

Making the Most of Opioid Abatement Monies:

Natick's community-informed process for preventing and reducing opioid use disorder

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Your community resource for addiction education, prevention, and recovery.

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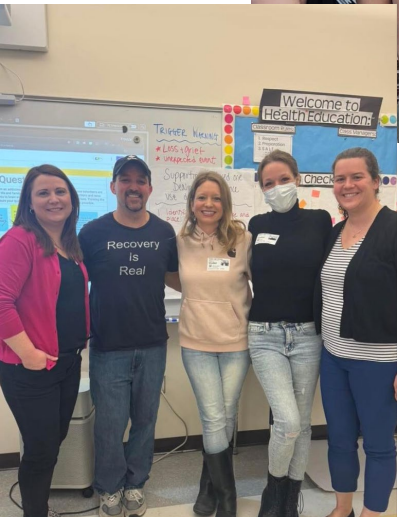


Introduction to Natick 180

**Natick 180's work spans the entire
180 degree continuum of substance use.**



Focus on Community Partnerships



Community Awareness Builds Readiness



Annual Vigil Remembering Lives Lost to Addiction



Purple Flags in Natick Center and Natick Schools

Natick 180 Working Groups

Steering Committee

Governing and decision-making body w/
balance of municipal & community representation



Awareness & Education Action Team

Coordinates prevention and community education efforts

Access to Services Action Team

Coordinates efforts to increase access to treatment and recovery supports

Steering Committee Membership: Balancing municipal and community voices

Municipal Representatives

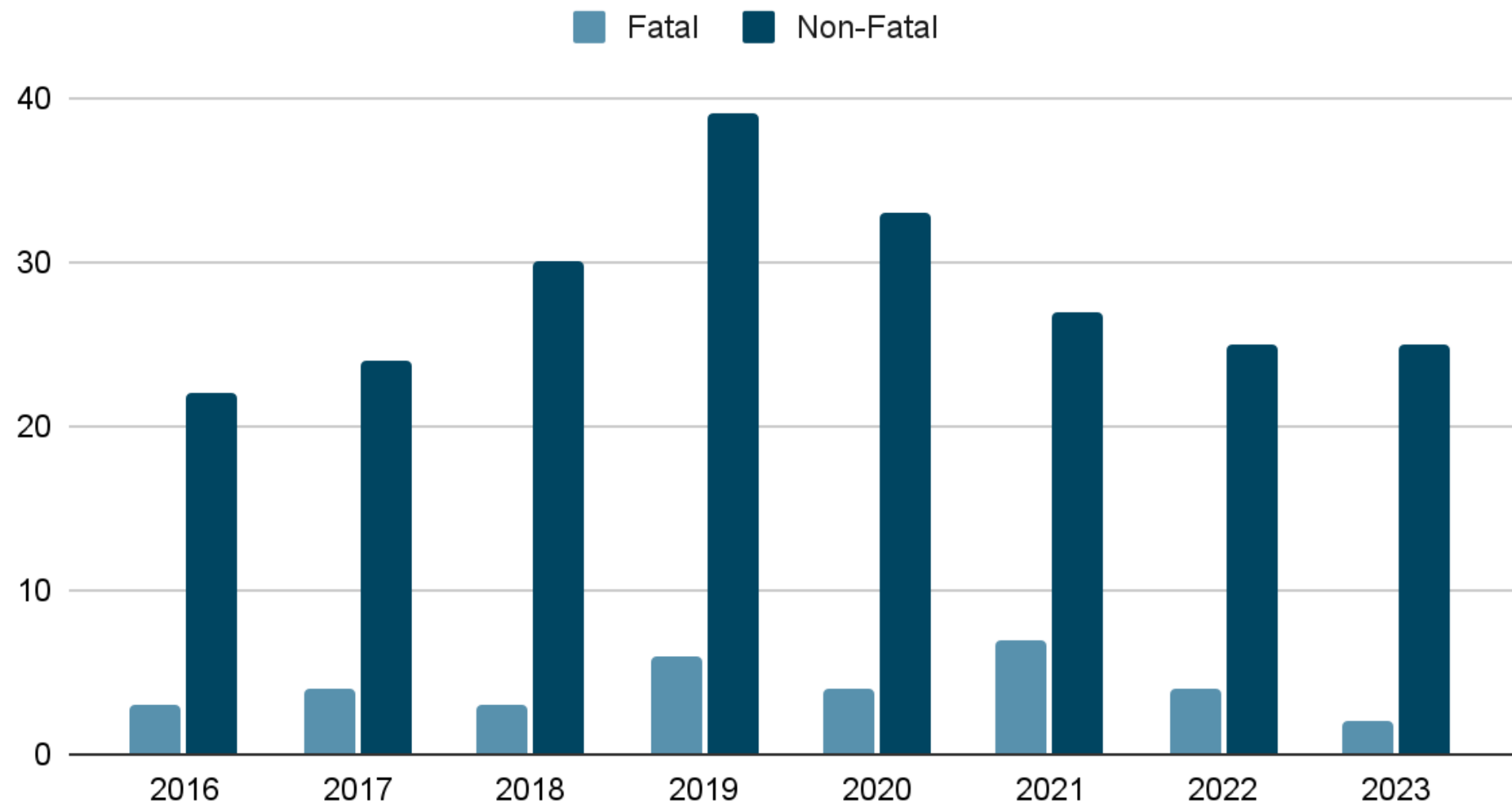
- Police Chief
- Fire Chief
- School Superintendent
- Public Health Director
- Elected Officials
 - Select Board Member
 - Board of Health Member
 - School Committee Member

Community Representatives

- Founder, SOAR Natick
- Director, SPARK Kindness
- Addiction Services Physician, Newton Wellesley Hospital
- Community Liaison, MetroWest Medical Center
- Representative, Natick Interfaith Leaders Association
- Recovery organization
- 2 At-Large members (priority given to person in recovery and/or family members impacted by addiction)

Opioid Overdose Data

Natick Opioid Overdose Data 2016-2023





Current partnerships & priorities

Partnership Examples

Natick Public Schools:

- Health Class Visits at middle & high schools
- NATI youth group at Natick High School
- Teacher Education
- Support at-risk youth

Natick Police Department:

- Share updates on mental health & substance use trends
- Prescription Drug Take Back Day
- Red Hawk Fest

SOAR Natick:

- Purple Flag Project
- Annual Vigil
- Grants to support people in early recovery
- The Journey Bereavement Group



Priorities Across the Continuum

Prevention

- Community education events for parents, caregivers, and youth-serving professionals
- Youth education and engagement
- Early intervention for high-risk youth
- Advocacy for best practices in local policy making and enforcement

Harm Reduction & Treatment

- Post Overdose Support Team (POST)
- Narcan distribution
- Referral services through MetroWest Care Connection and INTERFACE
- Maintain and disseminate community resource list

Recovery

- People in recovery serving across Coalition work groups
- Sponsor recovery-oriented events and resources
- Connections to community organizations that provide financial support
- MetroWest Recovery-Friendly Workplace Initiative



Opioid abatement monies planning & community engagement

Planning & Community Engagement

- Natick 180 strategic planning (2022-2023)
 - Consultant-facilitated
 - Triangulation of quantitative and qualitative data
 - Overdose data from NPD and NFD
 - *MetroWest Adolescent Health Survey* data
 - Key stakeholder interviews w/ individuals in recovery
 - Focus groups w/ parents of middle and high school students
 - Multi-sector strategic planning sessions
 - Priorities identified:
 - Prevention & treatment for mental health concerns
 - Community norms around alcohol and cannabis use
 - Harms from opioid and other illicit drug use
 - Support for people seeking or maintaining recovery



Planning & Community Engagement (Cont.)

- Community Forums (virtual & in-person)
 - Scheduled in-person session at time and location convenient to bereavement support group
 - Themes: Increasing access to harm reduction services, treatment services, support for people in early recovery (financial challenges, housing and transportation)
- Coalition member input–Discussions/recommendations at action team meetings, approval by Steering Committee (upcoming)
- Collaboration with Town Administrator, presentation to Natick Select Board (upcoming)

Natick's Priority Areas for Opioid Abatement Monies

- Maintaining Natick 180 infrastructure/staffing levels
- Referral assistance for behavioral health treatment services
- Expansion of harm reduction services, including naloxone training for transition age youth/young adults (ages 16-25), naloxone and sharps containers in public spaces
- Early intervention services for youth/young adult behavioral health challenges
- Regional efforts to develop opioid awareness communications campaign
- Engagement efforts for Summer-Fall 2024
 - Transition age young adults
 - People who use drugs





Opioid abatement resources

Opioid Abatement Payments

Municipal Abatement Payments Information

<https://www.mass.gov/lists/municipal-abatement-payments>

Municipal Allocation of Distributor Abatement Funds, by Payment	Ex. G Allocation	Year 1 Payment (~ July 2022)	Year 2 Payment (~ September 2022)	Year 3 Payment (~ August 2023)	Years 4-6 Payments (~ July 2024-2026)	Year 7 Pre-Payment (Early 2024)	Remaining Year 7 Payment (~ July 2027)	Years 8-10 Payments (~ July 2028-2030)	Years 11-18 Payments (~ July 2031-2038)	Total
		\$7,303,376.17	\$7,675,492.31	\$7,675,492.37	\$9,606,965.91	\$4,228,482.72	\$3,660,254.01	\$11,298,949.38	\$9,497,907.26	\$169,244,101.50
Montague	0.02914%	\$2,128.30	\$2,236.74	\$2,236.74	\$2,799.59	\$1,232.23	\$1,066.64	\$3,292.66	\$2,767.81	\$49,319.86
Monterey	0.00421%	\$307.74	\$323.42	\$323.42	\$404.81	\$178.18	\$154.23	\$476.10	\$400.21	\$7,131.44
Montgomery	0.00023%	\$16.98	\$17.84	\$17.84	\$22.33	\$9.83	\$8.51	\$26.26	\$22.08	\$393.39
Mt Washington	0.00017%	\$12.75	\$13.40	\$13.40	\$16.77	\$7.38	\$6.39	\$19.73	\$16.58	\$295.51
Nahant	0.03555%	\$2,596.33	\$2,728.62	\$2,728.62	\$3,415.25	\$1,503.21	\$1,301.21	\$4,016.74	\$3,376.48	\$60,165.80
Nantucket	0.11023%	\$8,050.69	\$8,460.88	\$8,460.88	\$10,589.99	\$4,661.16	\$4,034.79	\$12,455.11	\$10,469.77	\$186,561.87
Natick	0.34217%	\$24,989.98	\$26,263.25	\$26,263.25	\$32,872.18	\$14,468.61	\$12,524.30	\$38,661.64	\$32,499.01	\$579,102.96
Needham	0.49141%	\$35,889.26	\$37,717.86	\$37,717.86	\$47,209.24	\$20,779.03	\$17,986.72	\$55,523.76	\$46,673.32	\$831,676.31
New Ashford	0.00027%	\$19.55	\$20.55	\$20.55	\$25.72	\$11.32	\$9.80	\$30.25	\$25.43	\$453.10
New Bedford	2.36174%	\$172,486.70	\$181,275.11	\$181,275.11	\$226,891.48	\$99,865.73	\$86,445.65	\$266,851.71	\$224,315.80	\$3,997,104.23

Additional Resources

Guidance for Municipalities (toolkits, prevention resources, planning guides, etc.)

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/guidance-for-municipalities-utilizing-opioid-settlement-abatement-payments#municipal-opioid-settlement-funding-expenditure-dashboard->

CARE Massachusetts - technical assistance for communities

<https://www.caremass.org/>

BSAS Enrollments in Substance Addiction Services - Services Dashboard

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/data-on-enrollments-in-substance-addiction-services#about-this-dashboard->

Natick's BSAS Dashboard

Community Profile

Select a community

Natick

Population: 37,006

Overview

Deaths

ER Visits

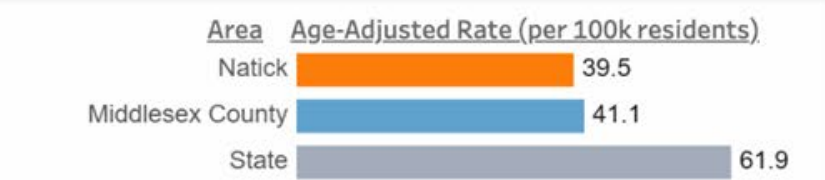
Substance Addiction Services

Deaths

July 2022 - June 2023

[Notice on deaths data](#)

15 Any Substance-Related Deaths



7 Opioid-Related Deaths

6 Alcohol-Related Deaths

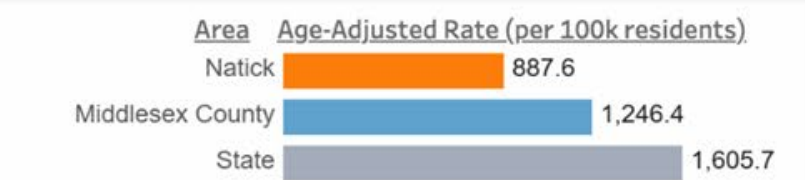
5 Stimulant-Related Deaths

Emergency Events

Jan 2023 - Dec 2023

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328 Any Substance-Related ER Visits



15 Opioid-Related ER Visits

32 Opioid-Related EMS Incidents

234 Alcohol-Related ER Visits

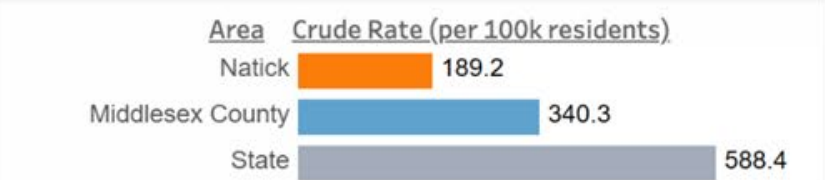
* Stimulant-Related ER Visits

Substance Addiction Services

Jan 2023 - Dec 2023

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70 Individuals Admitted to BSAS Services



21 mi. Avg. Distance to BSAS Provider

1,263 Bup. RX's Filled

116 Individuals Who Received Bup. Rx's

269 Naloxone Kits Received

38 Naloxone Kits : Opioid Deaths Ratio

0 Fentanyl Test Strips Received



Tips for engaging stakeholders

- **Remember: Opioid abatement monies are supposed to center voices of people directly impacted by the opioid crisis, such as people who use drugs, people in recovery, and their family members.**
- **Take stock of your infrastructure/capacity and select community engagement activities accordingly.** Community surveys and listening sessions can be helpful starting points. Focus groups, key stakeholder interviews, and other more time intensive activities might require hiring a consultant.
- **Host community events that serve/support populations that have been impacted by opioid addiction.** Events like vigils and overdose prevention/response trainings can create opportunities for impacted community members to experience support and begin to connect with others.
- **Don't expect impacted populations to come to you.** Be present at as many community events as possible. Many folks are eager to share their stories with people who listen with respect and compassion.
- **Community engagement is ongoing, not a one-time activity.** Consider deepening outreach to subpopulations, such as transition age young adults or grandparents raising grandchildren.

Contact Information

Natick 180 Coalition

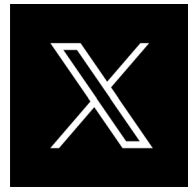
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