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EMS-Led Deflection Response to Substance Use Disorder in Florida: Coordinated Opioid Recovery (CORE) Program

National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO)

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Learning Objectives

- Attendees will be able to understand:
 - How EMS agencies can assist patients with substance use disorder after treating their initial emergency.
 - The essential components and purpose of Florida's Coordinated Opioid Recovery (CORE) Program.
 - The basics of two Florida CORE programs and what makes them successful.

Panelists

- Moderator: Mary Hedges, NASEMSO Program Manager - Intro
- Houston Park, Florida Department of Health, SUD Community Paramedicine Coordinator
- Jesse Blair, Captain, Ocala Fire & Rescue EMS
- Joey Kerman, Paramedic, CORE Supervisor, Escambia County EMS



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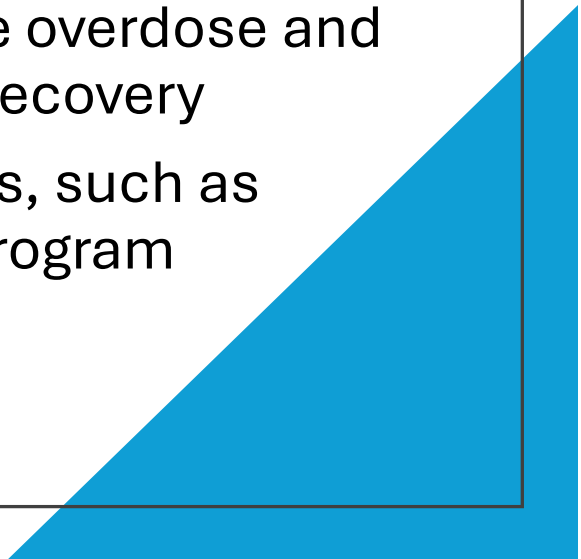
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Mary Hedges, MPA

NASEMSO Program Manager



NASEMSO's Role in Addressing Substance Use Disorder (SUD)

- Identify and share EMS best practices
 - Track and measure data on EMS response through NEMSIS (National EMS Information System)
 - Support approaches that go beyond reversing the overdose and provide opportunities and support for long term recovery
 - Promote successful EMS-led deflection programs, such as Florida's Coordinated Opioid Recovery (CORE) Program
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Florida's CORE Program

Coordinated Opioid Recovery
Houston Park
Florida Department of Health

What is CORE

- Department of Health established grant funding to facilities and counties to redefine how Florida cares for patients with OUD and other substance issues. CORE includes:
 - Funding for EMS
 - Funding for ED-based stabilization centers
 - Funding for long term SUD treatment providers/centers

Why should EMS be part of the solution for your community?

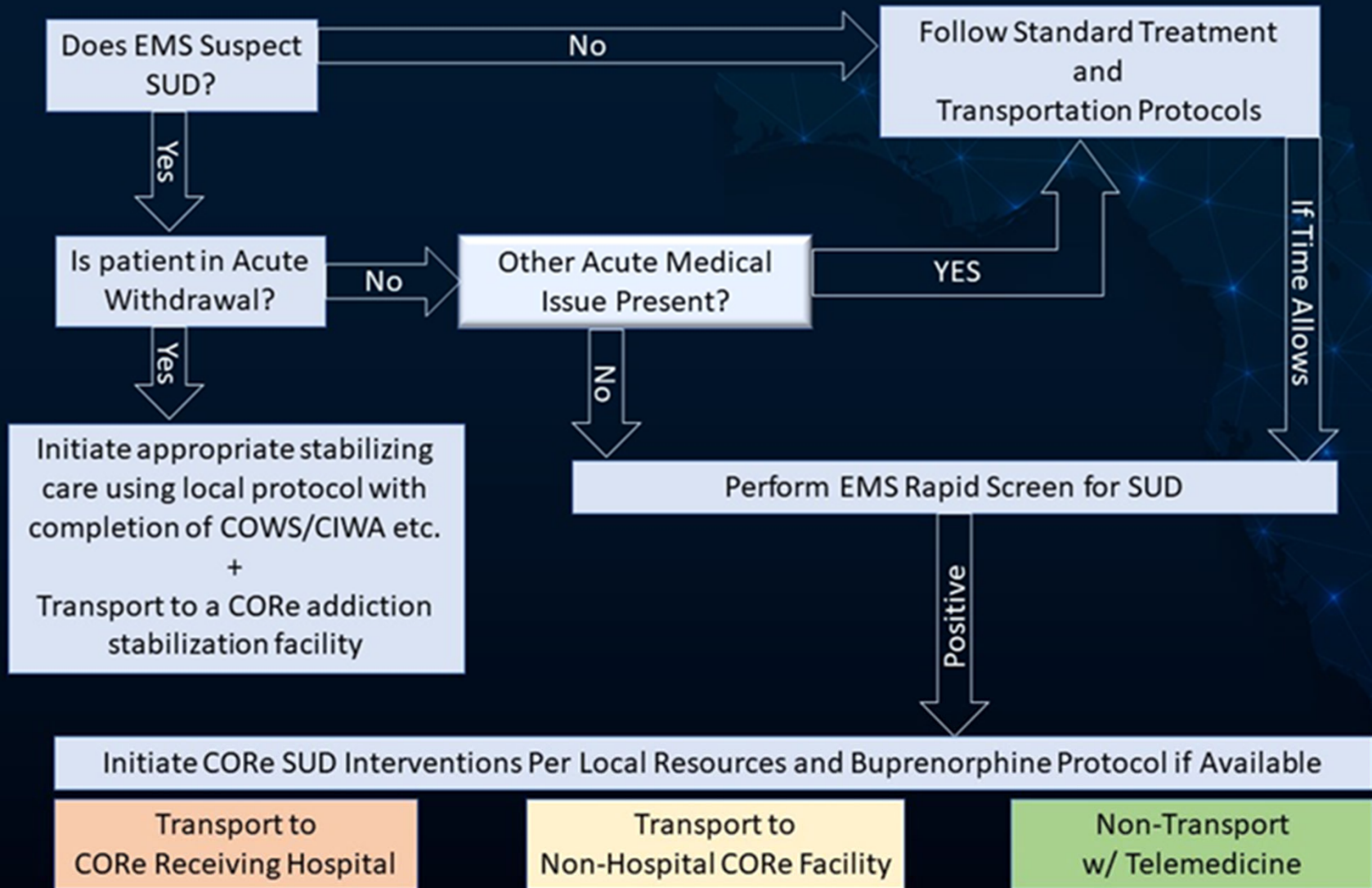
- EMS is the safety net.
- EMS' core function is to reduce death, disability, and suffering.
- EMS lives at the intersection of public safety, public health, and medical care.
- EMS meets people wherever and whenever they are in need.
- When other solutions aren't available, EMS steps up and gets the job done.

What support
can my EMS
system get
from CORE?

Funding

Training

Resources



MOBILE INTEGRATED HEALTHCARE

They Key to Neutralizing Emergency Service Overutilization

Ocala Fire & Rescue
Captain Jesse Blaire





THE PROBLEM

Marion County was experiencing over 200 overdoses a month, leading to an average of 17 deaths per month.

PARTNERSHIP





**Community
Paramedicine**
Ocala Fire Rescue





Community Paramedicine

SHORT TERM

Outreach

Establishing contact with SUD patients and families.

Narcan Distribution

Narcan leave behind for SUD patient, friends, family, etc.

Rehab Offering

In-patient treatment for SUD patients.

Community Paramedicine

Long Term

(Medication Assisted Treatment) MAT
Administer medications. Instant relief. No
withdrawal.

Daily Visits
Patient follow up and resource navigation
services.

Transportation
Transport patient to and from clinics, social service
offices, etc.



CORE STATISTICS



RECOVERY
SERVICES

799



Inductions
to MAT

187



6 Month Success
Rate

60%



Preventative
Services

165

CORE STATISTICS II





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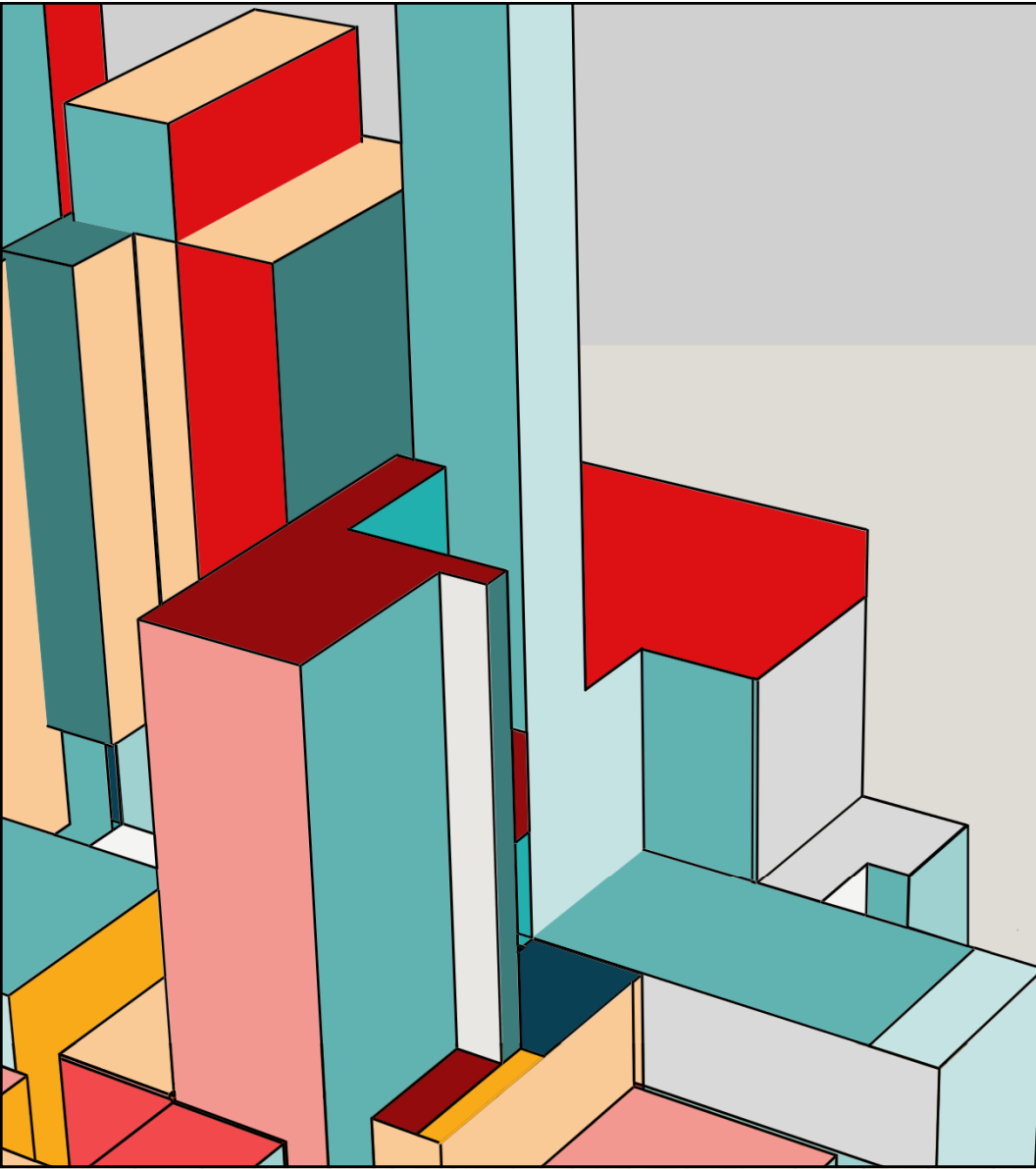


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FLORIDA'S COORDINATED OPIOID RECOVERY (CORE) PROGRAM: BREAKING THE CYCLE OF ADDICTION

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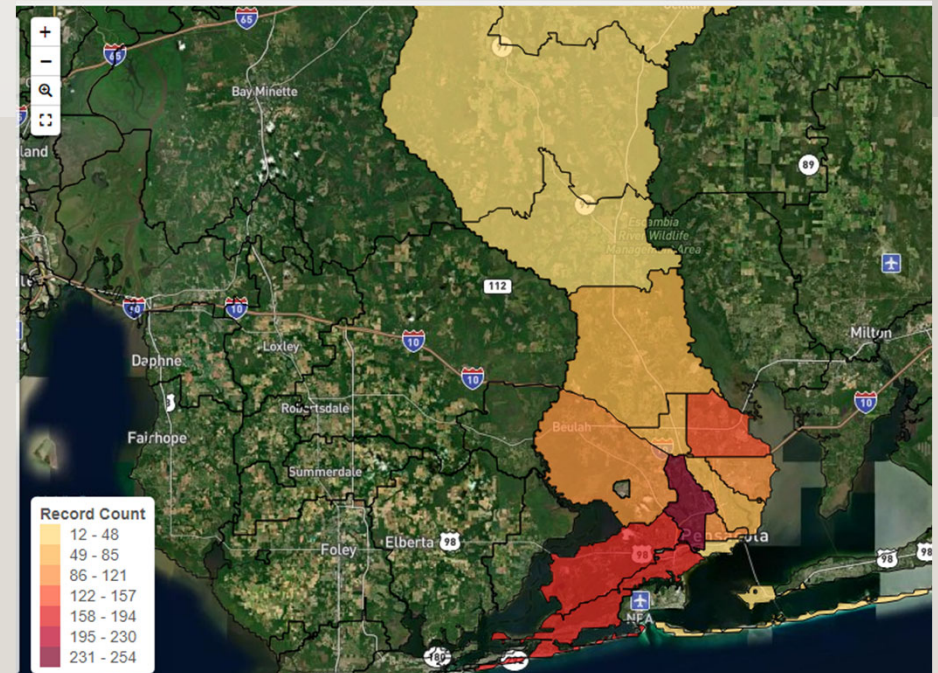


ESCAMBIA COUNTY'S OPIOID EPIDEMIC

Numbers Tell The Tale

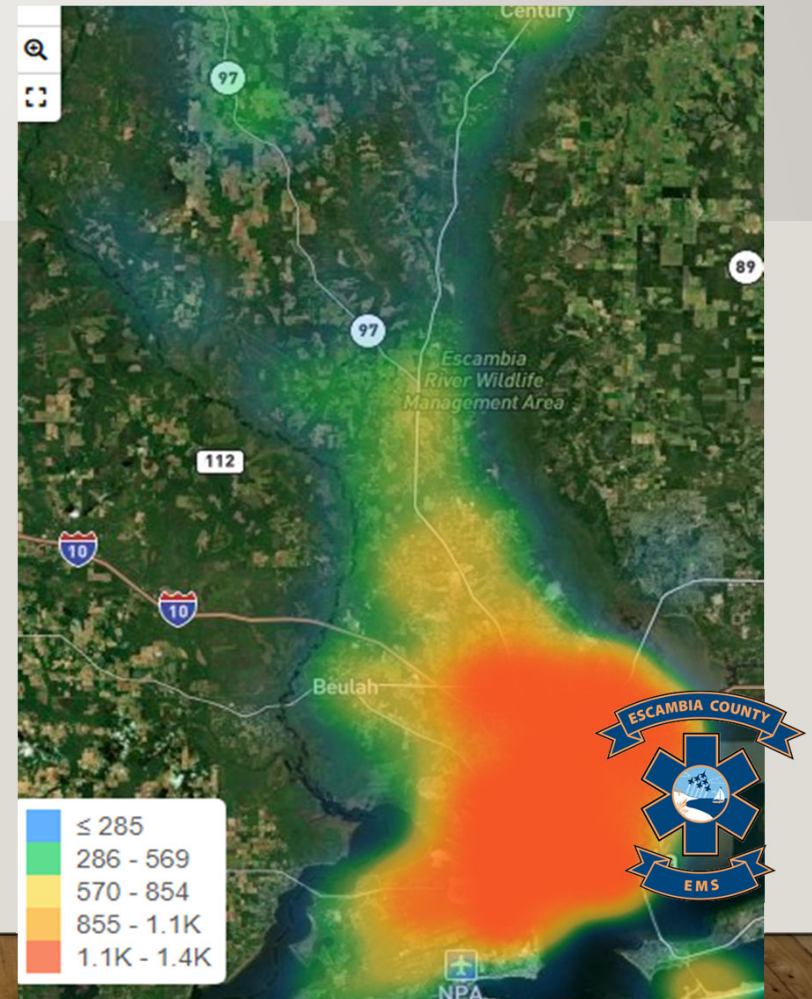
- Year 2019: ECEMS 2,815 Overdoses
- Year 2020: ECEMS 2,081 Overdoses
- Year 2021: ECEMS 3,169 Overdoses
- Year 2022: ECEMS 3,569 Overdoses
- Year 2024: ECEMS 2,192 Overdoses (As of 7/9/24)
- 5 Year Total: 13,862 Overdoses (1/1/2019-7/9/2024)

(Source Data : Escambia County EMS)

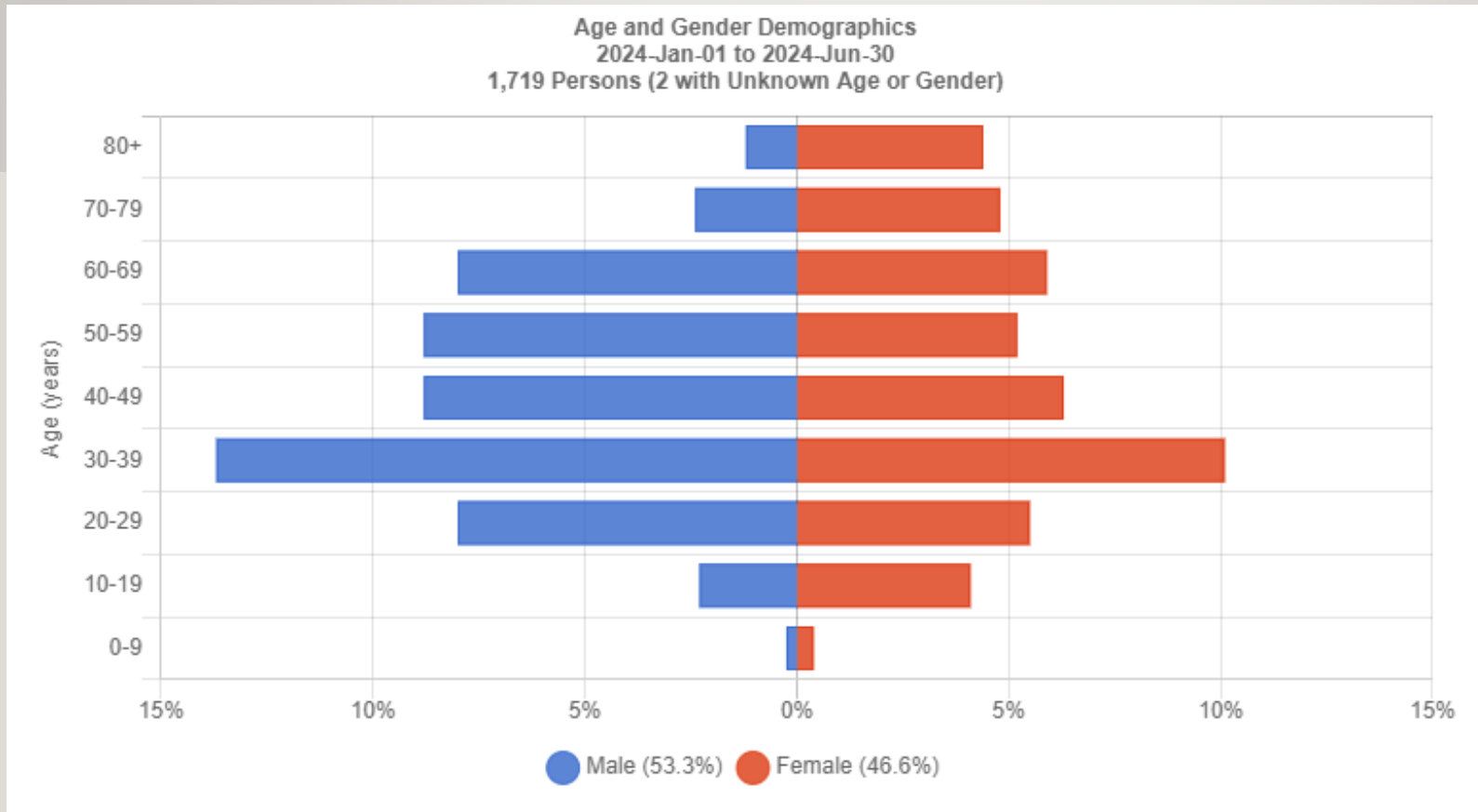


ESCAMBIA COUNTY 5YR HEAT MAP & FATALITIES

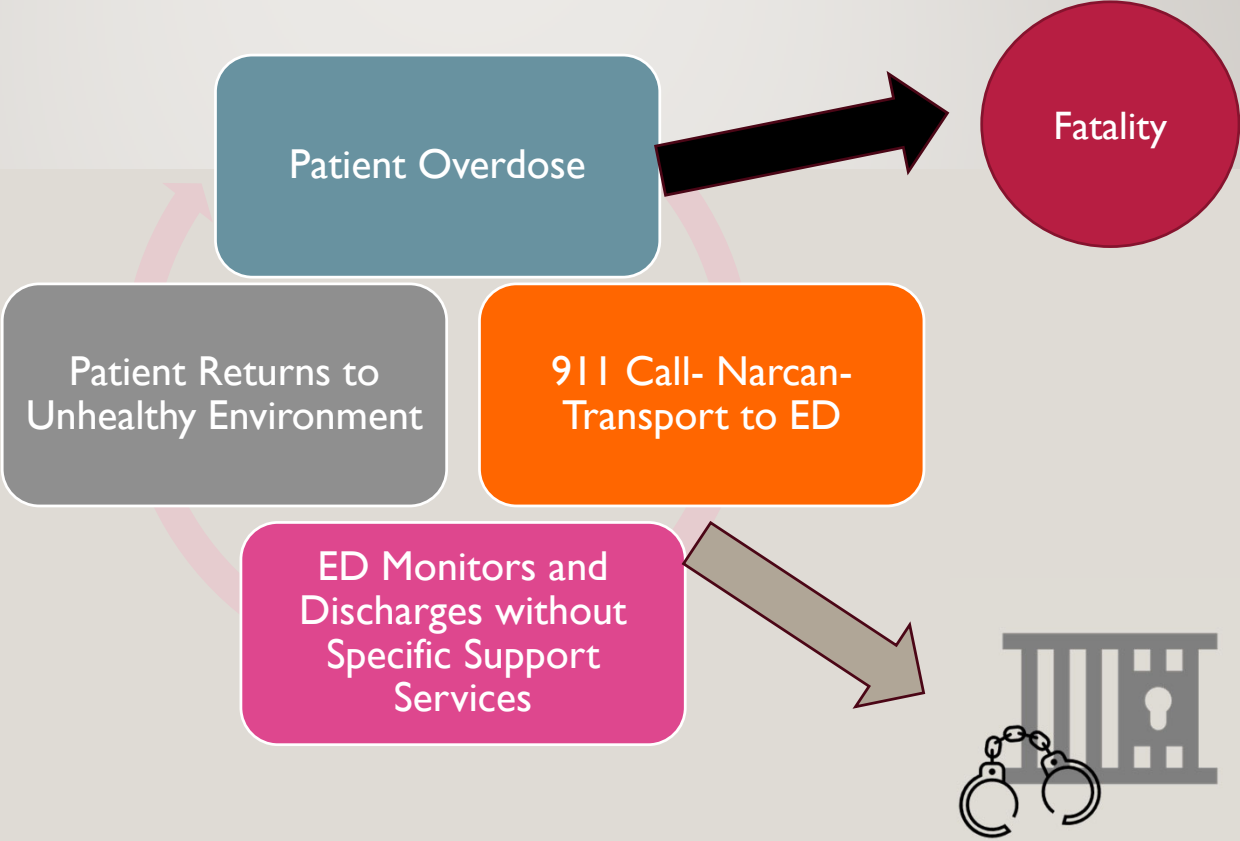
- 2019: 42
- 2020: 35
- 2021: 84
- 2022: 71
- 2023: 77
- 2024: 35
- 344 Lost Lives



OVERDOSE BREAKDOWN: JANUARY- JUNE 2024



ESCAMBIA COUNTY OVERDOSE CYCLE, *PRE-CORE*



CORE NETWORK: A NEW APPROACH



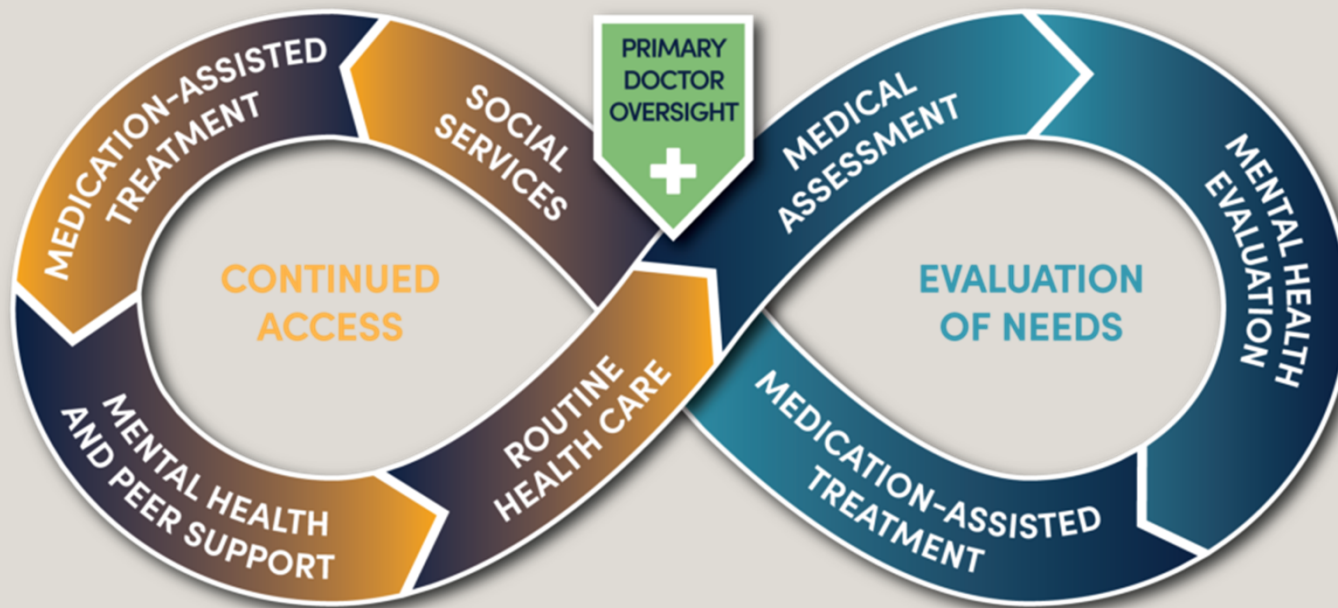
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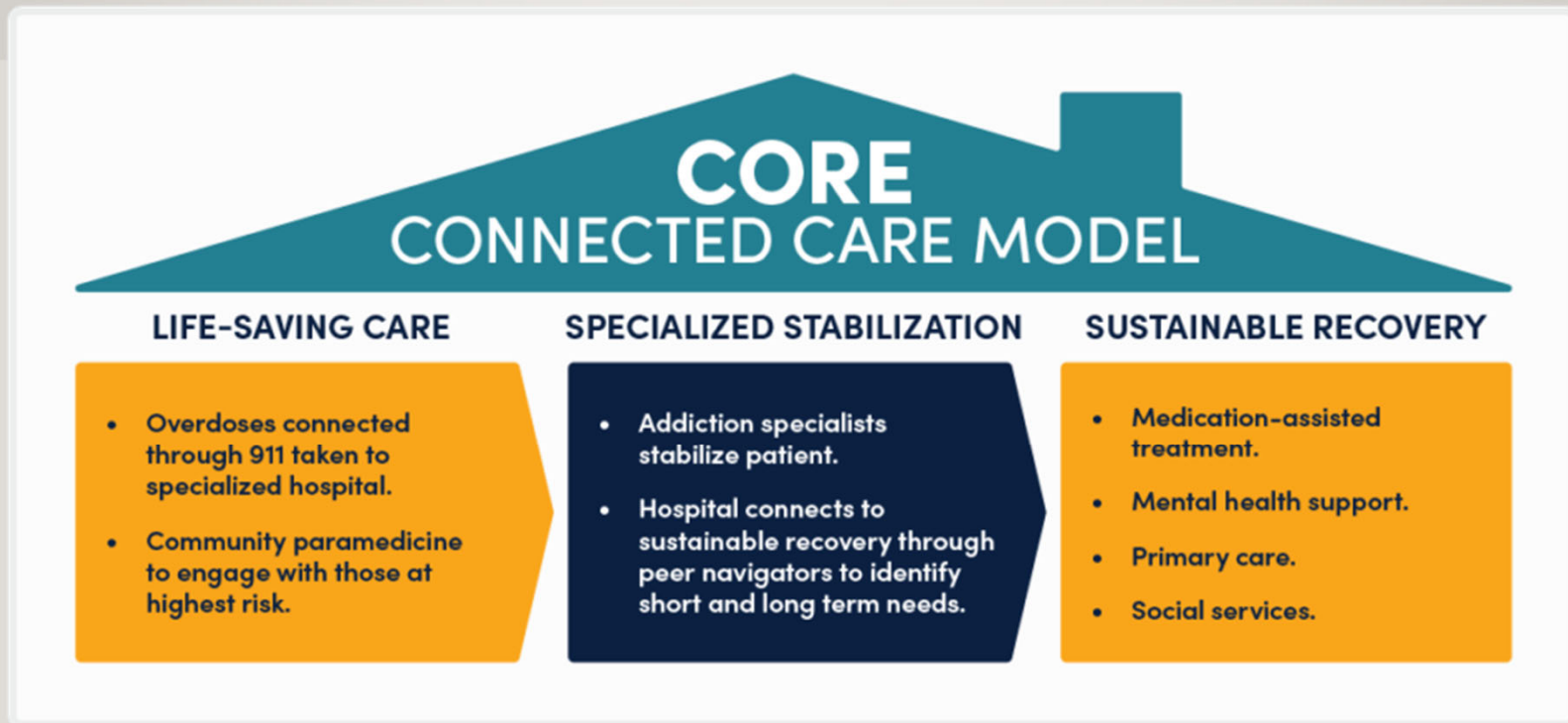
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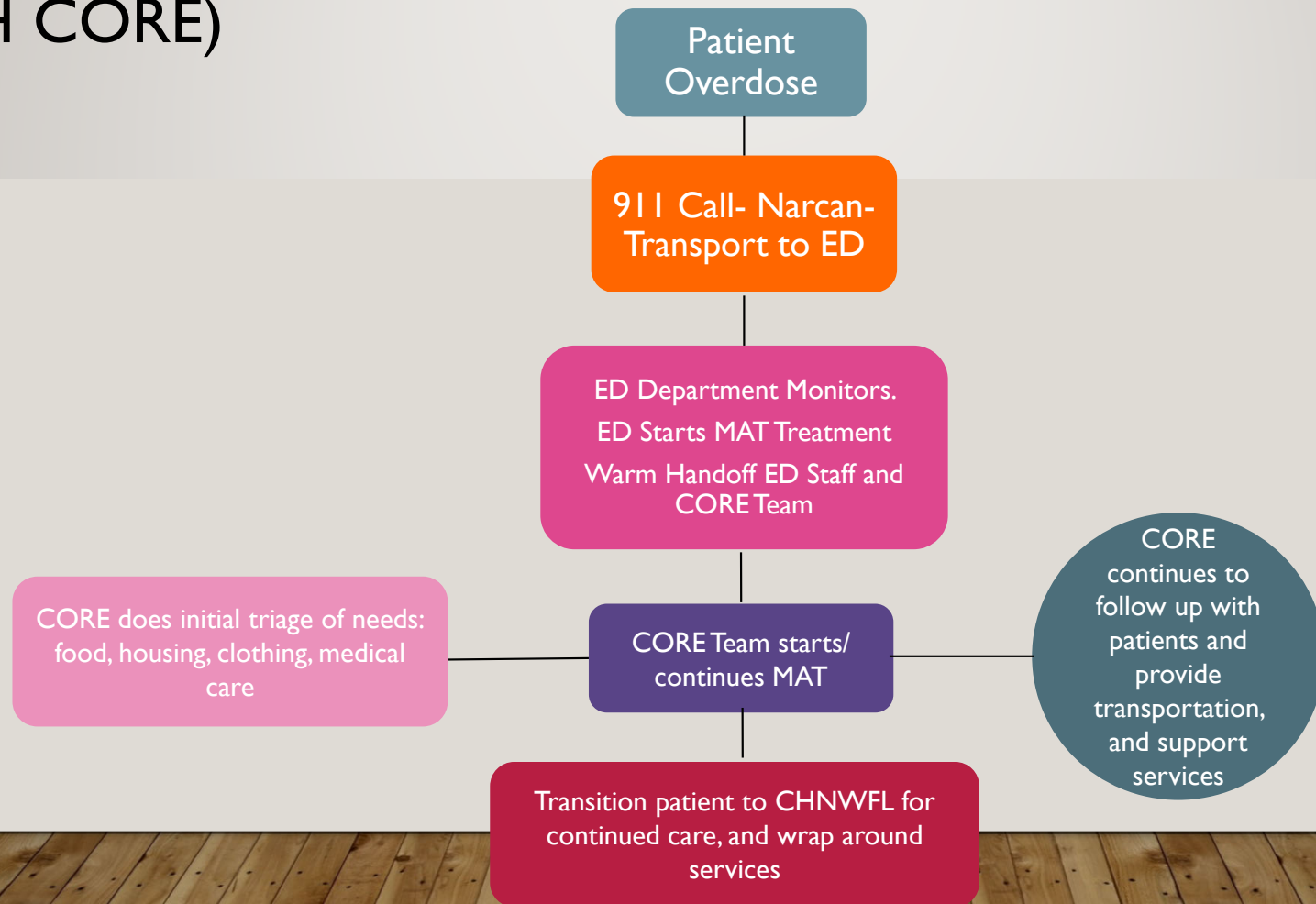
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CORE, LAKEVIEW, AND CHNWFL: A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH



ESCAMBIA COUNTY OVERDOSE PATHWAY (WITH CORE)



PATHWAYS TO CORE

- Patients can:
 - Interact with EMS providers:
 - pre-hospital post a near overdose
 - post reversal
 - Walk-in or request help from emergency departments
 - Be referred from local EMS providers or law enforcement agencies
 - Connect with community behavioral health providers
 - MIH referral from crews in the field

WHAT HAS CORE ACCOMPLISHED IN YEAR 1?



344 Patient Encountered

5,007 mg of Suboxone/Subutex Administered

21,722 Miles Driven

136 Patients Inducted Using MAT

115 Patients Graduated to Long Term Care (85% Success Rate)

118 Patients Assisted with Detox, or Mental Health Services

Recognized by DCF at The State Level For Being One Of The Best CORE Programs In The State

CONCLUSION

- SUD is a disease.
- There are no silver bullets.
- Treat with compassionate, non-judgmental, caring, and supportive help.
- OUD is still an epidemic.

If you or someone you love is struggling with addiction, please call us!

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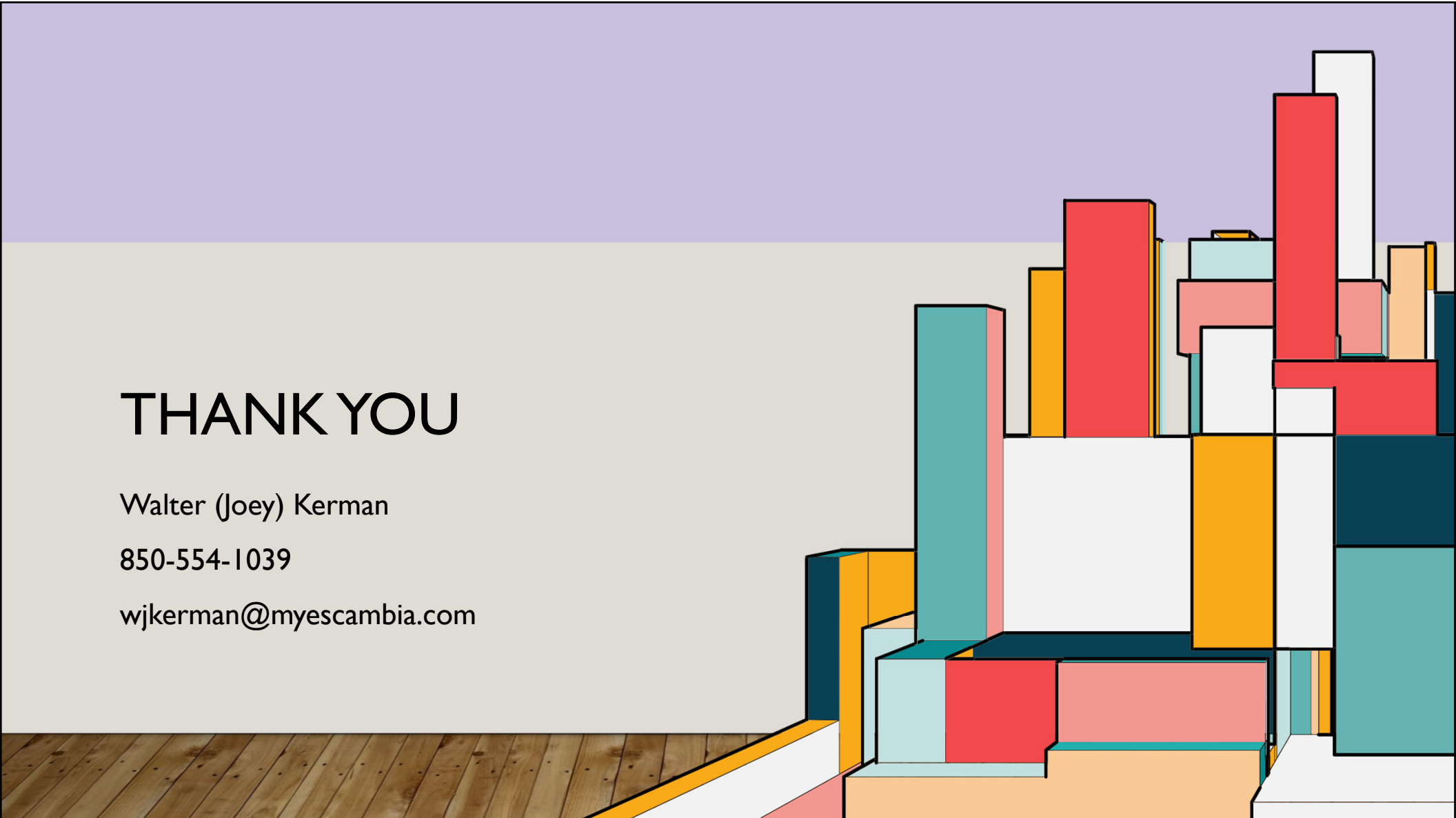


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Panel and Audience Questions

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