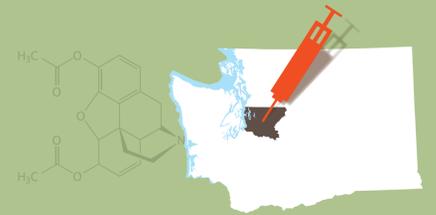




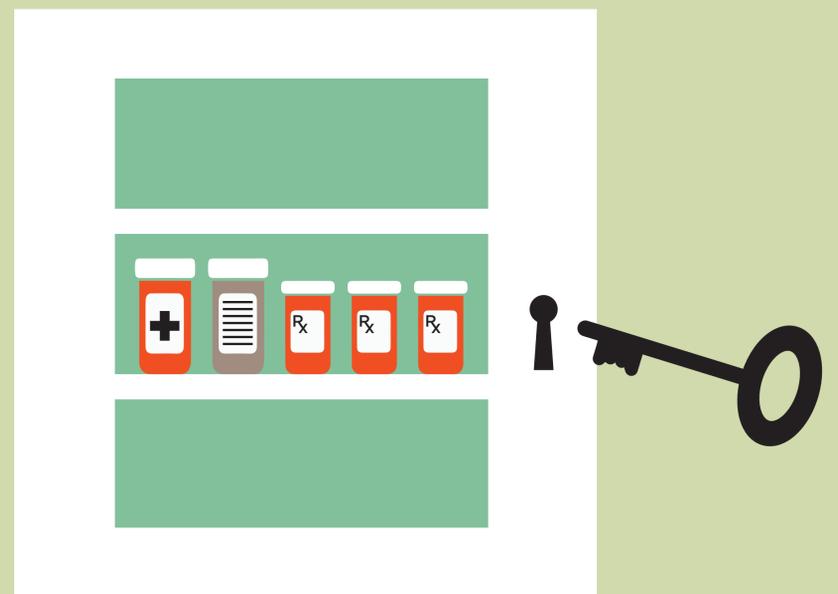
PREVENTION



Increase awareness of the possible adverse effects of opioid use, including overdose and opioid use disorder.



Promote safe storage and disposal of medications.



take back
YOUR MEDS

Work with schools and health care providers to improve screening practices so we can prevent and identify opioid use.





TREATMENT EXPANSION



Make buprenorphine more accessible and available in communities with the greatest need.



Make treatment on demand available for all types of substance-use disorders.

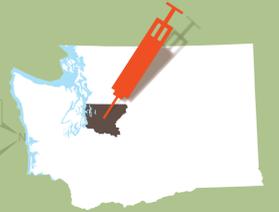


Alleviate artificial barriers placed upon opioid treatment programs.

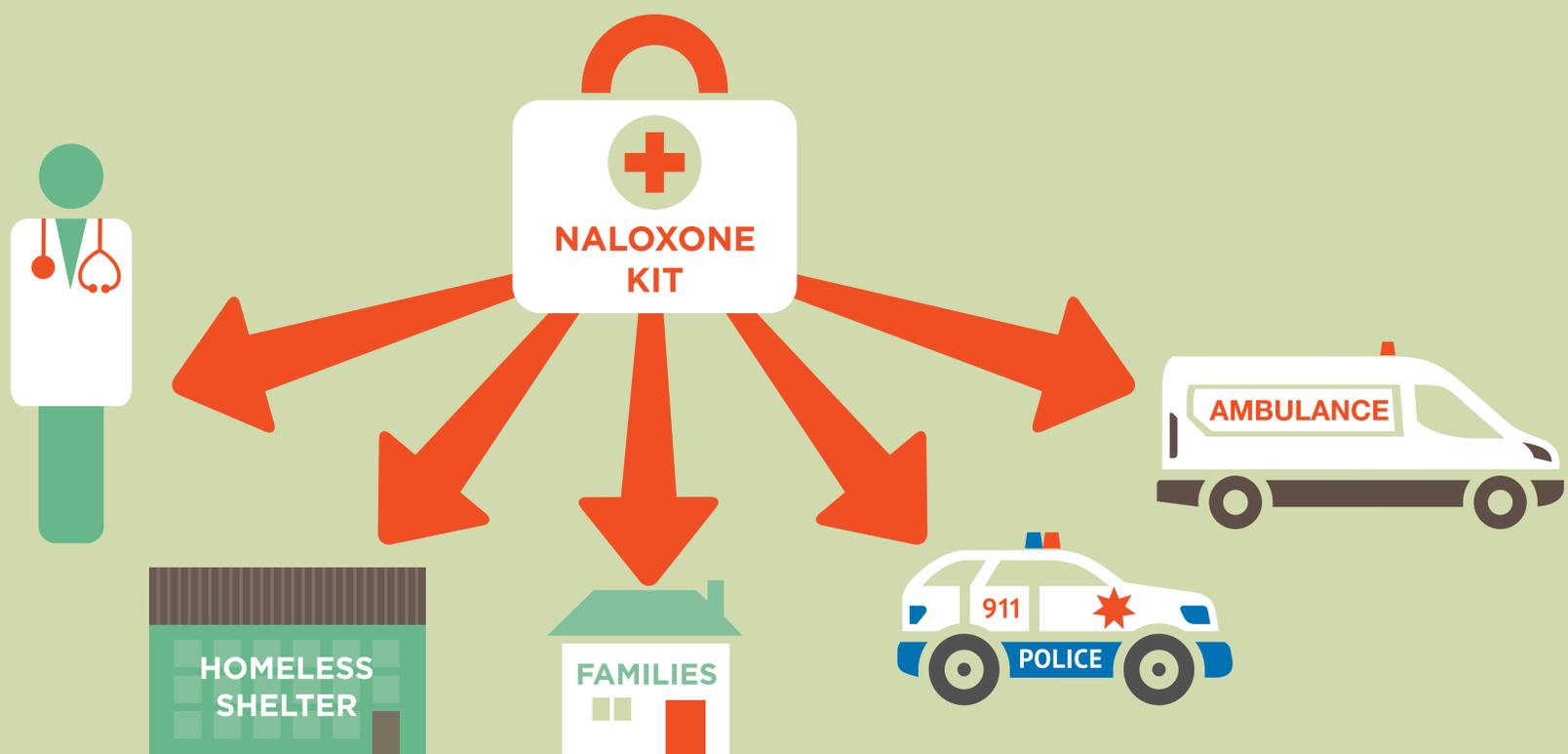




USER HEALTH SERVICES & OVERDOSE PREVENTION



Continue to distribute naloxone kits to reverse the effects of heroin overdose to more locations such as treatment providers, homeless shelters, law enforcement, and first responders.



Create at least two locations where adults with substance-use disorders will have access to on-site services while safely consuming opioids or other substances under the supervision of trained healthcare providers.





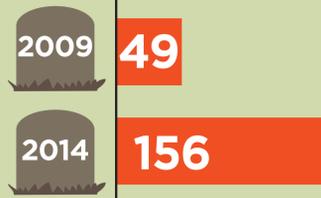
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HEROIN AND OPIOID TRENDS



HEROIN AND OPIOID USE ARE AT CRISIS LEVELS

DEATHS FROM HEROIN OVERDOSE HAVE TRIPLED...



WHILE DEATHS FROM PRESCRIPTION OPIOID OVERDOSE HAVE DECREASED



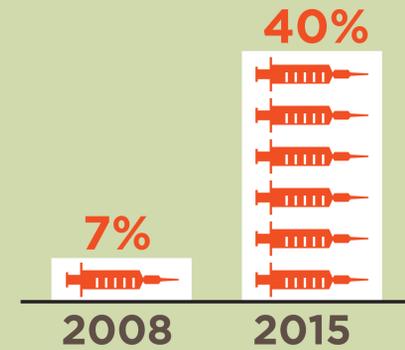
Source: C. Banta-Green, ADAI, drug trends data

Overdose is now the leading cause of injury-related death for 25-65 year olds nationwide.

Source: CDC

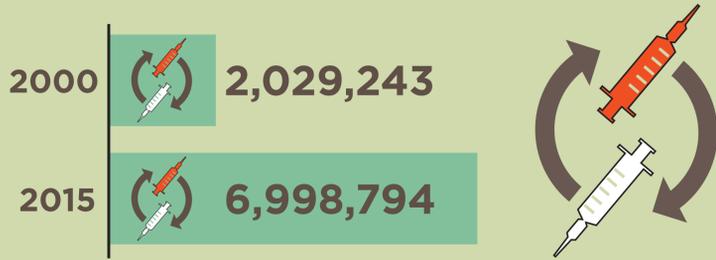


THE PERCENT OF KING COUNTY DRUG SEIZURES TESTING POSITIVE FOR HEROIN HAS INCREASED NEARLY SIX-FOLD



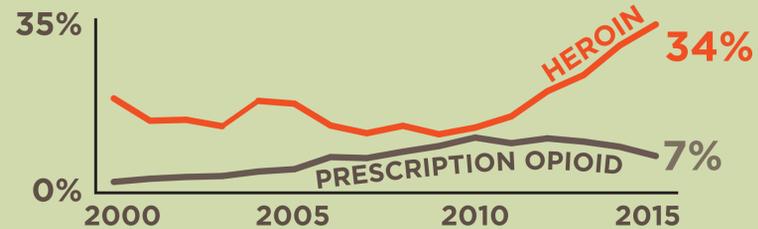
Source: WA State Patrol Crime Lab

THE NUMBER OF NEEDLES EXCHANGED HAS MORE THAN TRIPLED



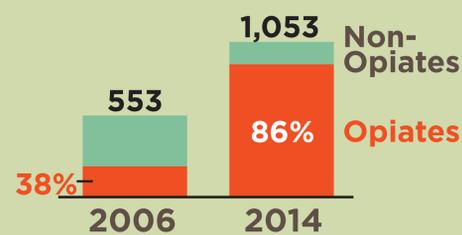
Source: Public Health Seattle-King County Needle Exchange Program/ People's Harm Reduction Alliance

PEOPLE SEEKING TREATMENT FOR HEROIN HAVE INCREASED AS A PERCENT OF ALL DRUG TREATMENT ADMISSIONS



YOUNG ADULTS ARE LARGEST GROWING GROUP SEEKING OPIATE DETOX

People Under 30 Seeking Detox for All Drugs



Source: BHRD 2014 Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Report



PEOPLE WHO ARE HOMELESS HAVE LESS SUCCESS ACCESSING METHADONE TREATMENT THAN THOSE WHO ARE STABLY HOUSED



Source: Needle Exchange Program

Current Methadone Treatment Slots: 3,025

Source: bhrd



MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT SAVES LIVES

Medication-Assisted Treatment cuts risk of death from overdose in half compared to people in counseling alone or not in treatment



Source: Pierce, M., Bird, S. M., Hickman, M., Marsden, J., Dunn, G., Jones, A., and Millar, T. (2016) Impact of treatment for opioid dependence on fatal drug-related poisoning: a national cohort study in England. Addiction, 111: 298-308. doi: 10.1111/add.13193

WHAT KING COUNTY IS DOING

King County has convened the **Heroin and Prescription Opiate Addiction Task Force** that includes individuals from across many disciplines who will come together over a period of six months to develop both short and long-term strategies to prevent abuse and addiction, prevent overdose, and improve access to different types of treatment for opioid addiction. For more information, visit: kingcounty.gov/heroin-opioids-task-force