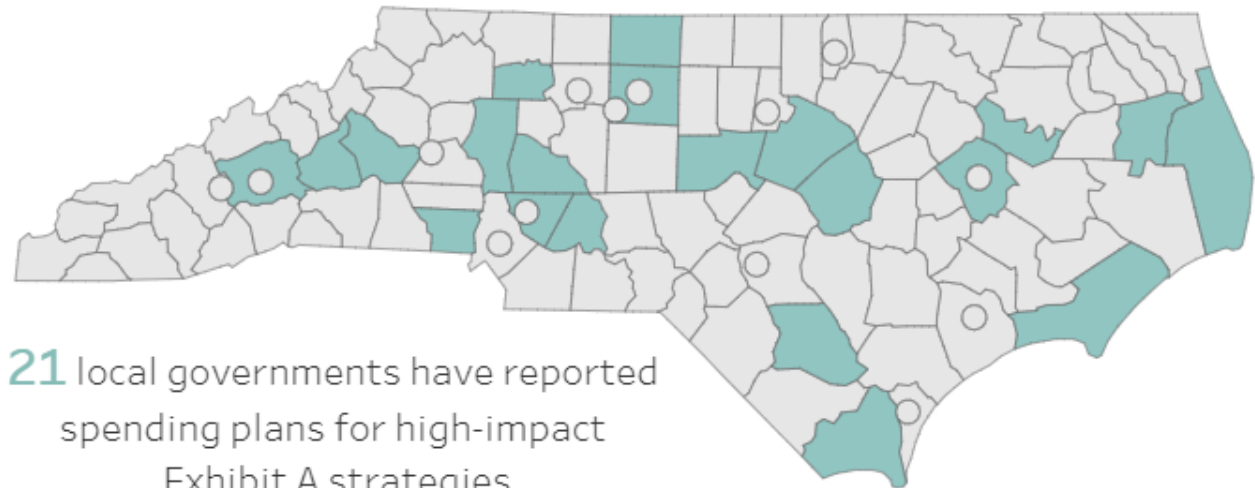
Funding

Transparent Reporting

- What's reported

- HOW it's reported
  - Outreach
  - Accessibility

Which local governments have reported plans to fund **strategies in Exhibit A?**

Exhibit A strategies are **high-impact strategies** to address the opioid overdose epidemic.

Download the Exhibit A strategy list from the NC MOA

21 local governments have reported spending plans for high-impact Exhibit A strategies

Equity within the Continuum of Care

Continuum of Care

Prevention

The Intersection of Prevention & Harm Reduction Efforts

PREVENTION

PRIMARY

Preventing the initial use of or the delay of initial substance use

SECONDARY

Early detection of or reduction of substance use once problems have already begun

TERTIARY

Reducing substance use problems or harms to prevent further deterioration or death.

HARM REDUCTION

Prevention

Harm Reduction

- **Communication**
- **Services Offered**
- **Settings**
- **Unique Partnerships**

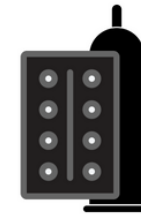EXAMPLES OF HARM REDUCTION IN OTHER AREAS

SUN SCREEN   SEAT BELTS   SPEED LIMITS   BIRTH CONTROL   CIGARETTE FILTERS

Treatment

- **Medication Access**
  - Buprenorphine
  - Methadone
- **Settings**
  - Primary Care
  - Specialty Care
  - Mobile Access
  - Corrections

Treatment – Criminal Legal System

- **Diversion / Deflection / Treatment Courts**

- **Universal Screening**

- **Evidence-Based Treatment**

- **Reentry Services**

- **Community Supervision**

Recovery

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STIGMA

Recovery

Treatment

Harm Reduction

Prevention

STIGMA plays a significant role in creating a devastating public health crisis.

1. Stigma prevents many people with a substance use disorder from seeking treatment;

2. Stigma limits the ability of institutions and providers to offer help when someone seeks assistance by limiting resources and perpetuating harmful policies; and

3. Stigma fuels a feeling of shame that serves as an obstacle to long-term health, whether or not the individual has received treatment.
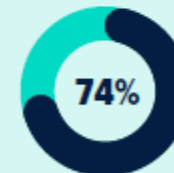
Less than 50% of Americans are willing to have a person in recovery from a substance use disorder marry into their family.

88%

88% of Americans believe employers should provide opportunities for a person with a substance use disorder to seek treatment and stay employed.

46%

46% of Americans with an opioid use disorder expressed feeling ashamed of themselves.

74%

74% of Americans agree more healthcare providers should offer MOUD.

Data from the Shatterproof Addiction Stigma Index, October 2021.

Types of Stigma

Public Stigma

Public Stigma is society's negative attitude toward a group of people, creating an environment where individuals feel unwelcome, judged and blamed.

Structural Stigma

Structural Stigma includes systems-level discrimination caused by institutional policies and/or dominant cultural norms.

Self-Stigma

Self-Stigma occurs when individuals accept societal stereotypes and experience reduced self-esteem and self-efficacy.

Stigma Against MOUD

Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) are effective, clinically proved treatments that help people in their recovery. People recover differently - one way people recover is with MOUD.

Resources

Resources

- OpioidSettlementTracker.com
- NationalOpioidSettlement.com
- Vital Strategies
- Appalachia Opioid Remediation
- National Academy for State Health Policy
- Bipartisan Policy Center
- The Pew Charitable Trusts
- National Association of Counties
- Duke-Robert J. Margolis Center for Health Policy
- Shatterproof

Thank you!

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