



Wisconsin Department of Corrections Overdose Fatality Review Team

A Statewide Implementation and
Review by a Government Agency





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Wisconsin DOC's Overdose Fatality Review Team

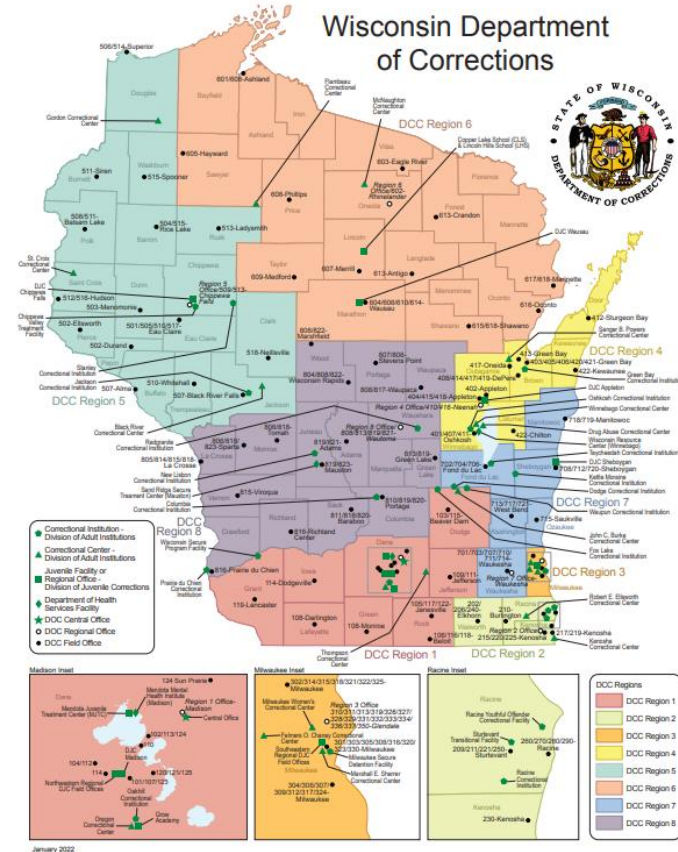


- State of Wisconsin
 - 72 counties
 - Urban and Rural Communities
- Cross-divisional and cross-agency membership
 - Division of Adult Institutions
 - Division of Community Corrections
 - Division of Juvenile Corrections
- Established in March 2021
- Over 40 overdose deaths reviewed

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Wisconsin Department of Corrections



- Division of Adult Institutions (DAI)
 - 18 Male Facilities
 - 14 Male Centers
 - 1 Female Facility
 - 2 Female Centers
- Division of Community Corrections (DCC)
 - 8 Regions
 - 72 Counties



About Wisconsin Corrections

- The Department of Corrections is charged with supervising more than 65,000 clients placed by the courts on probation, parole, or extended supervision in the community and roughly 20,000 persons in our care incarcerated in a Wisconsin State Prison facility
- DCC is allocated approximately 1,920 probation and parole agent and support staff positions throughout the state
- DAI is allocated over 7,000 positions, with over half of those positions being uniformed staff

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History of Opioid Response Initiatives in WI DOC



The story of $1+7 = 8$



Overdose Fatality Review Team and Recommendations



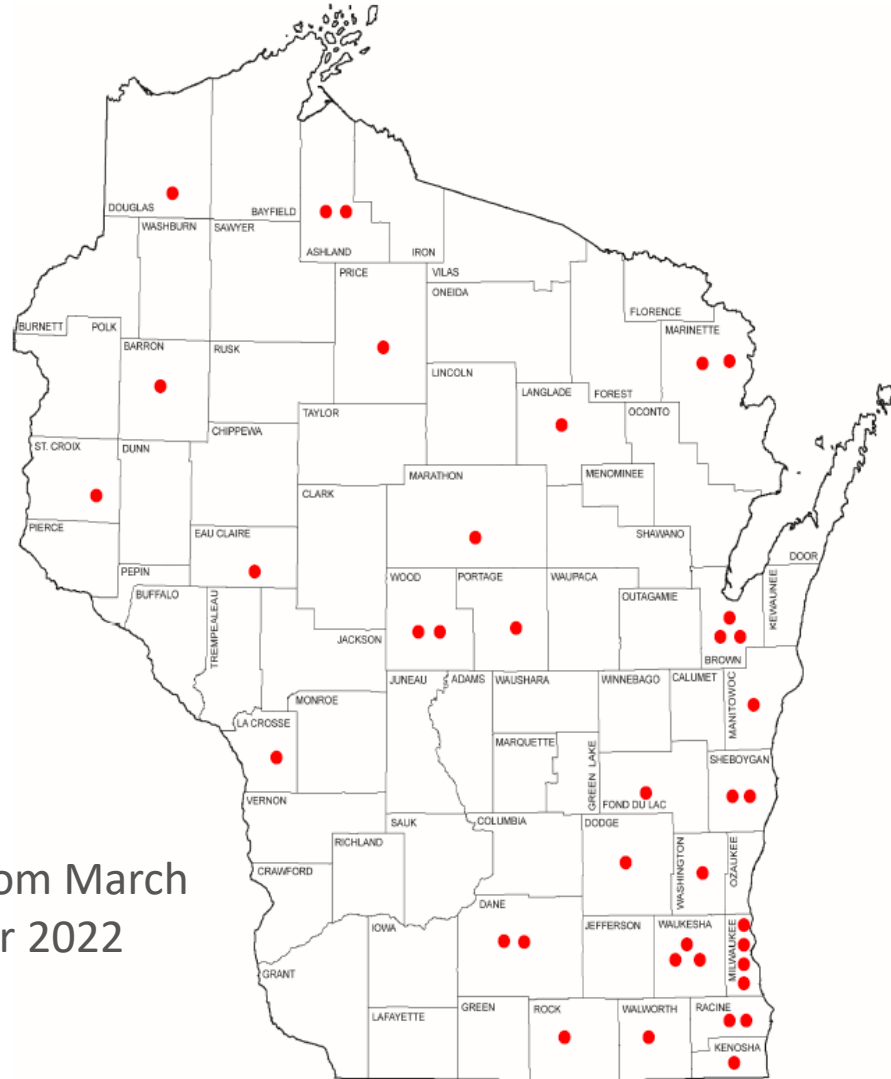
The Creation of the OFRT



- Multidisciplinary membership
 - Division of Adult Institutions
 - Division of Community Corrections
 - Division of Juvenile Corrections
 - Medical College of Wisconsin
 - Community-based Treatment Provider
 - Regular, monthly meetings
 - Identification of gaps and improvements needed
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Cases Reviewed by the OFR



WI DOC Cases Reviewed From March 2020 Through December 2022

County	Age	Gender	Race
Waukesha	42	Male	White
Portage	40	Female	White
Douglas	27	Male	White
Milwaukee	33	Male	Black or African American
Price	35	Male	American Indian or Alaska Native
Waukesha	55	Female	White
Dane	43	Male	White
Fond du Lac	35	Male	White
La Crosse	42	Male	White
Washington	33	Male	White
Waukesha	31	Male	White
Marathon	35	Male	White
Rock	35	Male	White
St. Croix	49	Female	White
Milwaukee	31	Female	White
Brown	27	Male	American Indian or Alaska Native
Eau Claire	38	Male	Black or African American
Milwaukee	40	Female	Black or African American
Sheboygan	33	Male	White
Wood	35	Male	White
Manitowoc	65	Male	White
Racine	41	Male	White
Milwaukee	27	Female	White
Barron	40	Male	White
Racine	28	Male	Black or African American
Kenosha	36	Male	White
Brown	35	Male	White
Walworth	58	Male	Black or African American
Dane	53	Male	Black or African American
Wood	27	Male	White
Dodge	27	Male	White
Brown	19	Female	American Indian or Alaska Native
Jefferson	33	Male	White
Sauk	50	Female	White
Ashland	61	Male	American Indian or Alaska Native
Marinette	34	Male	White
Langlade	39	Female	White
Sheboygan	36	Male	White



**Please join us in a moment of silence
for those we have lost to this epidemic**



Key Recommendation

Create an alert to flag individuals who have a history of opioid use





Opioid Use History Screening Tool



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OPIOID USE HISTORY SCREEN

CLIENT (Last, First) [REDACTED]	FACILITY/REGION NAME [REDACTED]	DOC NUMBER [REDACTED]	DATE OF SCREENING [REDACTED]
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INSTRUCTIONS TO STAFF

- Complete 6 months prior to client release from DAI custody or at intake for DCC.
- If the client answers yes to question 2, 3, or 4, a cautionary flag should be initiated in COMPAS Cautionary Fields

ANSWER EACH OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1. Have you ever been prescribed an opioid medication by a medical professional? YES NO
2. Have you ever used prescription opioid medications in a manner other than which they were prescribed or used someone else's prescribed opioid medications? YES NO
3. Have you ever used heroin, fentanyl, or any related opioid substances in any form or by any route (injections, IV, snorting, ingesting)? YES NO
4. Have you ever been in jail or treatment for an opioid overdose or for opioid use problems? YES NO

STAFF RESPONSES

- If the client answered yes to question 2, 3, or 4, did you add a cautionary flag to COMPAS? YES NO
- If the client answered yes to question 2, 3, or 4, were treatment options, including all MAT options discussed with person? YES NO
- Were MAT materials provided to him/her? YES NO
- Is the client interested in additional treatment? If yes or no, provide details below YES NO

Staff Comments:

[REDACTED]

PRINT NAME OF STAFF: [REDACTED]	SIGNATURE OF STAFF: [REDACTED]	DATE SIGNED ¹ [REDACTED]
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- Cross-agency assistance
- Guides DOC staff
- Assists with soft handoff and increases effectiveness in case management

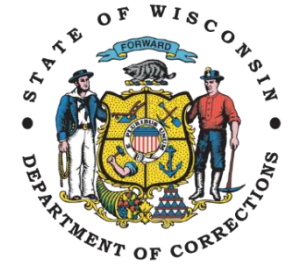
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Additional Initiatives Resulting From OFR Recommendations





Expansion of MAT



- Additional state budget funds allowed for DOC expansion of related MAT services across DCC
- Our program is now a statewide resource available to all clients experiencing opioid use challenges, releasing from one of the 15 DAI sites, and/or supervised by our DCC agents
- Medications now include naltrexone, methadone, and buprenorphine

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Creation of DOC Opioid Advisory Team



- Developed as a recommendation from the DOC Overdose Fatality Review Team
- Purpose is to provide support and assistance to staff as well as resource options to persons in our care and on supervision with difficult opioid-related cases
- A team of cross-divisional, cross-agency, and community staff meet weekly to discuss cases and provide recommendations and guidance
- Recently added the review of reported nonfatal overdoses from the prior week



Harm Reduction Training/Education

- Harm reduction workgroup was formed
- Purpose is to increase awareness and understanding of harm reduction
- A harm reduction training was developed, recorded, and placed in our online learning center for staff
- Harm reduction trainings have been presented to DCC leadership and to several DCC units across the state



Narcan (Naloxone) Distribution



- Narcan is a harm reduction tool used for opioid use
- DOC completed pilot programs for the use of Narcan in Regions 4 & 7
 - Narcan nasal spray distributed to offices for use
 - Training given to all staff for future use
- Recently expanded statewide
- Clients and support individuals can receive Narcan
- Naloxone distribution in DAI

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Nalox-Zone Boxes

- Harm reduction strategy used to reduce overdose events and save lives
- Boxes resemble external defibrillators found in public buildings
- They contain two doses of Narcan, a community resource card, a rescue breathing apparatus for CPR, and instructions for how to reverse a suspected opioid overdose
- Boxes are connected to the DOC office Wi-Fi for immediate communication with the vendor when they are accessed



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Fentanyl Education to Staff and Clients



- Significant increase in fatal overdoses involving fentanyl
 - Harm reduction workgroup created an educational video for staff
 - Information includes education on fentanyl test strips
 - Educate clients and persons in our care on the dangers of fentanyl
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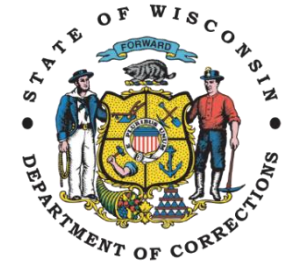


Fentanyl Test Strip Distribution Pilot



- Fentanyl test strips (FTS) are a harm reduction tool to keep people safe
- DCC is piloting the distribution of FTS to offices around the state
 - Two offices in each region are participating, for a total of 16 offices
- Clients are given a kit that includes:
 - 4 test strips
 - 4 vials of sterile water
 - Set of instructions

WI DOC Overdose Trends



Month (2022)	Overdoses (nonfatal)	Overdoses (fatal)
July	116	20
August	88	19
September	81	16
October	78	15
November	71	9



WI DOC's Mission Statement

- **Protect** the public, our staff, and those in our charge
 - **Provide** opportunities for positive change and success
 - **Promote**, inform, and educate others about our programs and successes
 - **Partner** and collaborate with community service providers and other criminal justice entities
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Thank You

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