In 2017, 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 those who are at risk of developing an opiate use disorder.
- Opioid flier translated into 21 LANGUAGES PLUS ENGLISH
- Addressing the Opiate Epidemic, a successful public education series coordinated with the King County Library System, reached over 100 community members.
- 7 LIBRARY COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS
- PROMOTE SAFE STORAGE AND DISPOSAL OF MEDICATIONS.
  - 110 SECURE MEDICINE RETURN BOXES available across King County
- IMPROVE SCREENING PRACTICES TO PREVENT OPIOID USE.
  - 56 MIDDLE SCHOOLS DEVELOP SCREENING PLANS
    - In 2017, middle schools across the county were funded by Best Starts for Kids to plan for enhanced screening and services for students.

**TREATMENT**
Focuses on providing treatment access near where people live and in innovative ways.
- CREATE LOW-BARRIER TREATMENT ACCESS FOR ALL INDIVIDUALS IN NEED.
  - Opened a new detox facility and over 40 new access points for buprenorphine, a medication to treat Opiate Use Disorder. The Recovery Helpline is now coordinating a centralized referral network for Medication Assisted Treatment.
  - Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Patients by Zip Code 2017
    - Access Points for MAT Patients 2017
  - REMOVE BARRIERS PLACED UPON OPIOID TREATMENT PROGRAMS, INCLUDING THE NUMBER OF CLIENTS SERVED AND SITING OF CLINICS.
    - House Bill 1427 was signed into law in 2017. The Bill eliminated barriers on MAT providers and increased prescription monitoring.
      - HOUSE BILL 1427 PASSED
      - Bill 1427
      - 40+ MAT SITES
      - 10+ OUTPATIENT TREATMENT ON DEMAND AGENCIES
      - 1 NEW DETOX

**USER HEALTH**
Focuses on keeping people alive and improving their health.
- EXPAND DISTRIBUTION OF NALOXONE IN KING COUNTY.
  - Distributed 8,736 Naloxone kits, the opioid overdose reversal medication, to law enforcement, fire, housing and treatment providers, families and people who use opiates. From those kits distributed there were 2,297 successful overdoses reversed.
  - 8,736 NALOXONE KITS DISTRIBUTED
  - 2,297 OVERDOSES REVERSED

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