Promising Programs for Youth Affected by Opioid Use

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Learning Objectives

- Update on the epidemic among young adults
- Profile innovative programs available to youth in the US







Opioid Epidemic Among Youth







Opioid use among young adults

NSDUH (2016)

Heroin: Trends in Annual Use, Risk, Disapproval, and Availability

Use % who used in last 12 months

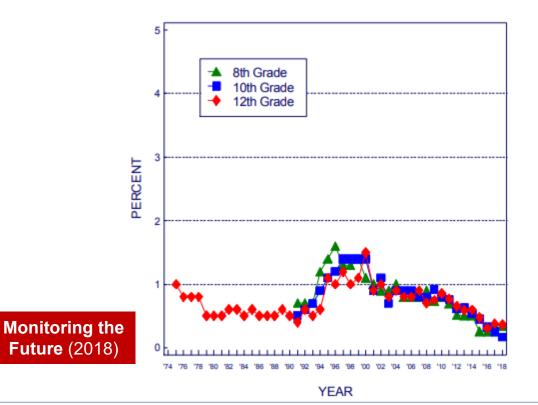
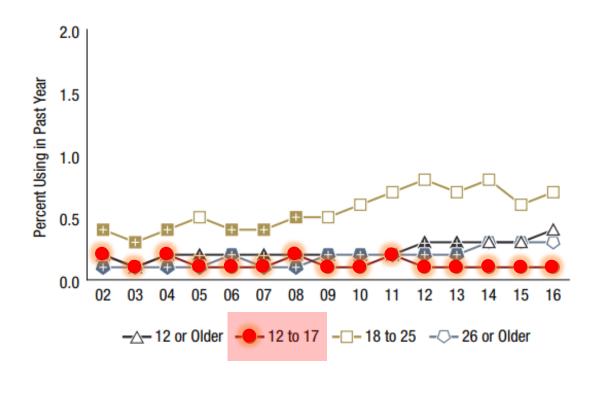


Figure 29. Past Year Heroin Use among People Aged 12 or Older, by Age Group: Percentages, 2002-2016



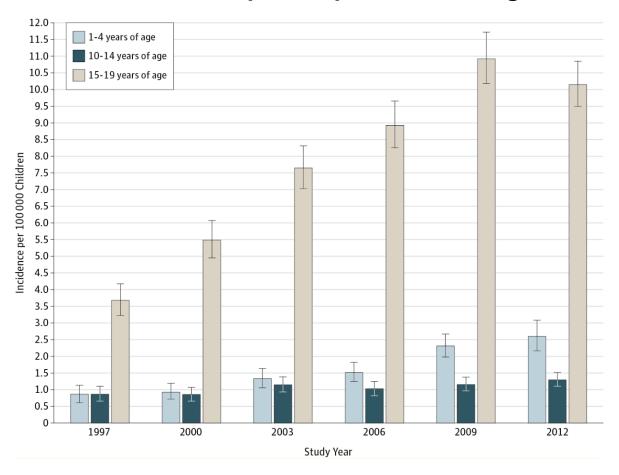






Opioid poisonings

Hospitalizations for Prescription Opioid Poisonings Stratified by Age Category



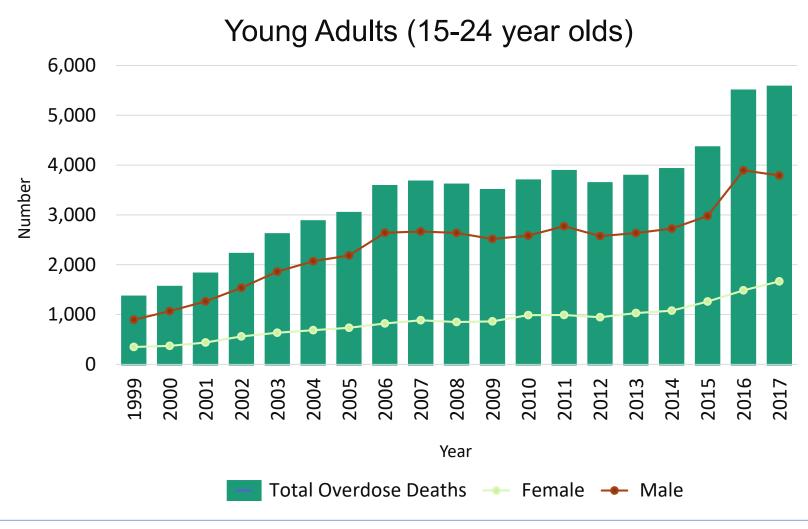
Pediatric hospitalizations for opioid poisonings increased nearly 2-fold from 1997 to 2012







Overdose deaths involving all drugs

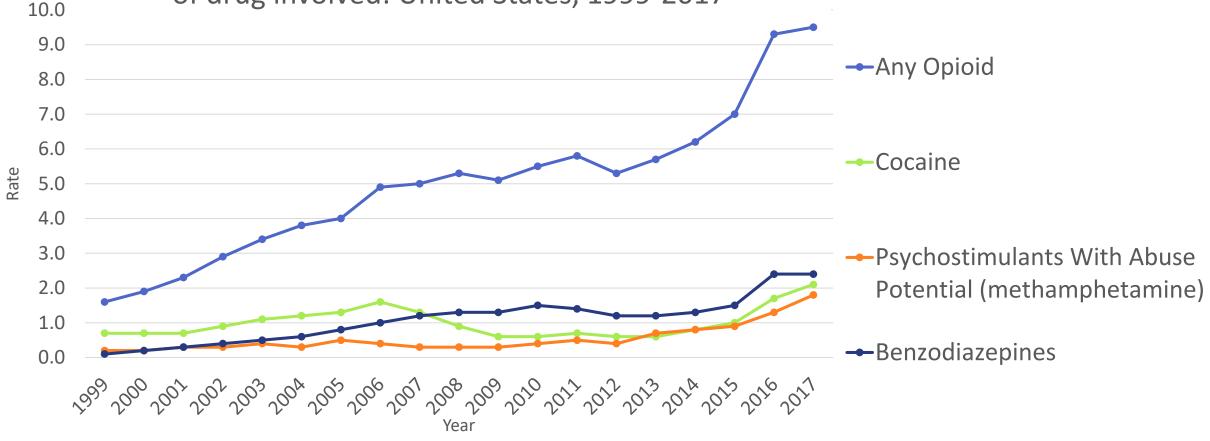






Type of drugs involved in overdose

Drug Overdose Death Rates for 15-24 year olds by type of drug involved: United States, 1999-2017









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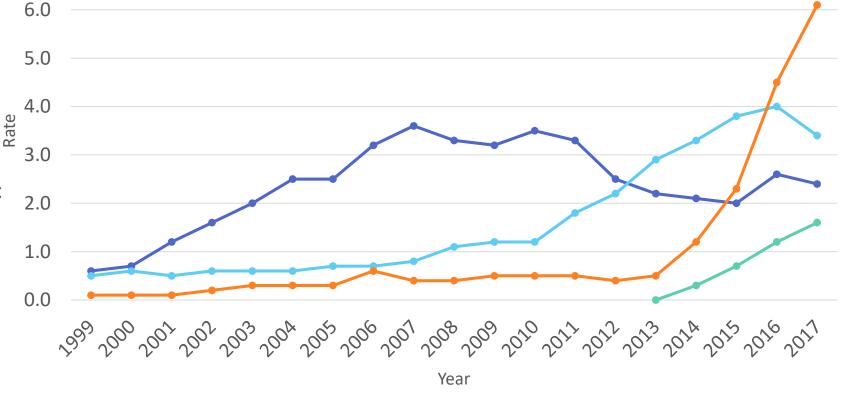
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--- Heroin

Heroin AND Other Synthetic Narcotics

Other Synthetic Narcotics (fentanyl)

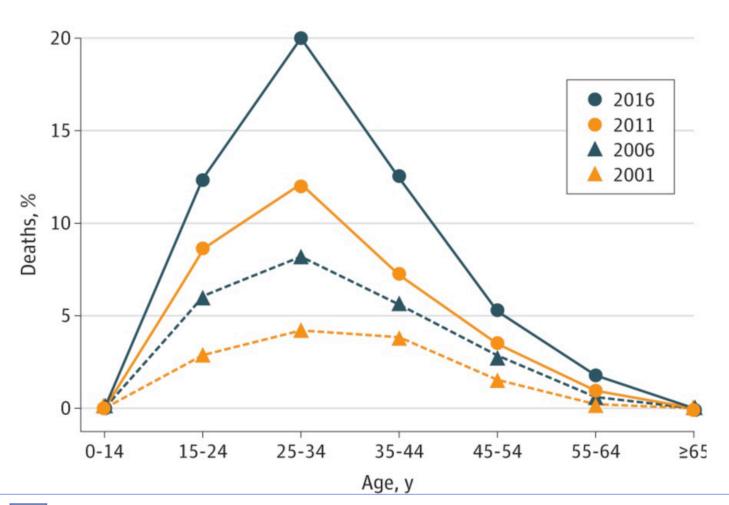








Significant increase in deaths and opioid use disorder



9.4% increase of all deaths attributed to opioids among 15-24 yo

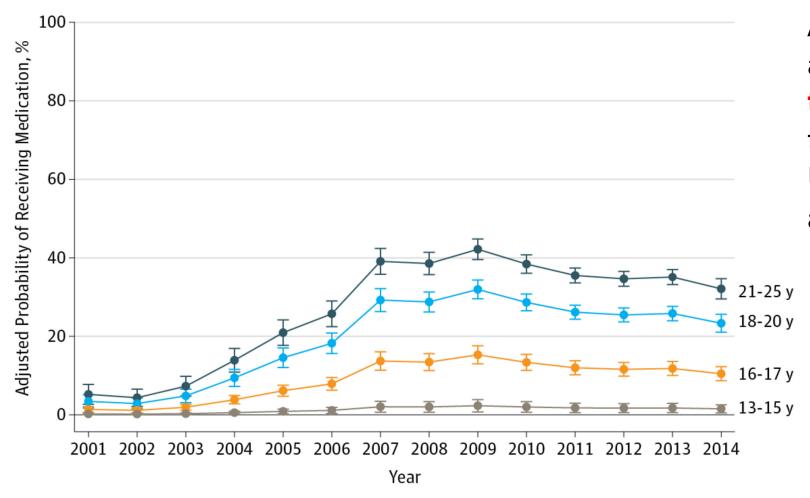
From 2013 to 2014, 42% increase in prevalence of opioid use disorder among 11-29 yo in MA







Access to medication treatment



Availability of services for adolescents is limited: fewer than 1 in 3 specialty drug treatment programs in the United States offers care to adolescents

From 2000 to 2014 only 1 in 4 youth diagnosed with OUD received medication (buprenorphine or naltrexone) within 6 months of diagnosis

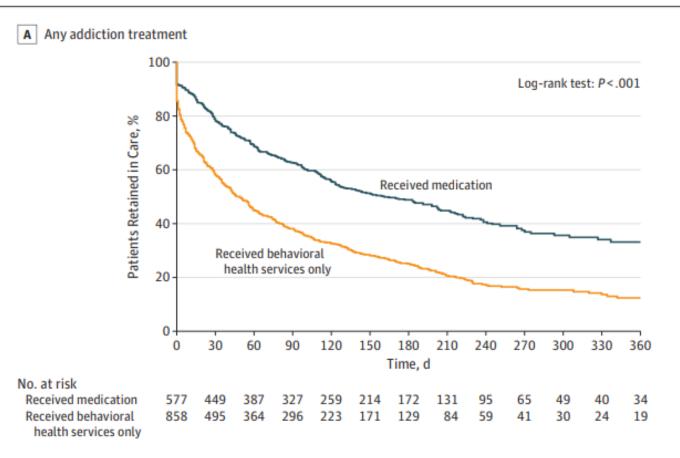






Retention in medication treatment

Figure. Retention in Care According to Timely Receipt of Opioid Use Disorder Medication Within 3 Months of Diagnosis Among Youths



Only 4.7% of adolescents younger than 18 years and 26.9% of young adults 18+ received timely OUD medications

Medications independently associated with lower attrition from treatment compared to behavioral health services alone







Early intervention creates opportunities

- ☐ Risk of developing a substance use disorder is linearly correlated with age of initiation
- ☐ Children who initiate drinking before age 14 are ~5 times more likely to develop an alcohol use disorder compared with those who initiate at age 19
- ☐ Brief, early interventions in the context of usual medical care work

Prevent long-term complications of substance use

short-term consequenc es of substance

Prevent

use

Addressing SU early

Decrease toxicity to developing brain

Help youth realize their potential and achieve their goals





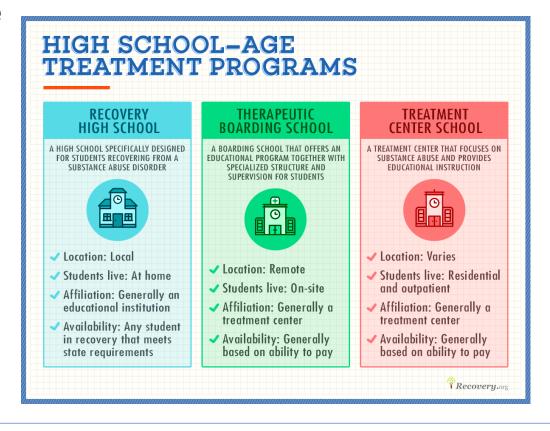


Recovery High Schools

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Schools specifically designed for students recovering from substance use

Finch et al (2017): Adolescents attending recovery schools were significantly more likely to report complete abstinence at the 6-month follow-up









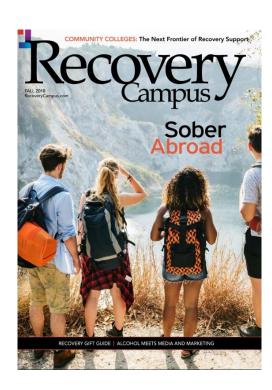
Collegiate Recovery Programs

College or University-provided, supportive environment the engages students for continued recovery from substance use

Educational opportunity alongside recovery support

Drop-in center at
Minneapolis
Community and
Technical College:
Licensed counselor
and work-study
students available
on-site











STRENGTHENING Families PROGRAM

FOR PARENTS AND YOUTH 10-14



12 randomized control trials have found:

PARENTS REPORTED

- Increased family unity
- · Increased positive communication
- Increased positive parenting skills
- Improved family management and organization
- Improved parent/child relationship
- Decreased family conflict

CHILDREN EXPERIENCED

- Increased social skills, cooperation and pro-social friends
- · Improved school performance
- Reduced misconduct and aggression
- Reduced depression and anxiety
- Dramatically reduced tobacco, alcohol and drug abuse use

- Designed to encourage happier family relationships, improve mental health outcomes, decrease youth alcohol and drug use
- ☐ 7- to 14-week skills courses with individual and family sessions
- □ Adapted in all 50 states and 36 countries







LifeSkills Training

Available for elementary, middle, and high school ages

Typically combine training in self-management skills, social skills, and substance use resistance skills

Particular Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention Module







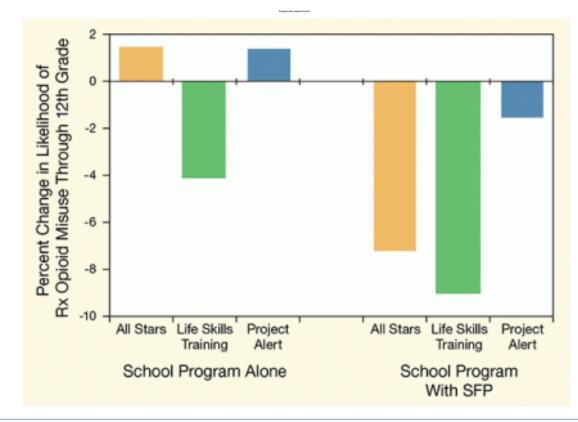




PROSPER (Promoting School-community-univesrity Partnerships to Enhance Resilience

NIDA-funded trial in 14 Iowa and Pennsylvania communities that chose among a menu of intervention options for their 7th grade students

Considered LifeSkills Training, Project Alert, and All Stars in conjunction with the Strengthening Families Program









The Phoenix

Sober active community: provides fitness programs, facilitated by instructors in recovery themselves

Membership fee: 48 hours of sobriety









Bridge Over Troubled Waters

Offers street outreach, mobile medical van, runaway hotline, counseling and support, education and career development

Daily "foot patrol"

Mobile Medical Van: provides medical attention, survival kits, clothes, food, and referrals

Operates independent housing for young adults and emergency youth shelter, *Warming Center*













Familias Unidas

Substance use and sexual risk behavior prevention intervention for Hispanic youth and families

Targets risk and protective factors

Led by a trained facilitator through 8 multiparent groups and 4 family sessions





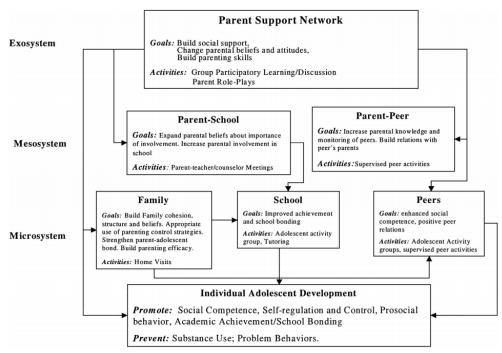


Fig. 1. Intervention goals and activities in the four specified levels of the Familias Unidas intervention model.







Youth Clubhouses

Community-based havens that provide peer-driven suppor services in a non-clinical setting

Homework help and tutoring, sports and fitness, community service,

group entertainment and peer mentoring

















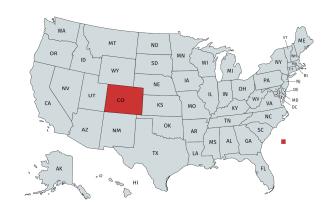
Statewide social marking campaign to encourage conversations between parents and teens around substance use and abuse



RISE ABOVE COLORADO

Drug abuse prevention organization that seeks to empower teens to make healthy choices

Collaboration with Partnership for Drug-Free Kids and Colorado Meth Project











CATALYST Clinic at Boston Medical Center



- Opened 6/2016 in response to gap in addiction treatment services for adolescents and young adults at BMC
- Co-located in Adolescent Center and Adult Primary Care
- Integrated, comprehensive care team
 - Clinical/medical: Medical Director, Adolescent Physician, Addiction Nurse Care Manager
 - Behavioral health: Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker (LICSW), Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW), Addiction Psychiatrist
 - Recovery support: Two recovery coaches
 - Administrative: Program Manager and Coordinator







Start Talking



Tools to start conversations between parents, educators, community leaders, and youth about living healthy lives

HOPE: K-12 curriculum developed for schools including lessons, assessments, and learning materials to develop functional knowledge, attitudes, and necessary skills to prevent drug abuse

5 Minutes for Life: Ohio State Troopers, Ohio National Guard members and local law enforcement offer 5 minute presentations encouraging responsible decision-making, leadership, and encouraging drug-free lifestyles









Safe medication practices for life.



Michigan Youth Treatment Infrastructure Enhancement (MYTIE)



Initiative to guide development of effective continuum of care for transitional aged youth (16-21 years old) and their guardians

Increase service and treatment access, establish partnerships, identify disparities and barriers that affect access to treatment



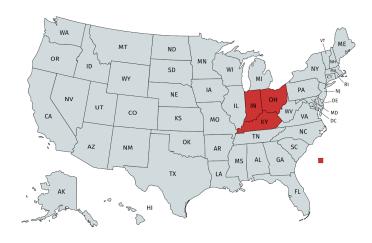




Teens Linked to Care (TLC)

Develop a framework for schools to address HIV, STD, teen pregnancy, high-risk substance use through education, primary prevention, and early detection screening in 3 pilot rural communities: Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio

Implementation of program activities through Youth Advisory Boards (YAB) and Community Advisory Boards (CAB)









Operation Prevention

DEA and Discovery Education initiative to create a comprehensi

cost program for opioid misuse

Includes virtual field trips, parent resources

Operation Prevention Video Challenge









Opioid Affected Youth Initiative (OAYI)

US Department of Justice initiative in Miami-Dade County to develop data-driven, coordinated responses to address opioid use among youth under 25 years old



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