

The HEALing Communities Study

A Cooperative Agreement in partnership with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

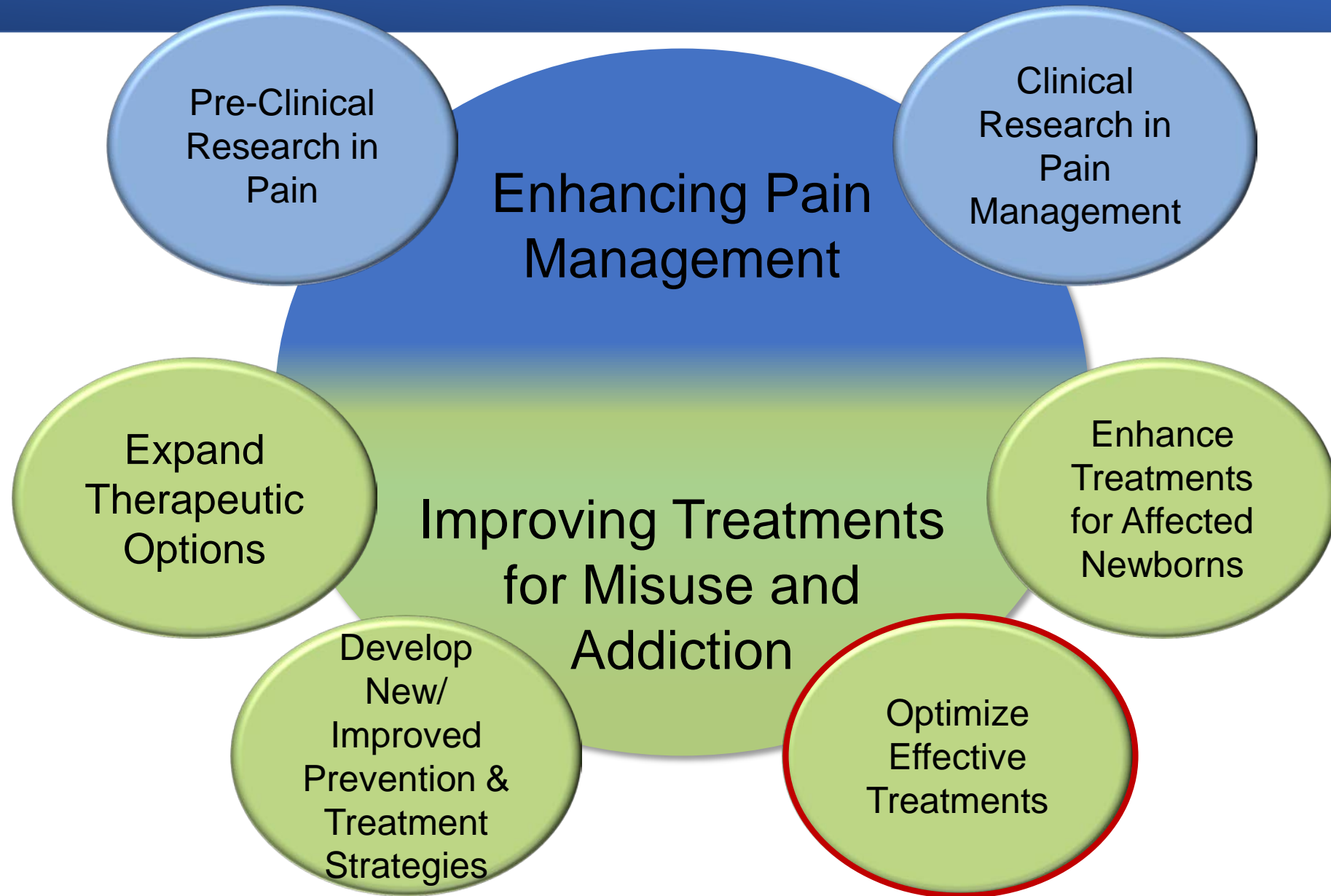
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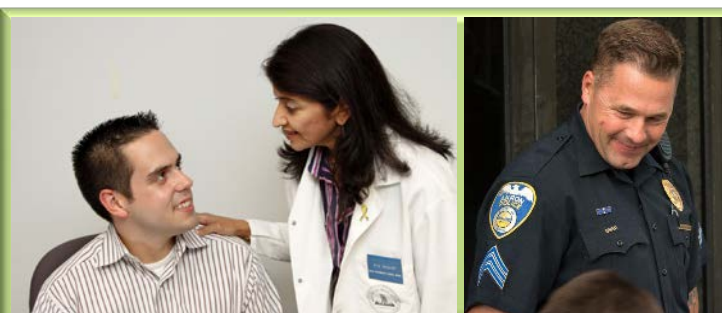


HEAL Initiative Research: Overview



Improving Prevention and Treatment for Opioid Addiction

- Optimize Effective Treatments
 - Enhancing the NIDA Clinical Trials Network to address opioids
 - Promoting innovation in the criminal justice system
 - Justice Community Opioid Intervention Network
 - Understanding the role of behavioral health interventions
 - Behavioral Research to Improve Adherence to Medication-based treatment for OUD (BRIM)
 - Integrating multiple evidence based interventions in communities
 - The HEALing Communities Study



The HEALing Communities Study: Primary Goal and Key Outcomes

Primary Goal:

- Develop an evidence-based, integrated and comprehensive strategy that reduces opioid-related overdose fatalities by 40% in 3 years across communities highly affected by the opioid crisis

Key Outcomes:

- Reduce overdose fatalities and events
- Increase naloxone access
- Decrease incidence of OUD
- Increase the number of individuals:
 - receiving medication and behavioral treatment
 - retained in treatment beyond 6 months
 - receiving recovery support services

The HEALing Communities Study: Settings

Healthcare

- Primary care
- Emergency departments
- Inpatient hospital care
- Behavioral health

Criminal Justice

- Jails
- Prisons
- Parole/Probation
- Drug courts

Community

- Families
- Schools
- Police and fire departments
- Faith-based organizations
- Housing & Employment

The HEALing Communities Study: 3-Step Review Process

- **1. Primary Review:**

- Peer review panel of non-federal subject matter experts
- Assess for scientific and technical merit
- Site visits

- **2. Secondary Review:**

- NIDA National Advisory Council
- Recommend for approval most meritorious applications

- **3. Final Selection:**

- NIDA Director

The HEALing Communities Study: Research Sites

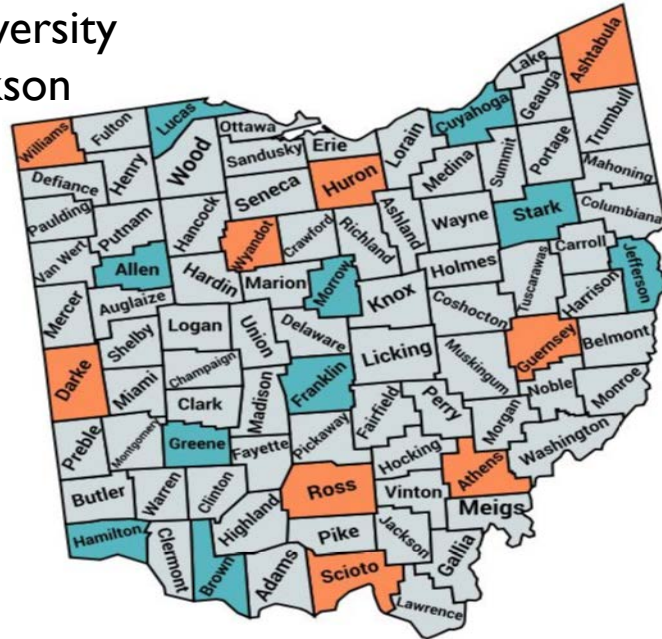


Rural Communities

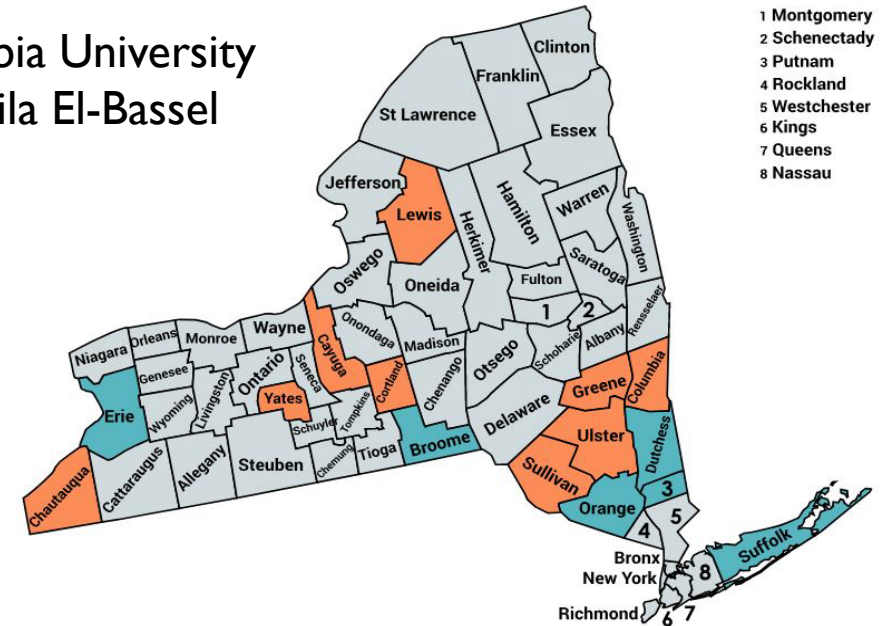


Urban Communities

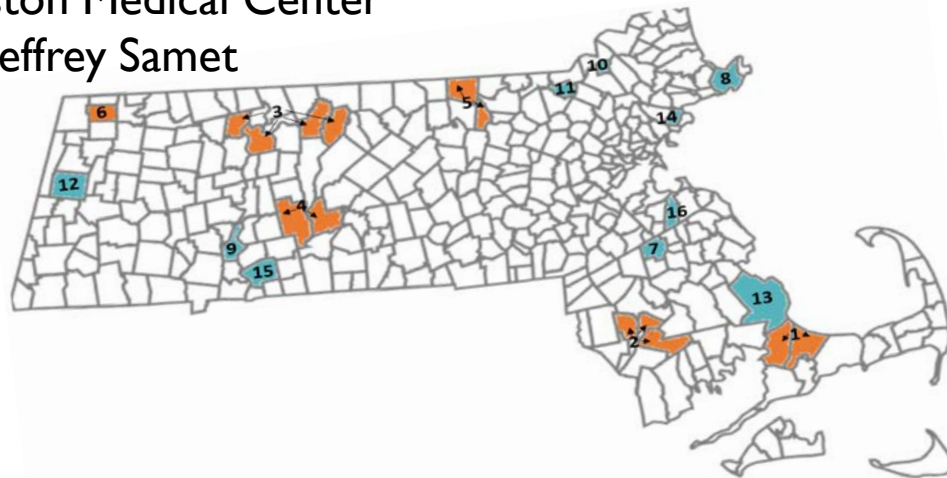
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PI: Rebecca Jackson



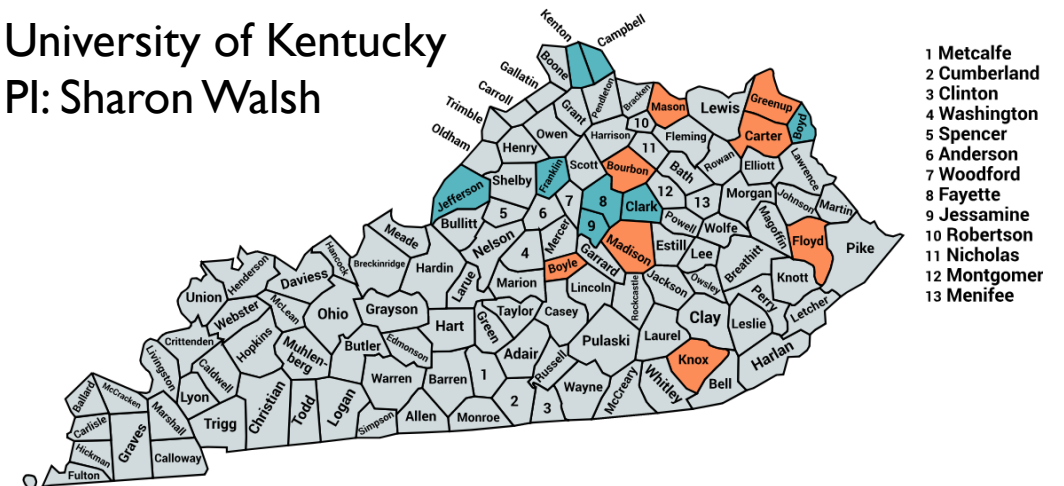
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PI: Nabila El-Bassel



Boston Medical Center
PI: Jeffrey Samet

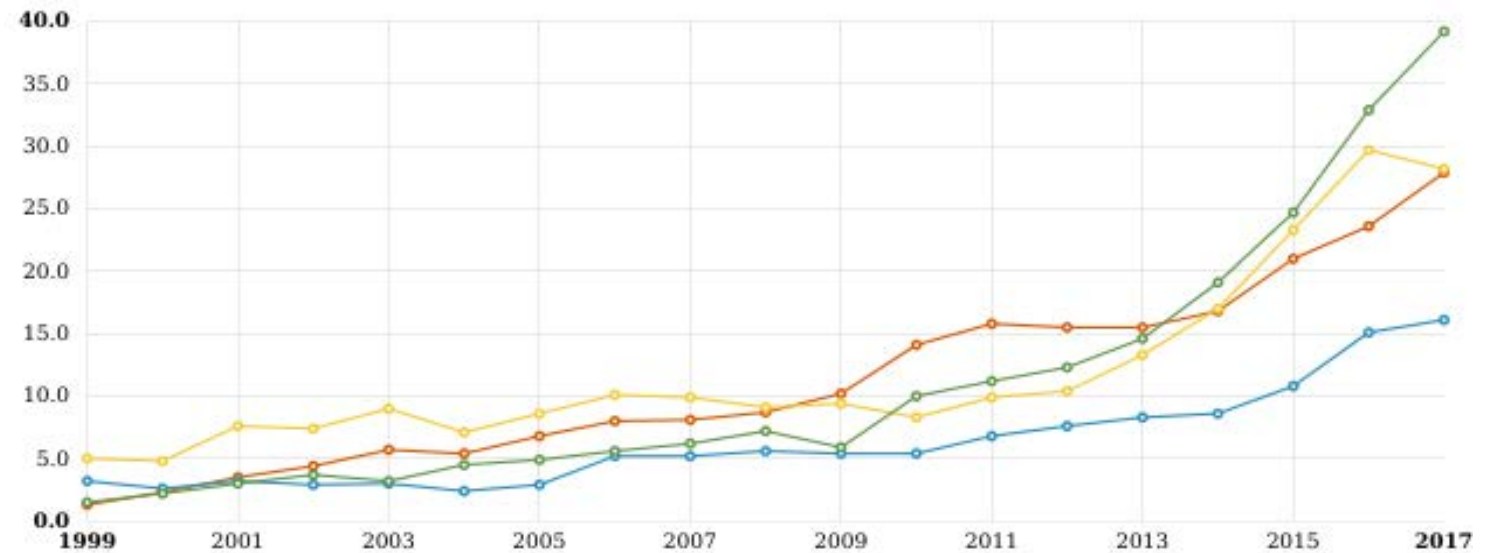


University of Kentucky
PI: Sharon Walsh

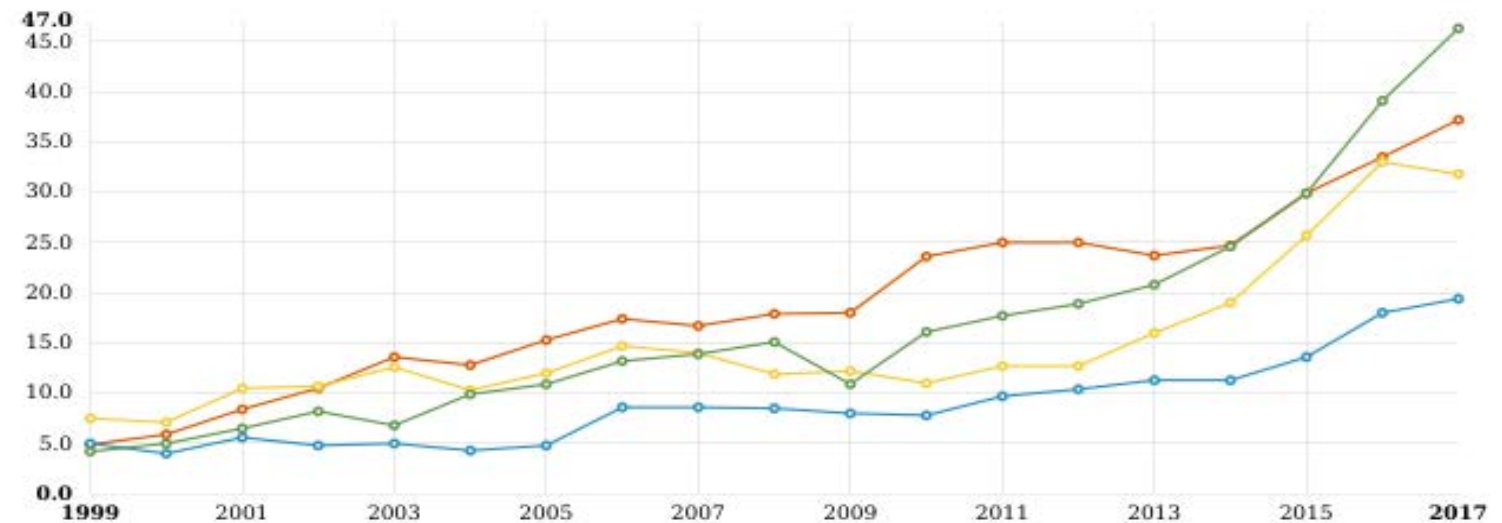


Overdose Rates per 100,000 Population (age-adjusted) in Research Site States

Opioid Overdose Deaths



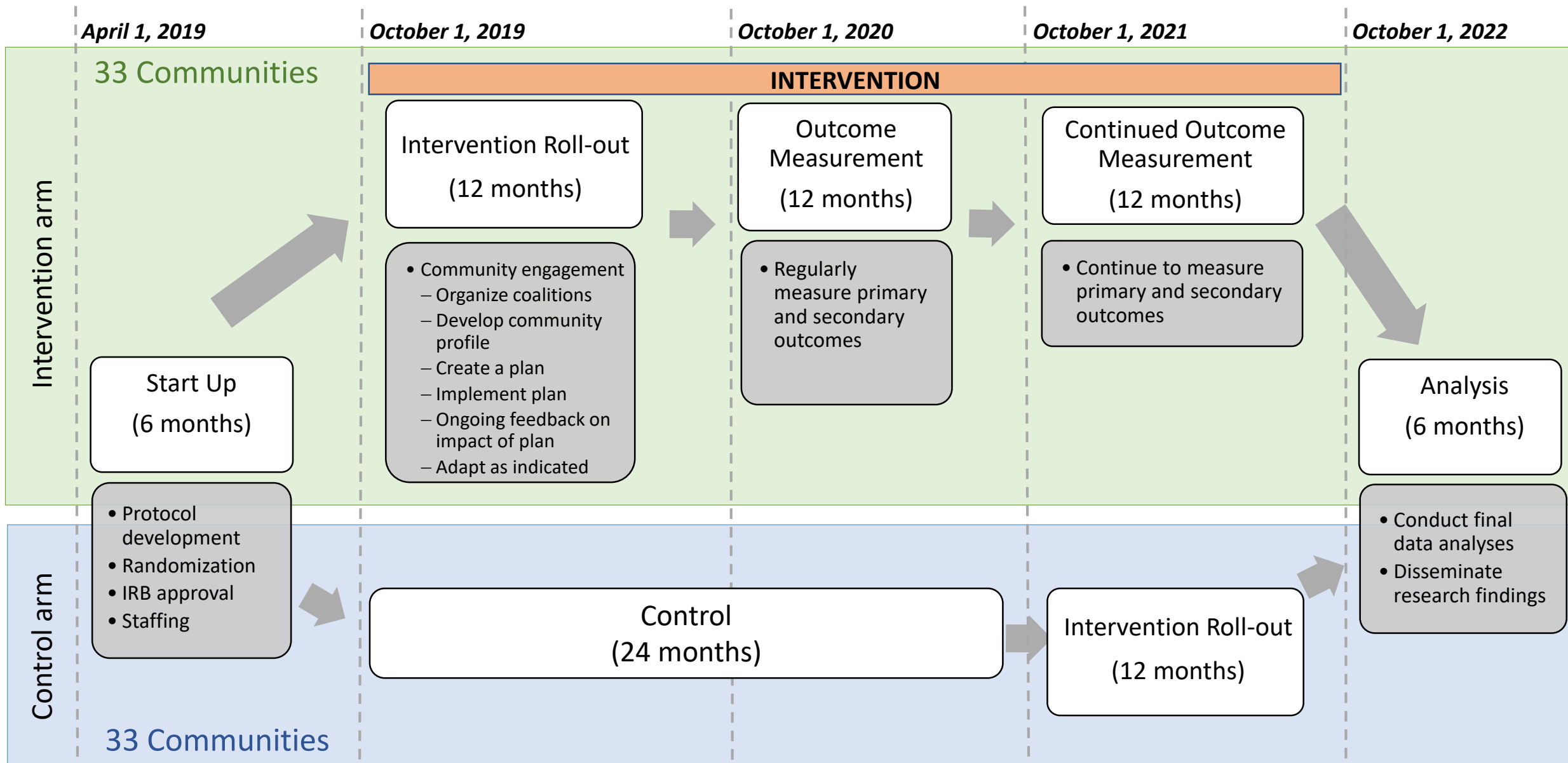
All Drug Overdose Deaths



Data Coordinating Center

- RTI International, North Carolina
- PIs: Rick Williams, Kevin Conway, and Gary Zarkin
- Data Collection and Data Analysis
- Health Economic Research
- Dissemination of Research Findings

The HEALing Communities Study: Study Design and Timeline





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