

Substance Use Crisis Causes and Context

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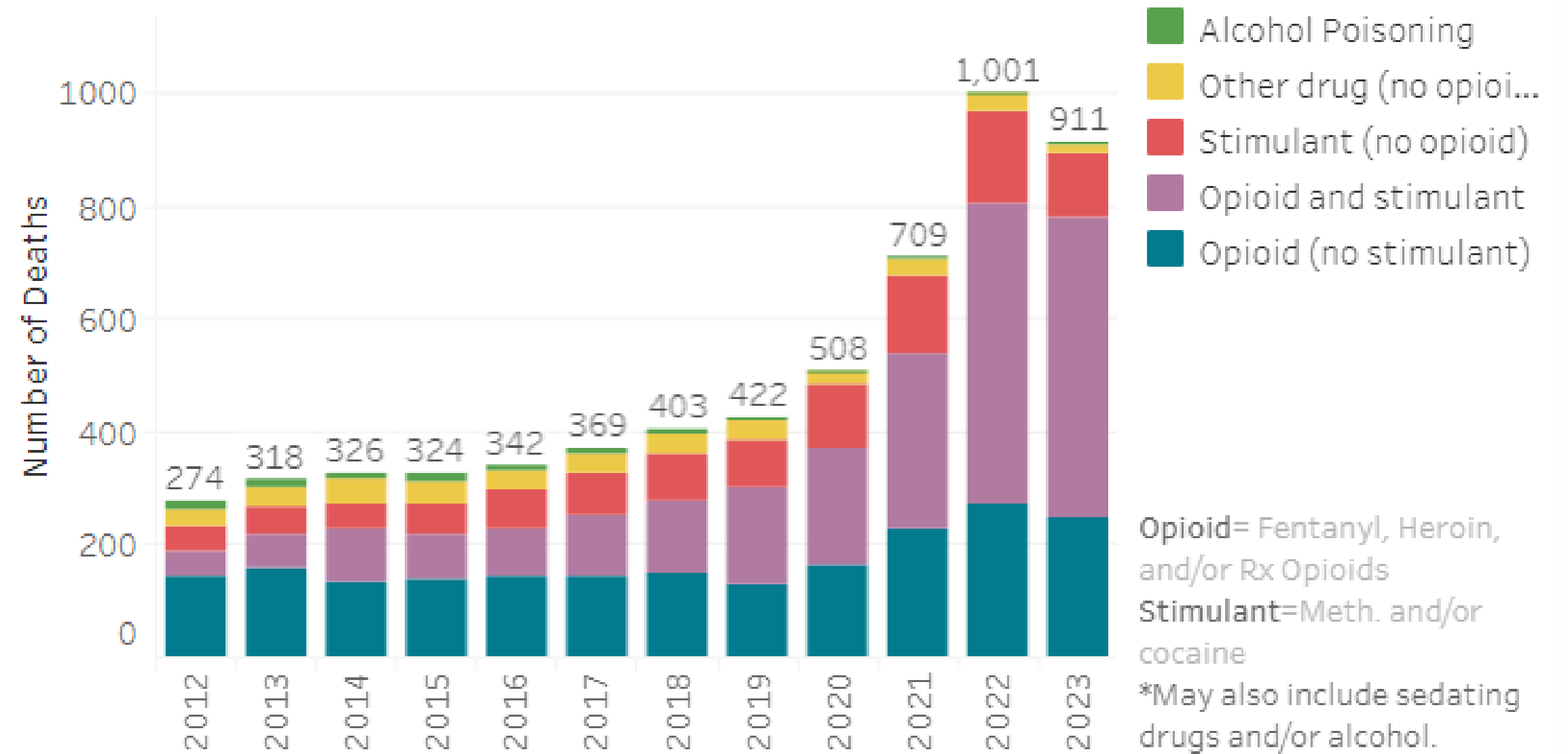
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Current State of Overdoses in King County

Drug & Alcohol Poisoning Deaths, King County

Count ▼

(Note: Bar chart can be viewed in terms of counts or rates; each decedent with an overdose death is represented once.)



As of 09/15/2023

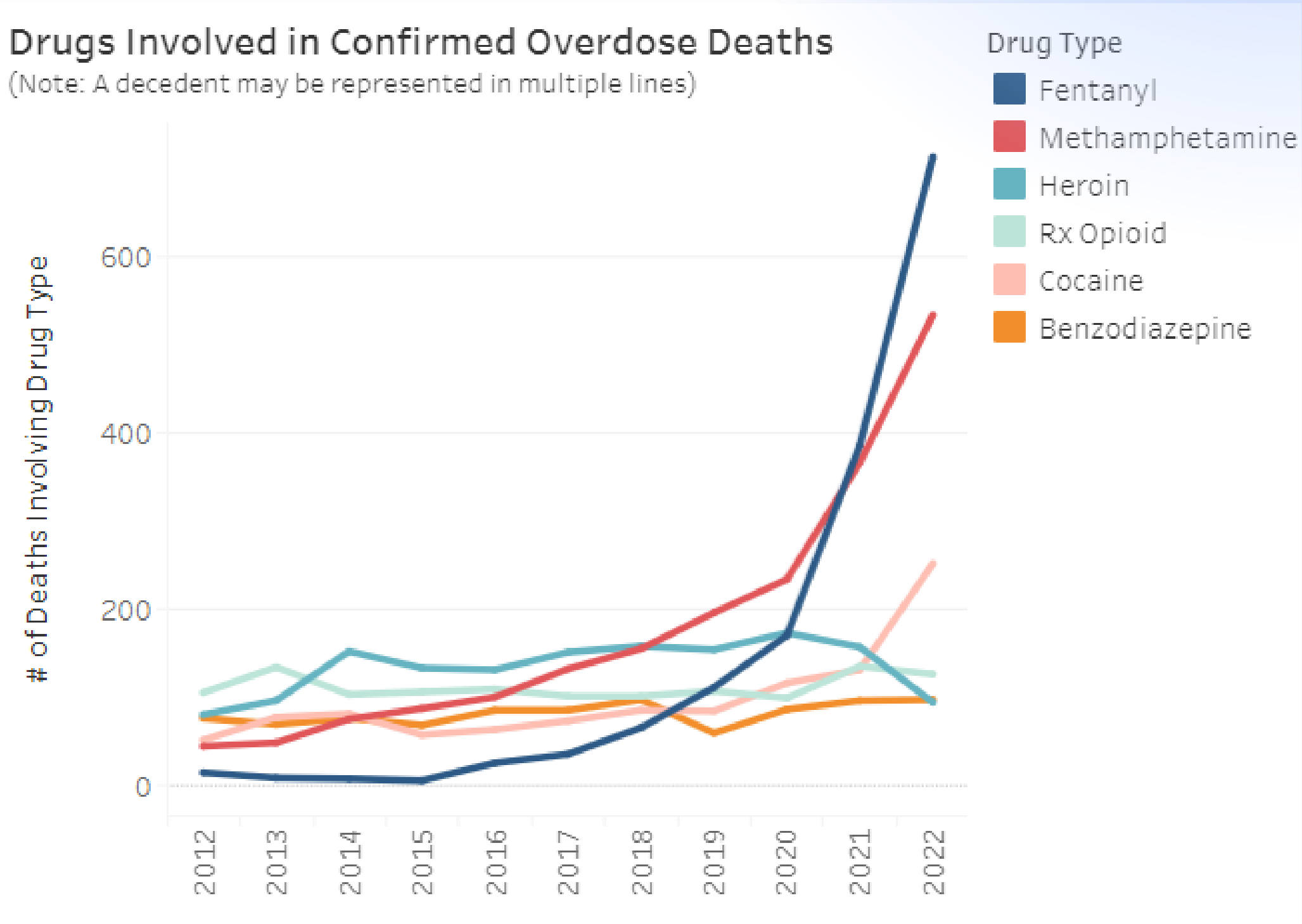


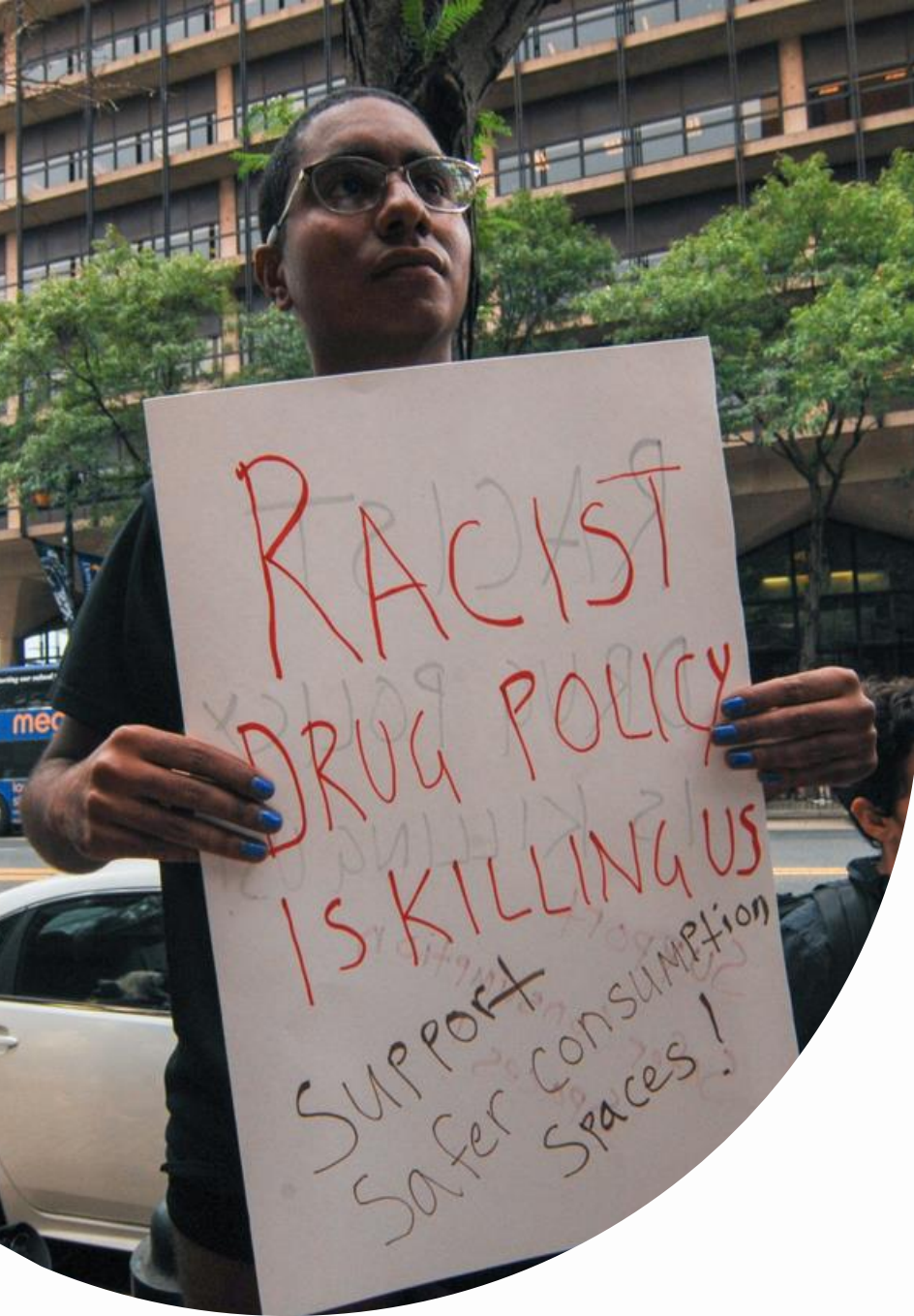
Complex Drivers of Current SUD Crisis

- Drug supply, lethality, and costs
- Historical approaches to the problem
- Lack of access to treatment
- Need for new and varied treatment models

Drug Supply, Lethality, and Costs

- Changes to the drug supply.
- Easier for experimentation.





Historical Approaches to the Problem

- ✦ The War on Drugs has had a disproportionate impact on communities of color.
- ✦ In King County, we see large disparities in health outcomes like overdoses in the American Indian/Alaskan Native (NH) and Black (NH) communities.
- ✦ Reflect on the impact of incarceration on these communities, generational trauma, and ACEs.

Historical Lack of Access to Treatment



**Stigma:
blaming and
shaming the
individual**



**Historic
Underfunding/
Siloed and
fragmented
systems/funding**



**Not enough
treatment and
treatment
options**



**Difficulty
navigating
and no front
door**



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Need to evolve our treatment system and options

- Medication first for Opioid Use Disorder
- Bring treatment to people
 - More outreach based versus coming to the office
- Integrated Care
- Telehealth/tele-prescribing

King County's Response

Continuum of Response



Continuum of Response SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER



PREVENTION AND
EARLY
INTERVENTION



HARM
REDUCTION



TREATMENT &
MANAGEMENT OF
SUBSTANCE USE
DISORDERS

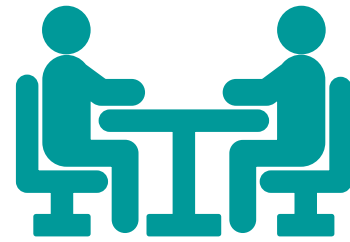


RECOVERY



HEALTH CARE
SYSTEMS
SUPPORT

2022 Substance Use Disorder Treatment Reach



Outpatient SUD Services

4,469
CLIENTS SERVED



SUD Residential Service

1,321
INDIVIDUALS SERVED



**Medication for Opioid
Use Disorder**

15,000 +
INDIVIDUALS SERVED



**Withdrawal Management
Services**

1,267
INDIVIDUALS SERVED



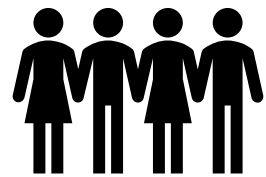
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8,030
INDIVIDUALS SERVED

OBSTACLES to deploying an effective response



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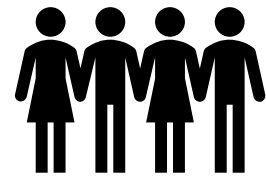


Facilities



Access to Treatment

SOLUTIONS to deploying an effective response



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- Medicaid Rates
- Apprenticeship Program for SUD Professionals



Facilities

- Crisis Care Centers
- Residential Treatment
- Capital Maintenance Funding
- Post Overdose Recovery & Prevention Center



Low Barrier Access

- Next Day Appointments/24 hour Buprenorphine tele-prescribing line
- Medications for Opioid Use Disorder
- Recovery Navigators Program
- Naloxone (Narcan)

Contact Information

The Washington Recovery Help Line (www.warecoveryhelpline.org)

- 1-866-789-1511
- Offers free, caring, confidential help for substance use, problem gambling and mental health services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

BHRD Client Services (<https://bit.ly/BHRD>)

- 206-263-8997
- The BHRD Client Services line and provider directory can help you find a provider and determine whether you are eligible for County Medicaid behavioral health services.

Crisis Connections (www.crisisconnections.org)

- 206-461-3222 or 988
- Crisis Connections is available 24/7, 365 to help anyone experiencing a substance use or behavioral health crisis connect to available and appropriate resources.

Public Health Educational and Harm Reductions Supplies (www.kingcounty.gov/overdose)

- Order overdose prevention educational material, naloxone, and Fentanyl Test Strips.



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Conclusion



Invest



Treat



Innovate