



# Overdose Data to Action: Mobile Outreach Initiative

**October 25, 2022**

**Data-Informed Strategies**

# Mobile Outreach: Goals



- **Use Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) data to target outreach efforts** (e.g., geographic areas and high-risk populations).
- **Respond to high-burden areas** throughout the state (i.e., public, semi-private, and residential locations).  
Provide and connect people to:
  - Basic needs, harm reduction resources, and treatment and recovery support services.
- **Raise awareness** about the local drug overdose epidemic.

# Local Organizations



- Peers with Lived Experience – who is providing the services

AIDS Care Ocean State



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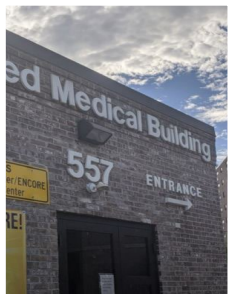
# Critical Services Provided



- Basic needs supplies and referrals
- Harm reduction supplies and referrals
- Rapid HIV/HCV testing
- Safer Drug Use Education
- Linkages to treatment and recovery support services



# Strategies to Reach High-Risk Populations



Drop-in Centers



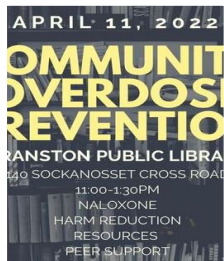
Community Partnerships



Mobile Outreach



Door-to-Door Canvassing



Business Outreach



Home-Delivered Services

# Data Driving Action: Mobile Outreach Weekly Check-In Meeting



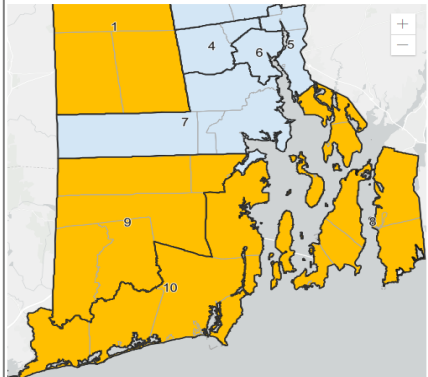
## Integrated Surveillance System

### Rhode Island's ROAAR Regions

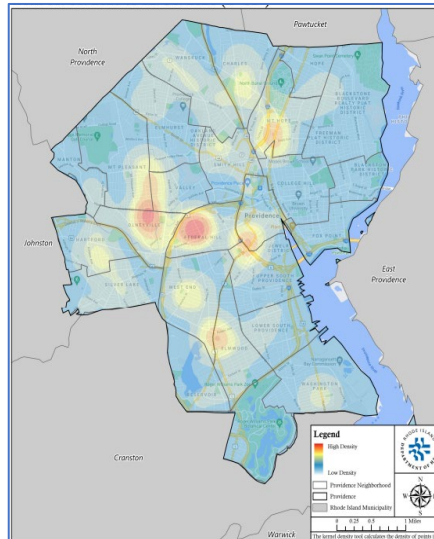
The map below displays Rhode Island's 10 ROAAR regions; each region is represented by a corresponding number.



Regions highlighted in red have exceeded the pre-established ED and EMS data thresholds and yellow-highlighted regions are equal to pre-established thresholds.

For more details, click on a region below.



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### Rhode Island Overdose Action Area Response (ROAAR)

The Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) and the Rhode Island Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities & Hospitals (BHDDH) issue this ROAAR Alert due to increased non-fatal opioid overdose activity for Region 10 (Westerly, Charlestown, Narragansett, New Shoreham, North Kingstown, and South Kingstown).

From March 27, 2022 to April 2, 2022, Region 10 was over the pre-established opioid overdose threshold.

- RIDOH's [Opioid Overdose Integrated Surveillance System](#), which tracks weekly overdose activity across the state, detected six reports of individuals receiving emergency department (ED) care for a suspected opioid overdose.
- The weekly opioid overdose threshold for this region is four ED reports.

During the same time period, Region 3 was at the pre-established threshold for opioid overdose activity.

- Region 3 (Cumberland, Lincoln, Smithfield, North Smithfield) had less than five reports\* of individuals receiving ED care for a suspected opioid overdose.
- The weekly opioid overdose threshold for this region is three ED reports.

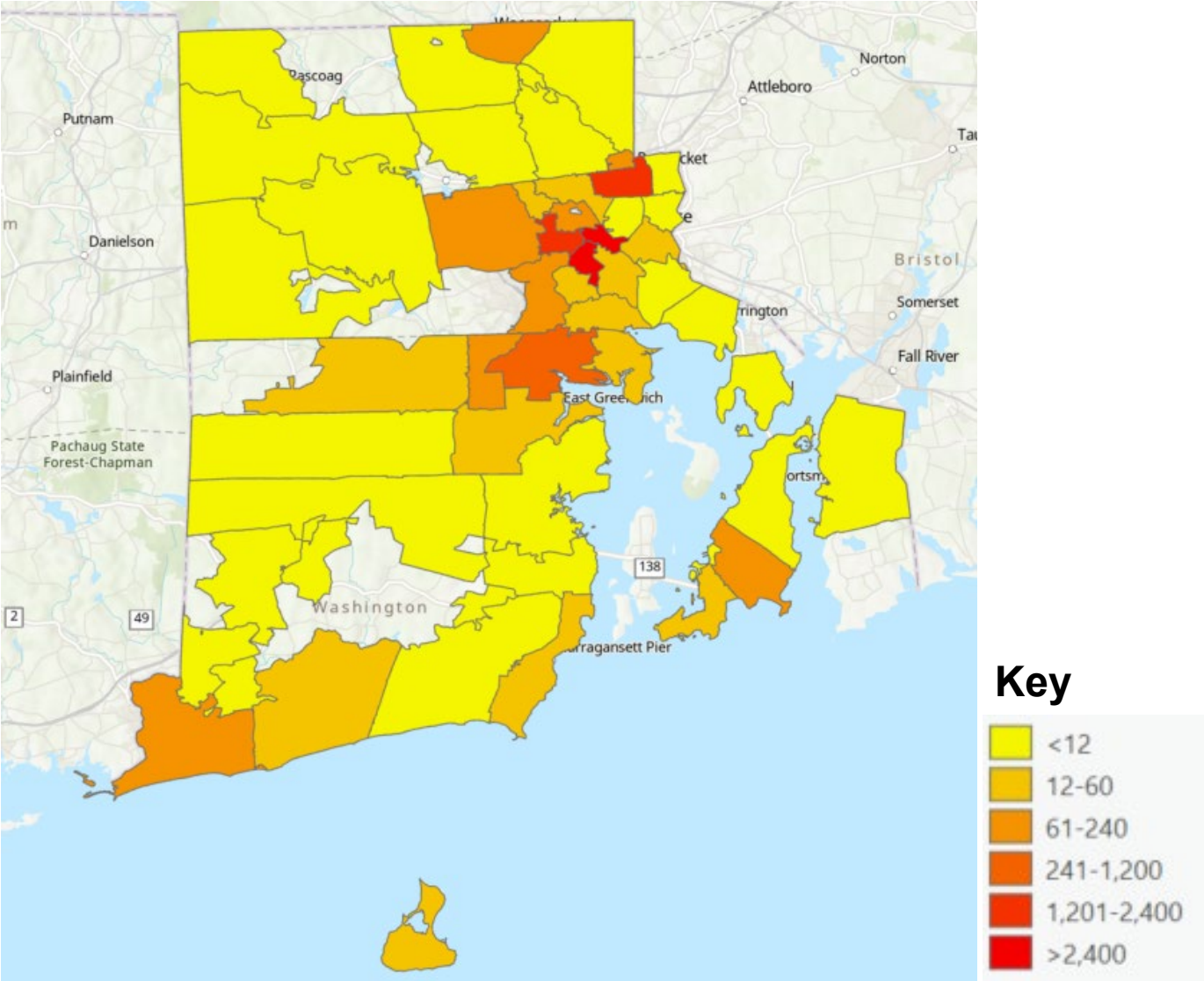
# How Are Data Used to Drive Action?



## Mobile Outreach Weekly Check-In Meeting

- Review RIDOH's Integrated Surveillance System (non-fatal overdose data) to learn about patients receiving care from an emergency department or emergency medical services for a suspected opioid overdose.
  - Rhode Island Overdose Action Area Response (ROAAR) strategies
- Share data including overdose heat maps and demographic trends.
- Coordinate and strategize action steps across State and community-based agencies.

# Outreach Encounters by Zip Code, Feb 1 2021 – Jan 31 2022







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# ACOS HARM REDUCTION VENDING MACHINES AND DISPOSAL KIOSKS



# CONTENTS OF VENDING MACHINES

- SAFER INJECTION KITS
- NALOXONE (NARCAN) KITS
- FENTANYL TEST STRIP KITS
- CONDOMS/ SAFER SEX KITS
- WOUND CARE KITS
- HYGIENE KITS
- REFERRAL CARDS



# **BENEFITS OF VENDING MACHINES**



## ***COST***

- **100% FREE FOR CLIENTS!**

## ***TIME***

- **EASY AS 1-2-3: 1) ENROLL (VIA PHONE OR IN PERSON), 2) ENTER CODE 3) RECEIVE SUPPLIES**
- **3 ITEM LIMIT PER WEEK**

## ***WIDE REACH***

- **STATEWIDE APPROACH ALLOWS US TO REACH MORE CLIENTS**
- **24/7 ACCESS**
- **MINIMIZES PERSON-TO-PERSON CONTACT**

# **BENEFITS OF VENDING MACHINES**

## ***TAP INTO THE UNDERGROUND***

- **ATTRACT A YOUNGER POPULATION OF PEOPLE WHO USE DRUGS**

## ***KEEPING THE COMMUNITY CLEAN***

- **CO-LOCATED DISPOSAL KIOSK BOXES FOR CLIENTS TO DISPOSE OF USED SYRINGES**



# **HARM REDUCTION VENDING MACHINE AND DISPOSAL KIOSK LOCATIONS**

- **BROAD MEDICAL BUILDING (HIV & PREVENTION CARE):**  
557 BROAD ST., PROVIDENCE
- **CODAC BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE (TREATMENT FACILITY):**  
349 HUNTINGTON AVE., PROVIDENCE
- **THUNDERMIST HEALTH CENTER OF WEST WARWICK:**  
186 PROVIDENCE ST., WEST WARWICK
- **HARRINGTON HALL (MEN'S HOMELESS SHELTER)\*:**  
30 HOWARD AVE., CRANSTON

**\* Located Inside**

**INTERESTED IN A VENDING  
MACHINE AND/ OR  
DISPOSAL KIOSK?**

**PLEASE CONTACT THE ACOS  
PREVENTION TEAM!**

***(401) 781-0665***



# VENDING MACHINE DATA

<b>January 2022 - June 2022</b>	<b>Breakdown</b>	<b>Quantity</b>
<b>2,487 Transactions</b>	<b>Harm Reduction Kits</b>	<b>1,550</b>
<b>155 Participants</b>	<b>Condom Kits</b>	<b>281</b>
<b>68 Females</b>	<b>Fentanyl Test Strip Kits</b>	<b>259</b>
<b>83 Males</b>	<b>Hygiene Kits</b>	<b>71</b>
<b>4 Staff</b>	<b>Wound Care Kits</b>	<b>127</b>
	<b>Narcan Kits</b>	<b>199 = (398 doses)</b>
		<b>2,487</b>





# QUESTIONS?

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HARM REDUCTION CASE MANGER

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