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OPIOID RESPONSE TEAM

OPIOID ADVISORY COMMITTEE

February 2026

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Burke County Overdose Trends Dashboard

Annual indicators, EMS data updated monthly

370	93	50	119
EMS Calls (Suspected)	EMS Calls (Verified)	Overdose Deaths (2024)	ED Visits (2025)

Suspected & Verified Range 1/1/25-12/31/25

Suspected = incoming overdose calls. Verified = confirmed impression (primary or secondary).

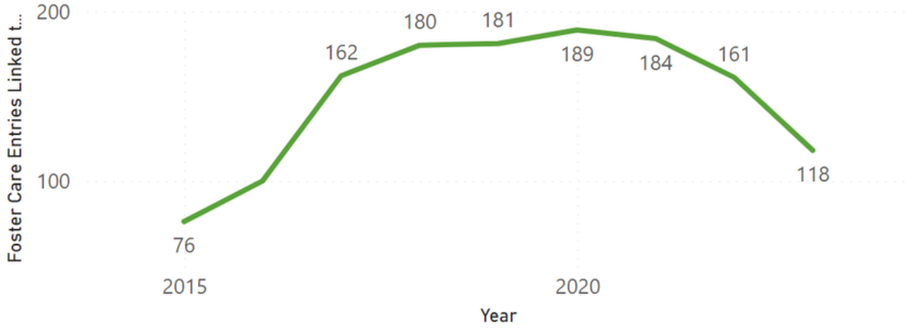
Annual Overdose Deaths

2011-2024 Official Counts



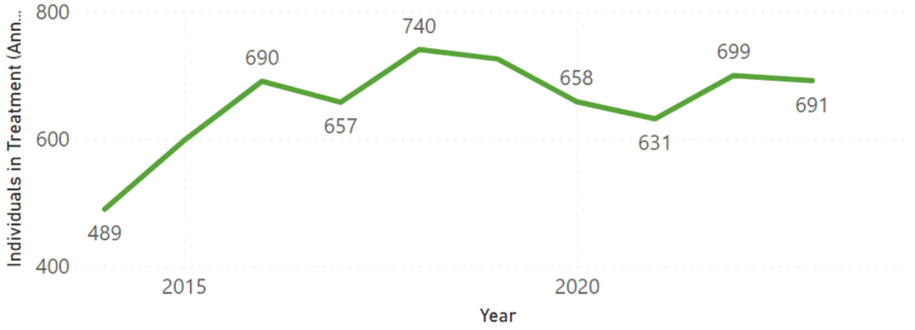
Foster Care Entries Linked to Parental Substance Use by Year

2015-2023



Individuals in Treatment (Annual) by Year

2014-2023



Sources:

- ESO (Emergency Services Office) incident and run data, Burke County EMS
- North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS), Injury and Violence Prevention Branch, *North Carolina Overdose Epidemic Data*

https://www.dph.ncdhhs.gov/programs/chronic-disease-and-injury/injury-and-violence-prevention-branch/north-carolina-overdose-epidemic-data

Burke County Opioid Response

FY25-26 Spending Overview

$2.72M	$458.93K	$2.26M	9
FY25-26 Allocated	FY25-26 Spent	FY25-26 Remaining	Active Programs

FY25-26 Unique Resolutions by Year and Month



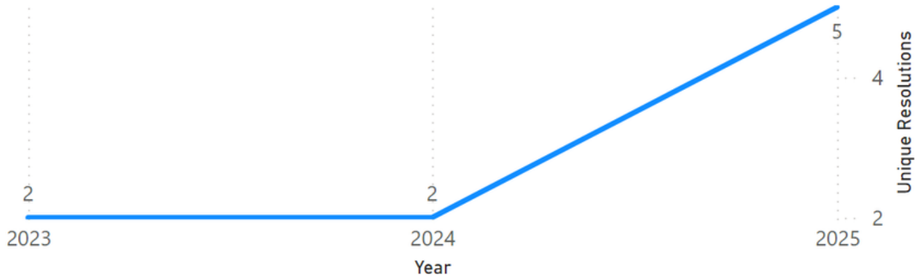
Program	Implementation	Total Allocation	Total Spent	Sum of Remaining Amount	Percent Spent	Percent of Term Elapsed	Pace Status
B.E.A.R	In Progress	$740,885.00	$68,109.37	$672,775.63	9.19%	40%	Behind
Community Navigator	In Progress	$114,219.00	$43,124.27	$71,094.73	37.76%	40%	On track
FCT-R	In Progress	$390,000.00	$31,738.00	$358,262.00	8.14%	40%	Behind
Low-Barrier MAT	In Progress	$267,305.00	$65,384.00	$201,921.00	24.46%	40%	Behind
SACOT/SAIOP	In Progress	$300,000.00	$60,000.00	$240,000.00	20.00%	40%	Behind
Burke County Recovery Court	Fully Operational	$216,000.00	$64,600.65	$151,399.35	29.91%	36%	On track
Naloxone Distribution	Fully Operational	$39,505.00	$9,460.88	$30,044.12	23.95%	40%	Behind
Opioid Response Deputy Director	Fully Operational	$250,000.00	$44,610.81	$205,389.19	17.84%	18%	On track
Opioid Response Director	Fully Operational	$405,000.00	$71,903.97	$333,096.03	17.75%	18%	On track
Total		**$2,722,914.00**	**$458,931.95**	**$2,263,982.05**	**16.85%**	**18%**	**On track**

Burke County Opioid Response

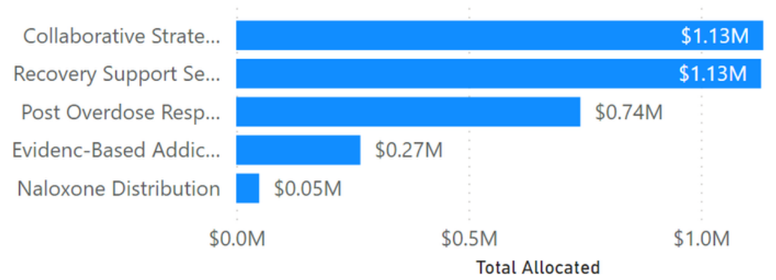
Settlement Overview

$25.24M	$9.53M	$3.32M	$6.20M
Total Disbursements	Total Disbursements Received	Total Allocated	Unallocated Amount

Approved Resolutions Over Time



Allocated Funding by MOA Strategy



Program	Total Allocated	Sum of Total Spent	Percent Spent (DAX)	Sum of Remaining Amount
B.E.A.R	$740,885.00	$68,109.37	9.2%	$672,775.63
Burke County Recovery Court	$325,721.00	$173,968.94	53.4%	$151,752.06
Community Navigator	$114,219.00	$43,124.27	37.8%	$71,094.73
FCT-R	$390,000.00	$31,738.00	8.1%	$358,262.00
Low-Barrier MAT	$267,305.00	$65,384.00	24.5%	$201,921.00
Naloxone Distribution	$49,505.00	$19,460.88	39.3%	$30,044.12
Opioid Response Deputy Director	$303,057.00	$97,667.81	32.2%	$205,389.19
Opioid Response Director	$705,000.00	$285,673.62	40.5%	$419,326.38
Peers Partnering for Excellence	$30,000.00	$5,266.93	17.6%	$24,733.07
SACOT/SAIOP	$300,000.00	$60,000.00	20.0%	$240,000.00
Strategic Planning	$96,500.00	$30,900.00	32.0%	$65,600.00
Total	**$3,322,192.00**	**$881,293.82**	**26.5%**	**$2,440,898.18**

Burke County Opioid Response

Cash Flow Projections

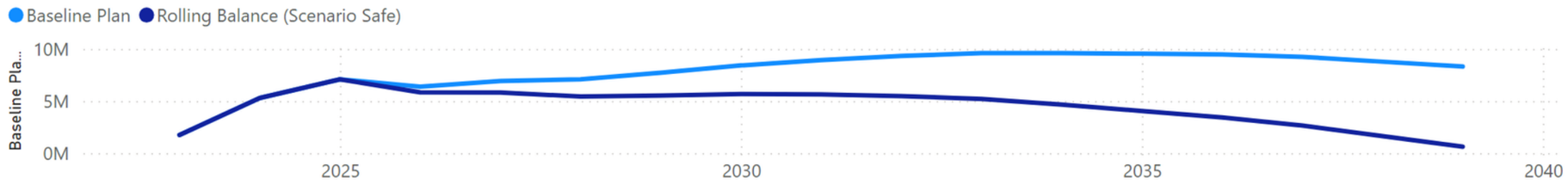
$1.75M
Lowest Projected...

$612.24K
Lowest Scenario...

Additional Annual Spending (Scenario)

$550,000

Baseline Plan and Rolling Balance (Scenario Safe) by Fiscal Year



Fiscal Year	Deposits (Cash Flow)	Spending (Cash Flow)	Net Change (Cash Flow)	Rolling Balance (Cash Flow)
2023	$1,745,171.09	$0.00	$1,745,171.09	$1,745,171.09
2024	$3,695,197.39	$147,521.34	$3,547,676.05	$5,292,847.14
2025	$2,065,959.01	$274,840.43	$1,791,118.58	$7,083,965.72
2026	$2,019,674.85	$2,722,914.00	($703,239.15)	$6,380,726.57
2027	$1,599,131.21	$1,060,000.00	$539,131.21	$6,919,857.78
2028	$1,223,385.36	$1,060,000.00	$163,385.36	$7,083,243.14
2029	$1,695,244.09	$1,060,000.00	$635,244.09	$7,718,487.23
2030	$1,760,802.61	$1,060,000.00	$700,802.61	$8,419,289.84
2031	$1,570,125.55	$1,060,000.00	$510,125.55	$8,929,415.39
2032	$1,457,008.02	$1,060,000.00	$397,008.02	$9,326,423.41
2033	$1,339,341.01	$1,060,000.00	$279,341.01	$9,605,764.42
2034	$1,060,368.21	$1,060,000.00	$368.21	$9,606,132.63
2035	$995,980.33	$1,060,000.00	($64,019.67)	$9,542,112.96
2036	$995,980.33	$1,060,000.00	($64,019.67)	$9,478,093.29
2037	$823,672.01	$1,060,000.00	($236,327.99)	$9,241,765.30
2038	$595,235.18	$1,060,000.00	($464,764.82)	$8,777,000.48
2039	$595,235.18	$1,060,000.00	($464,764.82)	$8,312,235.66
Total	**$25,237,511.43**	**$16,925,275.77**	**$8,312,235.66**	**$8,312,235.66**

CURRENT STRATEGY UPDATES

- BEAR TEAM & COMMUNITY NAVIGATOR
- BURKE COUNTY RECOVERY COURT
- HIGH COUNTRY COMMUNITY HEALTH
- SPARC
- A CARING ALTERNATIVE

BEAR TEAM & COMMUNITY NAVIGATOR

OPERATIONAL UPDATE

Staffing & Operations

- 2 AM teams staffed: 1 Community Paramedic + 1 Peer Support per team
- PM/overnight recruitment in progress (contingent start date 1/26)
- Referrals accepted via dispatch, EMS, hospitals, and community partners

Call Volume & Impact

- 64 responses since soft launch
- Response volume tripled post-expansion (from ~4.3 to ~13.8 calls/week)
- 35% of responses involve active or historical substance use, regardless of original call type

System Integration & Coordination

- Regular coordination with EMS, hospitals, treatment providers, and community orgs
- Goldie case management system in progress for centralized tracking and reporting

Early Outcomes

- Improved handoffs between emergency and recovery services
- Reduced repeat calls and delays in care
- Real-time linkage to treatment, transport, and basic needs
- Case vignettes highlight stabilization of high-utilizers and connection to long-term support

Burke County Recovery Court

Provider: The Cognitive Connection

Program Report

Program Status

Active

Total Active Participants

November 2025

23

Total New Intakes

October 2025-Present

5

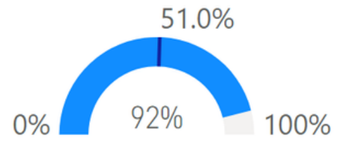
Total Graduates

October 2025-Present

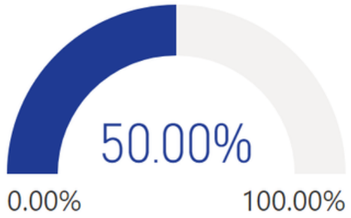
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Opioid-Eligible Participants

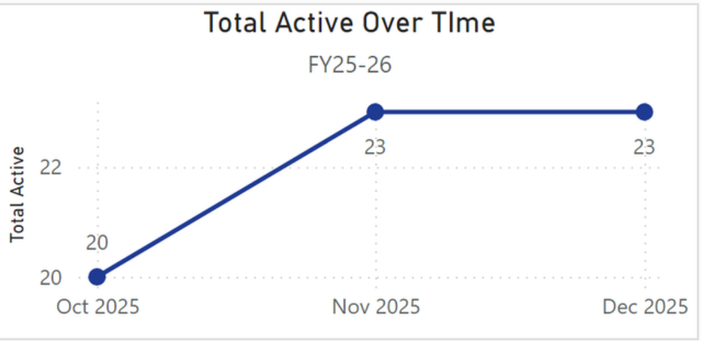
(Since July 1, 2025)



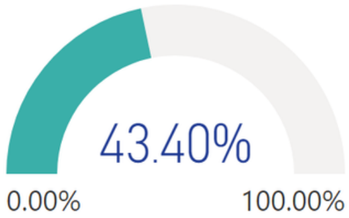
% Participants Employed at the Time of Graduation



Total Active Over TIme

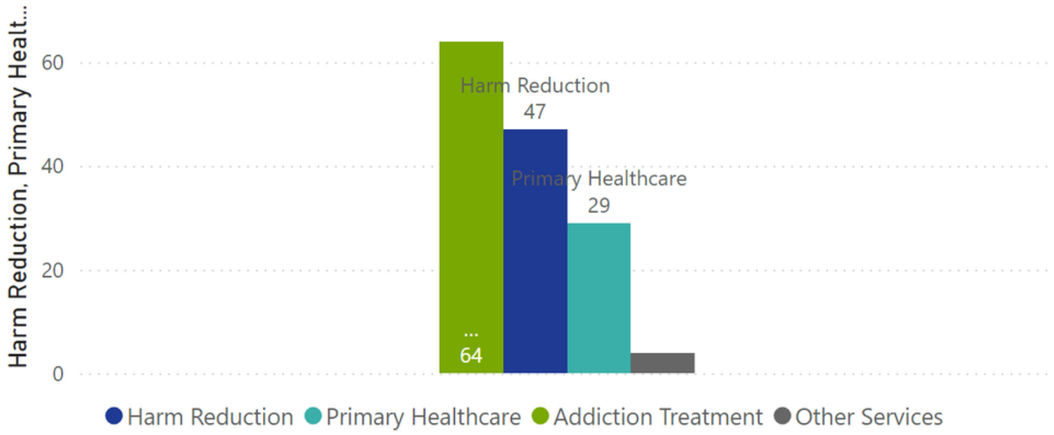


% Participants Reporting Sobriety at 6 Months Post Discharge



Total Outgoing Referrals Made

Oct. 2025-Present



Peer Engagement, Outreach, & Training

Oct. 2025-Current

64
Total Peer Contacts

3
Total Outreach Contacts

13
Total Trainings Attended

High Country Community Health
Low-Barrier MOUD Program Update

Reporting through December 2025

- Status: Actively serving participants (launched Jan. 5, 2026)
- Staffing:
  - Filled: LCSW, MOUD Medical Provider, Medical Assistant
  - In progress: Clinical Pharmacist, PMHNP (positions relisted, interviews underway)
  - 100% of current staff trained in trauma-informed, harm reduction care
- Operational Highlights:
  - EMS handoffs and mobile outreach active
  - Field inductions have begun
- Participant Impact (December):
  - 51 participants served (100% with OUD)
  - 9 MOUD inductions
  - 51 outreach participants linked to treatment
- Early Retention Data:
  - 46 participants retained at 30 days
  - 37 retained at 90 days
  - 58% engaged in MOUD beyond 3 months

SPARC
FCT-R Program Update
Reporting through January 2026

Actively serving families since October 2025

- Staffing:
  - 5 total staff (including 1 with lived experience)
  - 2 FCT-R Practitioners
  - 1 Certified Peer Support Specialist (PSS) onboarded and fully trained
  - 100% of team trained in trauma-informed care and FCT-R curriculum
  - Field-based FCT-R certification training in progress
- Key Activities & Community Engagement
  - Referrals received from DJJ, DSS, and community partners (6 in October, 7 in November, 3 in December)
  - Regular outreach to DSS and DJJ to strengthen early engagement
  - Presented at BSAN, Burke Rally, and scheduled to present to DSS Jan. 13
  - FCT-R team selected to present at the April 2026 APNC Conference
- Participant Impact (December 2025)
  - 6 active families
  - 80 total participant contacts, including:
    - 32 family therapy sessions
    - 25 peer support sessions
    - 5 random drug screens
- 11 average service hours per family
- 100% engagement within 48 hours of referral
- Early outcomes: Improved substance use patterns and increased trust
- Highlight: Youth participant with initial resistance maintained 14 days of abstinence and proactively disclosed return-to-use to practitioner

A Caring Alternative (ACA)
SACOT/SAIOP Program Update

Reporting through January 2026

- Licensure & Program Status
  - State licensure site visit completed — verbally approved
  - Awaiting formal license (up to 3 weeks)
  - Next steps: MCO credentialing and contracting
- Staffing & Training
  - New CADC hire: Renaye Chapman starting next month
  - Peer Support Specialist offer extended
  - Debbie Punch to begin staff training this month (Matrix Model certified trainer)
  - Team Lead: CJ Lee
- Outreach & Referrals
  - Receiving referrals from PORT and internal ACA providers
  - Interim services underway:
    - CJ Lee (outpatient therapy)
    - Tim (peer support)
  - Outreach efforts continue with local partners to market the program
  - PORT coordination meeting in development (CJ and Matt Hare)
- Next Steps
  - Finalize licensure
  - Complete MCO contracting
  - Launch services

Next Steps

Ongoing Strategy Implementation

- Continue monitoring and reporting on funded programs
- Support provider performance and service delivery

FY26–27 Planning Underway

- ~$550,000/year available for additional investments
- Options include RFP renewal, targeted priorities (e.g. recovery housing, prevention), or facility-based crisis center support

Opioid Advisory Committee

- Will make formal recommendations this spring
- Final spending plan to be presented for Commissioner approval

Continued Collaboration

- Engaging partners, providers, and community stakeholders
- Focused on building sustainable, high-impact solutions for Burke County

THANK YOU

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