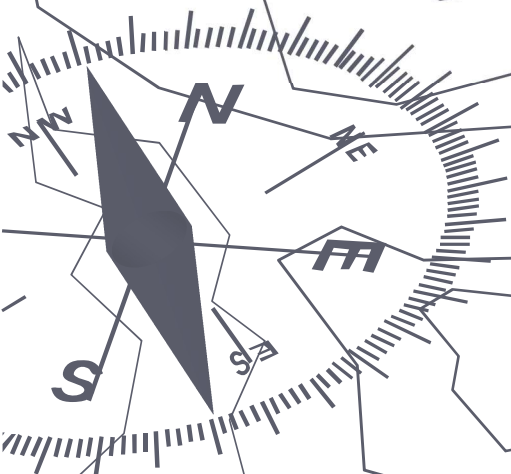


OVERDOSES & EAST BATON ROUGE

A look at overdoses and possible solutions to help those suffering



EAST
BATON ROUGE
District Attorney's Office

AGENDA

- **PROBLEM:** A DISCUSSION ON THE CURRENT STATE OF THE OVERDOSE CRISIS IN EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH (*AS OF JULY 2021*)
- **POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS?:** A DISCUSSION ON AUGMENTING ROLES TO EFFECTIVELY RESPOND TO THE CRISIS (*AS OF JULY 2021*)

OVERDOSES

- You are *more likely to die* from an *Opioid overdose* than from a car crash or gun assault
- Overdose deaths have *far surpassed* deaths from HIV, car crashes & gun violence, at their respective peaks

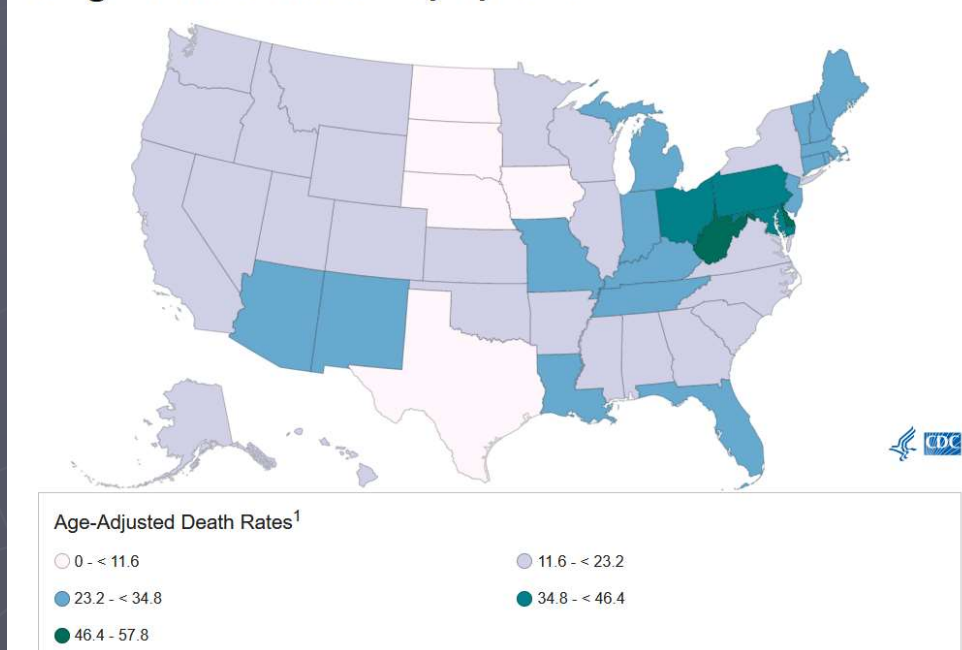
Cause of Death	Odds of Dying
Heart disease	1 in 6
Cancer	1 in 7
All preventable causes of death	1 in 24
Chronic lower respiratory disease	1 in 27
Suicide	1 in 88
Opioid overdose	1 in 92
Fall	1 in 106
Motor-vehicle crash	1 in 107
Gun assault	1 in 289
Pedestrian incident	1 in 543
Motorcyclist	1 in 899
Drowning	1 in 1,128
Fire or smoke	1 in 1,547
Choking on food	1 in 2,535
Bicyclist	1 in 3,825

Source: National Safety Council; <https://injuryfacts.nsc.org/all-injuries/preventable-death-overview/odds-of-dying/>

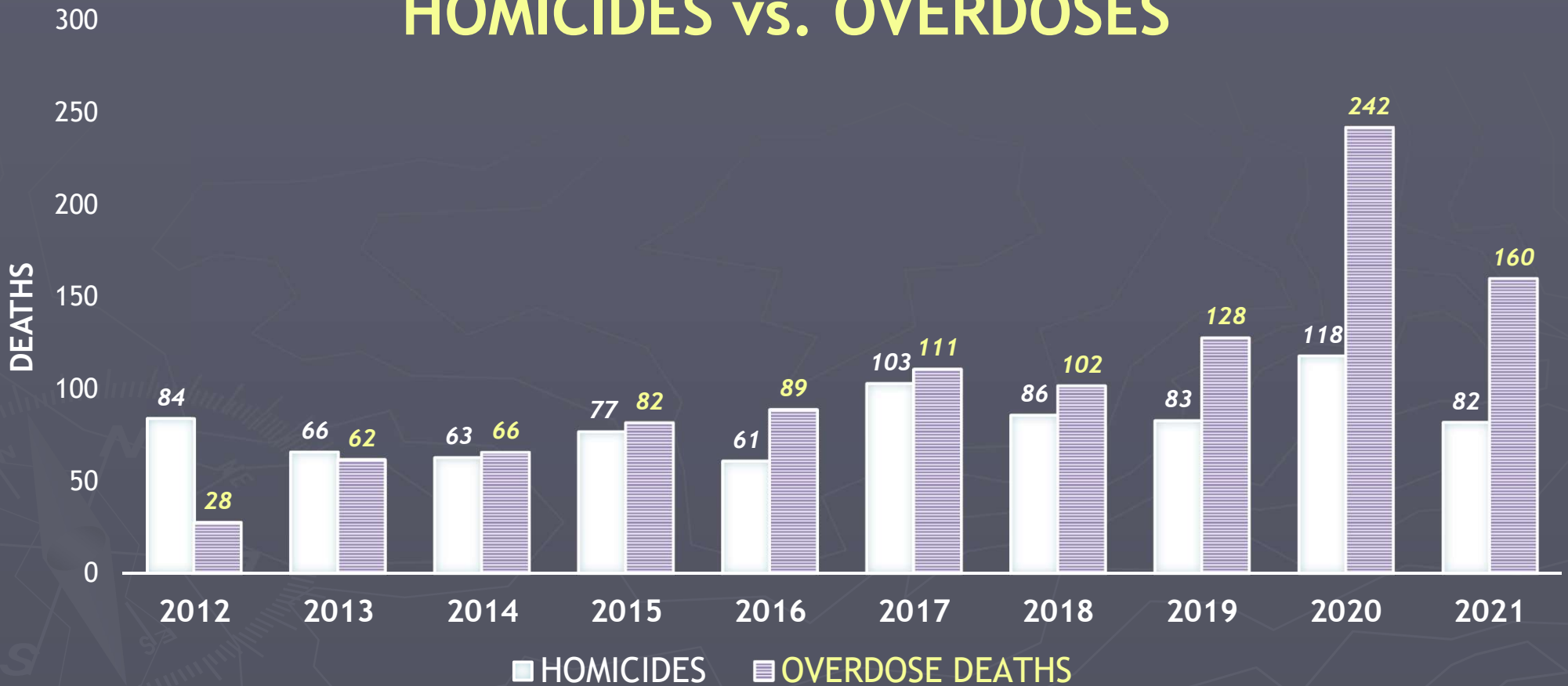
OVERDOSES

- Prior to pandemic, overdose deaths were:
 - a leading cause in one of the longest, sustained *declines in life expectancy* since 1st World War
 - a *leading cause of death* for Americans under 55
- *Louisiana* among the *highest* OD rates
- *EBR* OD rates *higher* than State & National rates
- Majority attributable to synthetic Opioids (mostly *fentanyl*)

Drug Overdose Mortality by State

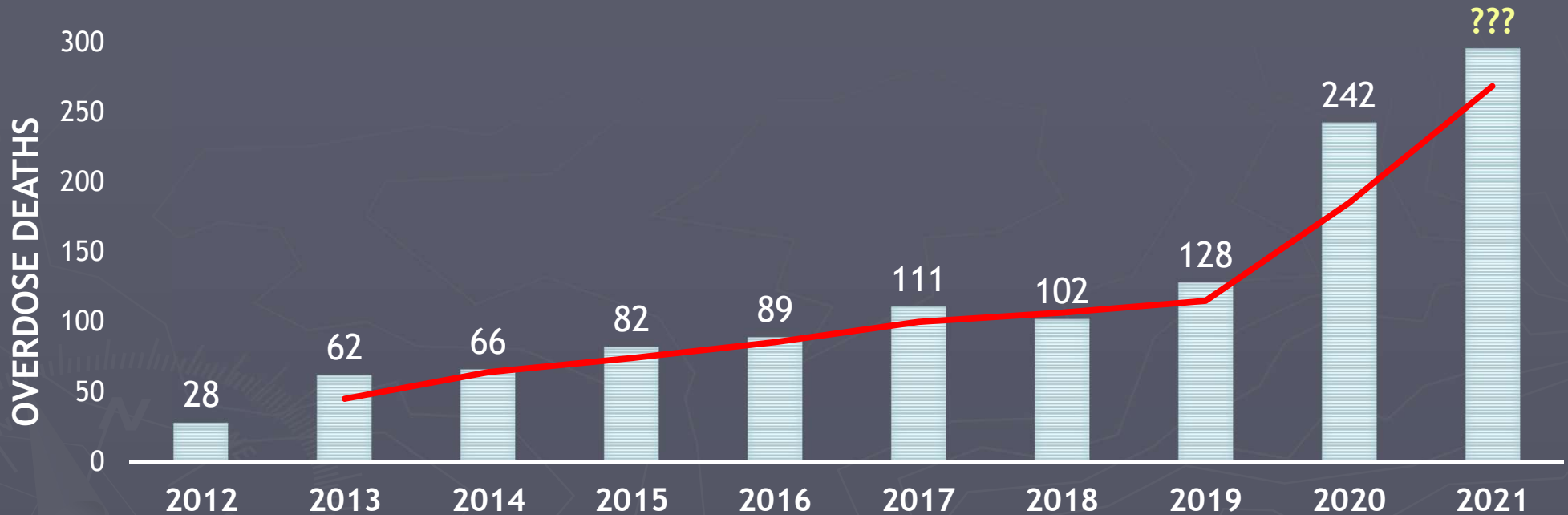


HOMICIDES vs. OVERDOSES



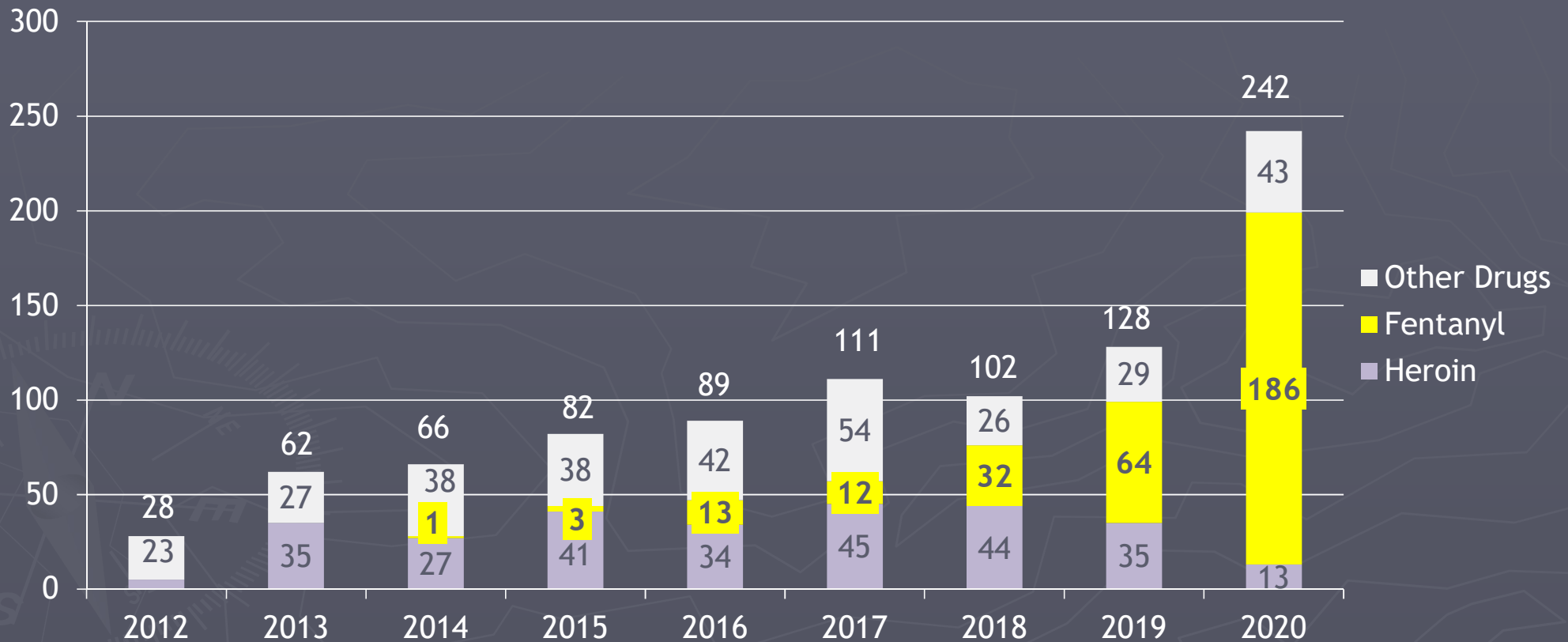
*Overdose #'s are as of 7/19/21; Homicides as of 7/20/21

EAST BATON ROUGE FATAL OVERDOSES



- 2021 is on pace to be the *3rd consecutive record-setting year* (currently *up 13%* compared same time period in 2020)
- 2021 fatal OD count, as of 7/19/21 = *160* (115 confirmed / 45 pending toxicology)
 - ↳ Of those 115 confirmed, approx. *94%* involved some type of Opioid and/or Opiate

EAST BATON ROUGE OVERDOSE DEATHS



Source: William "Beau" Clark, MD; East Baton Rouge Parish Coroner; EBRDA's CSU

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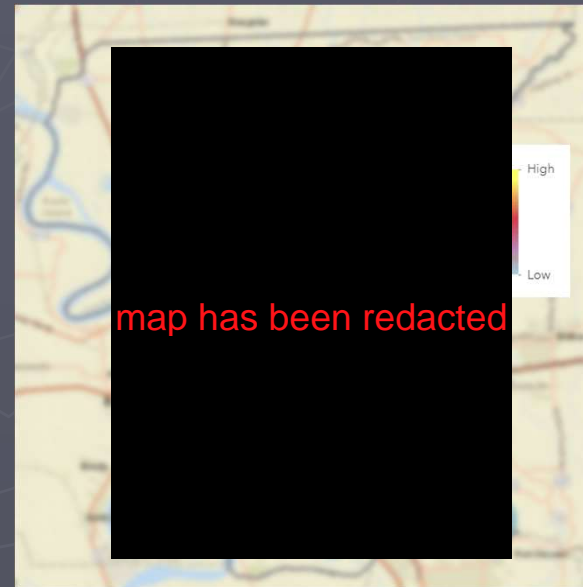
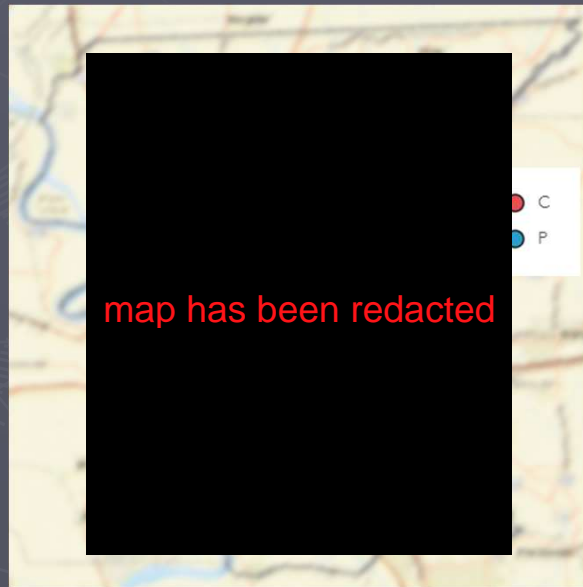
- **102** deaths in 2018 → more than # of homicides that year
 - **82.4%** attributable to Opiates and/or Opioids
- **128** deaths in 2019 → **highest ever recorded** & more than # of homicides that year
 - **25% increase** over prior year
 - **88%** attributable to Opiates and/or Opioids
- **242** deaths in 2020 → **more** than the previous **2 yrs. combined** & **more than double** the # of homicides
 - **89.7% increase** over prior year
 - **85%** attributable to Opiates and/or Opioids

DA'S PROJECT

- Federally-funded project (grant) to augment the prosecutors' role in an effort *to reduce* the number of *lives lost* to overdose, particularly Opioids
- *Partnered with community* stakeholders (i.e., Coroner, EMS, Research Partner & other local, State & Federal agencies)
- *Leverages existing resources* (i.e., DA's Crime Strategies Unit & National Guard Criminal Intelligence Analyst(s))
- Collects, analyzes, synthesizes & *shares data*, in real time
- *Relies on data* to monitor problem, inform policy, programming, outreach, interventions, identification of potential *solutions*, and more..

DA'S PROJECT

Project has become EBR's *overdose surveillance system* & identifies trends, patterns, as well as “hot spots” → all in an effort to assist in leveraging, diverting, or focusing resources and to provide relevant, timely & useful information to partners for interventions, outreach, education, prevention and harm-reduction efforts



Source: DA's CSU for The DA's Innovative Prosecution Solutions (IPS)

DA'S PROJECT

- Provides *descriptive analytics* on fatal & non-fatal overdoses
 - ↳ trends, demographics, geographic locations, times, days, toxicology reports, police reports, ems reports, social network analyses, etc.

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- Data suggests: 1) *unlikely to arrest & prosecute our way out* of the Opioid Crisis; 2) *numerous opportunities* for intervention; 3) *need more investment* in opportunities and *cross-sector partnerships* (Public Health & Public Safety)



**The Criminal Justice Response to the Opioid Crisis
in East Baton Rouge Parish**
Current Actions and Future Considerations

August 2020



Public Health and Safety Team (PHAST) Toolkit



**Guidance for Data-driven Overdose Response
Coordination Among Public Health, Criminal
Justice, Law Enforcement, and First Responders**

**DRAFT VERSION 2.0
FOR PILOTING**
March 2020

DA'S PROJECT

- Data consistently suggests need for *more investments in intervention & diversion opportunities* for individuals at risk of overdose along the Criminal Justice continuum
- In response, EBRDA & LSU published *The Criminal Justice Response to the Opioid Crisis in East Baton Rouge Parish: Current Actions and Future Considerations* report in an effort to encourage & inform stakeholders on recommendations

The full report may be found here:

[https://www.ebrda.org/pdfs/IPS%20Opioid%20Report-Print%20Version\(092420\).pdf](https://www.ebrda.org/pdfs/IPS%20Opioid%20Report-Print%20Version(092420).pdf)

THE REPORT

- *Criminal Justice system is responsible* for a population at *high risk* for overdose
- One study found that, in North Carolina, recently incarcerated individuals were **74x more likely** than the general population *to die from an overdose* in the weeks after release - EBR data has shown a similar distressing statistic
- Report emphasizes the *critical role prosecutors play in reducing the number of lives lost* & families impacted by drug overdose

https://www.cdcfoundation.org/sites/default/files/files/PHAST_Web_Toolkit_Pilot_Version_2.0_For_Dissemination.pdf



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THE REPORT

- Individuals with substance use disorders are often fearful of interacting with criminal justice system → makes it more *difficult to partner with public health officials* to address the precipitous rise in overdoses
- *Essential* for the public safety & public health sectors to *come together & build effective partnerships* to reduce # of fatal overdoses
- Report outlines numerous recommendations on how to do this; one being the implementation of a *Public Health and Safety Team (PHAST)*

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The Criminal Justice Response to the Opioid Crisis in East Baton Rouge Parish Current Actions and Future Considerations

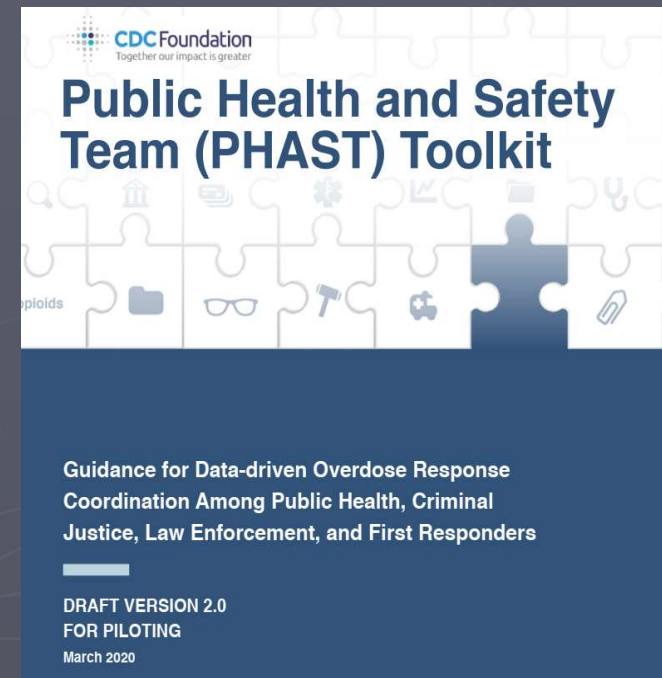
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PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY TEAM

- EBRDA is *capitalizing on opportunities* afforded by the IPS project to implement a PHAST in EBR, as recommended in the report
- Recently joined with “HealthyBR” to form a community-wide, multidisciplinary working group called the *East Baton Rouge Overdose Coalition* (“EBROC”) - modeled after the *PHAST model*
- EBROC will *utilize all available resources*, at each government level, to identify ways for effective collaboration across sectors *to increase public health and safety*
- IPS Project will be utilized to *implement/inform/support* outreach, prevention, education and training efforts that focus on reducing fatalities and harm caused by drug use disorders



COMMUNITY SUPPORT

OPIOID OVERDOSE PREVENTION
Virtual Community Event
 THURSDAY, JANUARY 14TH
 VIA ZOOM | 7PM-8PM
 REGISTRATION LINK IN DESCRIPTION BOX OR JOIN US LIVE ON FACEBOOK

DID YOU KNOW?
 In 2020 there were 232 Opioids overdose deaths and 136 homicides. Tune into this series to hear from leaders in our community as we discuss the plan of action to reduce those numbers for 2021! We invite you to join this discussion as we begin our series with our first topic: **Opioid Use Disorder**

PANELISTS:
 JOINED BY OTHER LOCAL EXPERTS AND TREATMENT PROVIDERS.

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 Trauma Expert & Moderator

Mayor-President Sharon Weston Broome
 East Baton Rouge Parish

Walter Moore
 District Attorney of East Baton Rouge Parish

Dr. Jamarian Longines
 Licensed Counselor, LMSW



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 "The Struggle Is Real but So Is Recovery"
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MAYOR-PRESIDENT
SILARON WESTON BROOME



COMMUNITY COALITION

EAST BATON ROUGE OVERDOSE COALITION



JOINT INITIATIVE

MAYOR-PRESIDENT SHARON WESTON BROOME FOR THE CITY OF BATON ROUGE AND PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE AND DISTRICT ATTORNEY HILLAR C. MOORE, III, FOR THE EAST BATON ROUGE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.

This joint initiative is entered into by and between the above agencies and sets forth their mission concerning the East Baton Rouge Overdose Coalition (EBROC). To support EBROC and this public safety initiative, the Mayor-President and the District Attorney will dedicate resources to conduct and/or support activities that expand data collection, analysis and sharing related to fatal and non-fatal overdoses and to implement and support outreach, prevention as well as education / training efforts that focus on the reduction of fatalities and harm caused by opiate/opioid misuse.

PURPOSE

East Baton Rouge Parish suffered the worst year on record for overdose deaths in 2020, which nearly doubled the previous record set just the year before. The trend continues unabated into 2021 with opiate and/or opioid-related overdoses being responsible for the vast majority of these tragic deaths. "It's a huge number, pretty much double the murder rate," said District Attorney Hillar Moore.

Mayor Broome further encourages, "Our government cannot do this work alone so we must work hand in hand with our community and partners as we address this epidemic and save the lives of our fellow residents."

EBROC will utilize all available resources at each government level to identify ways for effective collaboration to save lives and increase public health and safety in East Baton Rouge Parish through 1) Data, 2) Outreach, 3) Prevention and 4) Education / Training.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The goals and objectives of the EBROC initiative are as follows:

- Design and implement a community-wide, multidisciplinary public health and public safety collaboration for responding to the overdose crisis at the parish level
- Coordinate, streamline and add value to existing efforts aimed at preventing substance use disorder and overdose mortality
- Form a multi-agency, data-driven working group, and incorporate data from local, state and federal government sources to implement a public health-focused analysis and inform resource allocation
- Use new and existing datasets to produce timely and relevant information which can be used to create effective targeted interventions and policy responses in an effort to connect those in need with available resources in hopes of reducing the number of fatal and non-fatal overdoses
- Leverage existing resources and seek to acquire new ones to combat the rising number of overdose deaths by establishing a platform for public health and public safety collaboration
- Augment institutional roles and perceptions in order to increase understanding, collaboration and effectiveness
- Address and remove existing barriers to adequate treatment and recovery
- Partner with public health and community organizations to implement protocols which emphasize connecting individuals with substance use disorders to viable treatment programs
- Expand community education efforts and raise public awareness
- Expand and enhance training for first-responders and service providers
- Support and expand harm reduction efforts such as community-wide access to addiction treatment and mental health services

SUPPORT

The Mayor-President and the District Attorney hereby agree to commit resources for this initiative and work together on this initiative with the common goal of saving lives and improving lives within the community.

MAYOR-PRESIDENT


Date

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THE EBR OVERDOSE COALITION (EBROC)

- EBROC will *utilize all available resources*, at each government level, to identify ways for effective collaboration across sectors *to increase public health and safety*

Goals include:

- Implement a community-wide, *multidisciplinary public health and public safety collaboration* for responding to the Opioid crisis at the Parish level
- Coordinate, streamline & *add value* to new or existing efforts aimed at preventing substance use disorder and/or overdose mortality
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EBRDA's Community Resource Page (Addiction Resources):

https://www.ebrda.org/community_resources.php#addiction_resources

When You Are Ready (for change): [Help Reduce Overdose | When You Are Ready BR](#)

Q&A

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