

PARTIAL LISTING OF SONOMA COUNTY CURRENT PROGRAMS AND PARTNERSHIPS RE: PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF OPIOID ADDICTION AND PREVENTION OF OPIOID RELATED DEATHS, AND IDENTIFIED FUTURE NEEDS

This document was prepared by Sonoma County Counsel for cities in Sonoma County with a population greater than 10,000 considering participation in the partial settlement of litigation against the manufacturers and distributors of opioids. (see <https://nationalopioidsettlement.com>). It is by no means exhaustive, and is intended to be a snapshot of programs likely to be eligible for settlement funding restricted to abatement uses according to the settlement documents.

For all residents of Sonoma County who are eligible for County services (i.e. Medi-Cal beneficiaries, indigent, undocumented uninsured and underinsured), the County Department of Health Services (DHS) provides or contracts to provide a range of substance use disorder treatment, including opioid and poly-substance use disorders. This includes:

- Medication Assisted Treatment (i.e. Methadone and Suboxone) for opioid addiction through two providers: the Redwood Empire Addiction Program operated by the Drug Abuse Alternatives Center (“DAAC”) and the Santa Rosa Treatment Program. Both programs also treat private pay and privately insured patients.
- Outpatient and residential services for adults, including criminal justice and child welfare involved clients and participants in Sonoma County Drug Court, i.e. Athena House and Women’s Recovery Services residential programs for women with dedicated perinatal beds, Buckelew in partnership with Helen Vine in Marin County, Hilltop residential drug treatment (men only) in Lake County, DAAC residential de-tox and intensive outpatient.
- Youth outpatient Substance Use Disorder treatment.

The Sheriff’s Office provides Medication Assisted Treatment to inmates at the Main Adult Detention Facility. The Federally Qualified Health Centers (community clinics primarily serving the Medi-Cal population) located throughout the County (approximately 18 total) also provide Medication Assisted Treatment, including Buprenorphine and Naltrexone.

Other County-wide activities include:

- County-wide coalition known as the AOD (Alcohol and Other Drug) Prevention Partnership work is ongoing to increase access to Naloxone (i.e. Narcan) and engaging pharmacies in supplying Naloxone. The Partnership has a subcommittee devoted to opioid/prescription drug abuse prevention
- The Safe Medicine Disposal Program
- The Learning Collaborative educating and engaging social workers in the County Human Services Department on how to target and improve services for families impacted by opioid addiction
- Juvenile Dependency Drug Court
- Initial stages of a County-wide advertisement campaign regarding the opioid Fentanyl and overdose prevention spearheaded by the District Attorney’s Office alongside law enforcement
- Partnership with Substance Use Navigators at local hospitals
- Annual review of the opioid prescribing guidelines for non-palliative pain.

Treatment and programs needing additional funding include:

- Residential and more robust outpatient treatment for youth and transitional age youth (18-21) suffering from substance use disorders.
- Increased access to treatment for inmates.
- County-wide training and distribution of Narcan, i.e. libraries, school nurses, treatment facilities, homeless outreach, law enforcement for distribution to the public, other first responders, community colleges and universities.
- Increased use of ODMAP, a nationally used software program to track overdose data in real-time.
- School-based early intervention.