



What's the SCOPE - OK

Southcentral Consortium for Overdose Prevention and Education in Oklahoma
Leading Rural Oklahoma to Improve Lives



A monthly publication to highlight the SCOPE-OK project and our partners

Opioid Settlement Funding Spending Discretion



Many of the lawsuits filed against companies involved in the opioid overdose crisis have now been resolved. As a result, **over \$30 billion in funding will be coming to states, cities, and counties** over the next 18 years, with the first payments arriving in 2022. The agreements place limitations on how states and local communities can use the money with most of it being used to address the opioid overdose epidemic. To help your state and local jurisdictions use the money wisely, you can share the

Primer on Spending Funds from the Opioid Litigation with your government officials to encourage appropriate use on this funding. The guide shares information on how to invest in evidence-based programs and services to address the opioid epidemic.

Contact your officials today to ensure the settlement funding is utilized!

[READ MORE ABOUT THE FUNDS HERE](#)

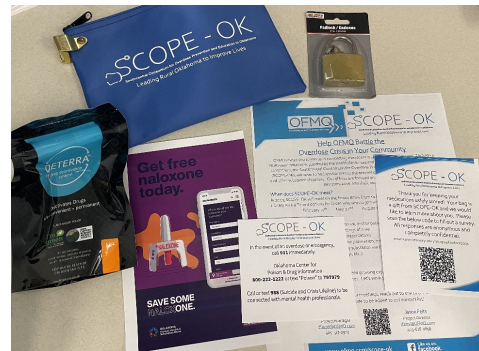
SCOPE-OK Helps Cartwright



We recently connected with the Cartwright Community Resource and Event Center and took a bundle of resources and harm reduction supplies to their community that is in great need. Cartwright is an unincorporated, rural town in Bryan county bordering Texas and Lake Texoma. They have a population of less than 700 and little to no resources for their community which has been recently plagued with substance usage. Founder Dotti Holman created the center as a way to provide outreach, resources, and support for those in need. The Cartwright Community Resource and Event Center is 100% volunteer ran and hosts three hot meals per week, a senior meal program, food pantries, pet assistance, and family friendly events such as Back to School Night, Community Clean- Up, and Cartwright Christmas. In 2023, they were able to add a computer center and expand their food pantry due to generous donations and grant opportunities they have been part of. To assist with the substance use and overdose epidemic, SCOPE-OK delivered many education resources for treatment and recovery options in the area, fentanyl testing kits, naloxone, syringe disposals, drug deactivation pouches, and medication lock bags. We hope that these supplies and our blossoming partnership with the Cartwright Community Resource and Event Center are the first step in many to change lives in this great town!



Cartwright Community Resource and Event Center



Medication lock bags supplied to Cartwright include many additional resources

Fentanyl Testing Strips

EXPECT FENTANYL & TEST FIRST



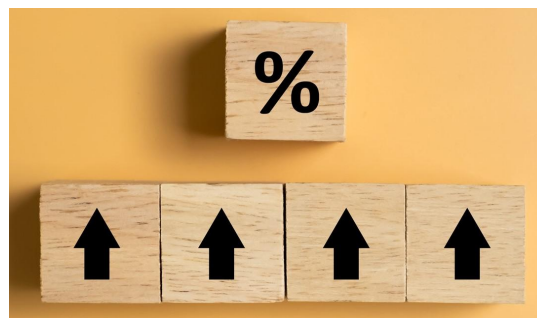
Test strips are used to detect fentanyl in injectable drugs, powders, and pills.

Where do I get it?

Fentanyl Test Strips have just recently been approved in Oklahoma. They will be available for online order by **July 1.**

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Xylazine on the Rise



As we see Xylazine move west in the drug supply, it is important to learn as much as we can.

- Xylazine in the Drug Supply [One Pager](#), Harm Reduction Coalition
- White House Administration Emerging Threat [Press Release](#)
- Overdose Deaths in Oklahoma [Up 22%](#)

How does Xylazine in the drug supply impact Narcan as a harm reduction strategy?

Narcan does not work on Xylazine. However, Xylazine is often mixed with opioids, so Narcan is still an overdose prevention strategy. Below are recommendations from the National Harm Reduction Coalition:

“ If someone is unresponsive, it's very very important to see if they are breathing! If they are taking 10 breaths each minute, keep an eye on them for the next hour. You don't need to use naloxone unless their breathing gets slower Naloxone doesn't work on xylazine BUT it will help if the opioid/fentanyl is making it hard for them to breathe Only if their breathing is slow or shallow, use naloxone the way you normally would (or titrate a lower dose of injectable naloxone), because they probably have opioids in their system too. They may not become responsive right away, but as long as they are taking 10 breaths per minute, just stay with them and keep checking. Put them in the recovery position if you have to leave them.”

Events



Marijuana: What You Need to Know

Thursday, July 27, 2023 | Featured Speaker: Lori Lovett

We will discuss the impact of marijuana in Oklahoma with Lori Lovett, the Community Drug Overdose Prevention Project Coordinator with the OK State Department of Health. We will also obtain an understanding of marijuana and how it is consumed, learn about marijuana use disorder, overdose, and dependence. Additionally, we will identify basic public health and safety concerns related to marijuana use and learn about the risk in vulnerable populations.

Register
Here!

OKARR Summer Shin Dig

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Saturday, August 19, 2023 | 10a - 4p; Andrews Park, Norman

Great community service opportunity to come hang out at a family friendly event with lots of activities! Activities include live music and dancing, stand-up comedy, recovery speakers, available Narcan, food trucks, recovery raffle, bounce houses, face painting, splash pad, games, and 20+ resource booths!

[More information here!](#)

SCOPE-OK Consortium Meeting

Monday, August 28, 2023 | Ardmore Public Library

The overdose crisis in Oklahoma has been growing exponentially. It's crucial we do everything in our power to curb it from growing further. Let's work together to lead our communities and improve lives! SCOPE-OK meets at 10AM at the Ardmore Public Library with a zoom option available for those who cannot attend in person.

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