

HEROIN AND PRESCRIPTION OPIATE ADDICTION TASK FORCE

2018 YEAR END SUMMARY



In 2018, the Heroin and Prescription Task Force, working with partners across our region, took action to prevent opioid misuse, improve access to treatment and save lives.

PREVENTION

Reaches populations to prevent substance abuse through raising awareness and promoting health and safety behaviors.

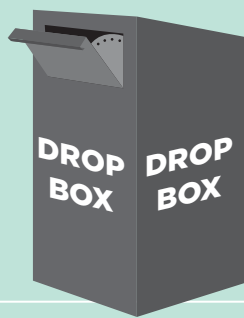
THE TASK FORCE RECOMMENDED PROMOTION OF SAFE STORAGE AND SAFE DISPOSAL OF MEDICATIONS TO PREVENT OPIOID MISUSE.

✓ King County Secure Medicine Return has

100+

SECURE MEDICINE RETURN BOXES throughout King County.

www.medicinereturn.org



✓ In 2017:

39,160
POUNDS OF MEDICINE

were collected via King County Secure Medicine Return (MED-Project) drop-box sites and mail-back envelopes.



Equivalent to the weight of **10 cars**

✓ In 2018: Developed the campaign

“Don’t Hang on to Meds”

- Increased awareness of the Medicine Return program and drop-box locations.
- Promoted reasons why it is important to securely store and dispose of medications.
- Provided tools for prescribers, pharmacists, and substance abuse prevention partners.



Printed products



Text MEDS to 667873



Social media & blog



Advertisements: Metro campaign viewed over **68 million** times

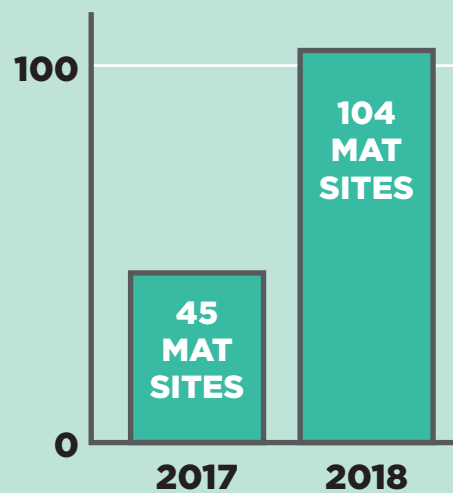
www.kingcounty.gov/donthangontomed

TREATMENT EXPANSION

Focuses on providing treatment access near where people live.

THE TASK FORCE RECOMMENDED LOW-BARRIER ACCESS TO BUPRENORPHINE FOR ALL PEOPLE IN NEED OF SERVICES, IN LOW-BARRIER MODALITIES CLOSE TO WHERE INDIVIDUALS LIVE.

✓ In 2018, Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) access points grew from 45 to 104 sites.



INCREASING THE NUMBER OF MAT SITES BY

231%

MAT REDUCES OVERDOSE DEATHS BY APPROXIMATELY

50%

USER HEALTH

Focuses on keeping people alive and improving their health.

THE TASK FORCE RECOMMENDED REDUCING OVERDOSE DEATHS BY DISTRIBUTING NALOXONE TO INDIVIDUALS USING OPIOIDS, THEIR SOCIAL NETWORKS, AND PROFESSIONALS WHO MAY ADMINISTER NALOXONE THROUGH THE COURSE OF THEIR WORK.

✓ 20,311 naloxone kits were distributed by King County in 2018.

20,311
NALOXONE KITS DISTRIBUTED

✓ 5,086 successful administrations of Narcan to reverse overdoses by task force member agencies in 2018.

5,086
OVERDOSES REVERSED

2018

✓ Public Health produces an overdose death dashboard www.kingcounty.gov/depts/health/examiner/overdose

DASHBOARD

