

Opioid Settlement Task Force
Anderson County Courthouse
Thursday, September 7, 2023
Workshop in Room 312

Workshop Notes

Members Present: Commissioners Shelly Vandagriff, Sabra Beauchamp, Aaron Wells, Tim Isbel

Members Absent: Commissioners Tyler Mayes and Josh Anderson

Others Present: Commissioners Denise Palmer and Shain Vowell; Leean Tupper; and Stephanie Strutner (virtually)

Chairwoman Vandagriff called the workshop to order at 5:42 p.m.

Vandagriff reviewed the task force's responsibilities. Then, she introduced Stephanie Strutner, former director of Allies for Substance Abuse Prevention (ASAP) of Anderson County. Strutner gave an overview of the ASAP coalition's programs that have a primary focus on education prevention surrounding substance abuse among youth and adults.

Vandagriff explained the difference between the opioid settlement funds and their uses. She noted the task force's main responsibility is determining what to do with the opioid settlement funds received by Anderson County.

Task Force members stated they want to hear from representatives of law enforcement, emergency medical services, Ridgeview, New Purpose, and others. Members also agreed they want to hear from the general public.

It was agreed that Commissioners Isbel and Vowell will work to find a location and date for a town hall-type meeting in the Rocky Top/Briceville area sometime, perhaps, in October. Similar meetings will be scheduled later this year and early next year for other areas of the county.

Vandagriff noted that the state's Opioid Abatement Council will host a Teams meeting October 2nd if anyone is interested in participating.

The workshop was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.



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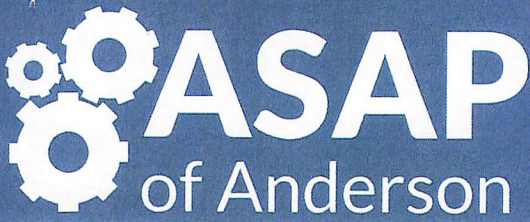
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ABOUT US

Anderson County, TN

VISION

A drug-free Anderson County

MISSION

To prevent and reduce substance misuse among youth and adults in Anderson County.

VALUES

Prevention-is cost effective and ensures a long-term, healthy solution for substance use prevention that spans across generations.

Compassion-all people deserve an opportunity to be a contributing member of our community; destigmatizing substance use disorder is the foundation by which this will be achieved.

Knowledge-raise awareness and provide education to ensure Anderson County continues to be on the forefront of effective prevention strategies.

Connection-collaborate across all twelve sectors of our community to ensure prevention is a priority so we can effectively meet people where they are.

Progress-implement a comprehensive and complementary set of strategies, proven to be effective in preventing and reducing substance misuse in Anderson County.

Proaction-continuously meet the needs of the community by being pioneers in the field of prevention and using proximate data to identify new and emerging trends.

ASAP of Anderson is a coalition of volunteers who collaborate with all sectors of the community to prevent substance misuse. Together, we have achieved significant reductions in adolescent substance misuse: we know that for every dollar we invest in prevention, we save \$17.73 in Anderson County taxpayer money.

Medication Disposal-Take Back Days

- In partnership with police departments

Medication Lock Boxes

- Provide community members with counting sheets and home medicine lock boxes. We promote proper disposal practices and importance of counting, locking, and properly disposing of medicines.

The TN Save a Life program

- This program is designed to increase awareness across Tennessee on the dangers of opioids and stimulants, and the available resources for overdose prevention. Training is provided to anyone in Tennessee at no charge through Regional Overdose Prevention Specialists (ROPS) who reach all 95 counties. ROPS provide training to individuals and groups on substance misuse in Tennessee, the brain science of addiction, and how to recognize and respond to an overdose, including how to use the life-saving drug naloxone. Information is also presented on how to get naloxone. This training certifies an individual under the Tennessee Good Samaritan Law. This program provides naloxone to eligible individuals as designated by the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.
- ASAP of Anderson is responsible for providing TN Save a Life Training at no charge for individuals and groups in the following Tennessee counties:
 - Anderson
 - Campbell
 - Claiborne
 - Grainger
 - Morgan
 - Roane
 - Scott
 - Union

Drug-Free Workplace Training

This training protects businesses in Anderson County by placing the burden of proof on the employee if a workplace accident occurs and that person tests positive for illegal drugs. Businesses will also be eligible to save 5% off their workers' compensation insurance by becoming a drug-free workplace!

- Employees will be educated on their company's policies, tips to identify substance misuse, and how to get support if needed. Supervisors will learn about the science of how drugs interact with the body, signs one may be actively using, and how to reduce stigma so that employees are more likely to come forward if they need help. The training lasts one hour for employees and two hours for supervisors, which costs \$350 for each training (\$700 total).

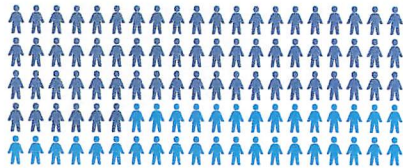
Youth Ambassador Coalition

- Attend monthly trainings/meetings to learn about the impact of substances use disorder
- Participants are provided with professional and personal development resources in (For example: Mock Interviews/, Resume Prep , etc.)
- Attend Tennessee Day on the Hill in Washington, DC-speak to our elected officials and their aids.
- Attend PAT Day on the Hill in Nashville, TN- speak to our legislators and representatives.
- Participate in local events hosted in the community
- Educate their peers on substances and their effect on students
- TN Together Survey-8th, 10th, 12th graders in Anderson County/ Oak Ridge Schools .
 - This anonymous survey assesses the extent of alcohol, drug, tobacco, and vaping device use and prescription drug misuse, and

Youth Vaping Class

- Previous years has been taught as a 1.5 hour class in Oak Ridge High School for Vaping Offenses
 - 75 students last year in Oak Ridge Schools
- This year- We are expanding into both Anderson County and Oak Ridge Schools.
 - This class will be 6 hours (9a-3p)
 - 4th Saturday of the month (September, November, January, February, April, May)
 - Parents are required to attend
 - Youth will participate in a course to educate them on vaping, the dangers, science, and education.
 - Parents will participate in an educational course designed for parents including Hidden in Plain Sight to educate parents on ways students could be hiding their devices.
 - In partnership with the Anderson County Health Department Health Educator

Overdoses are decreasing



There were 66* overdose deaths in Anderson County in 2022, down from 91 in 2021.

*Provided by the Knox/Anderson Medical Examiner

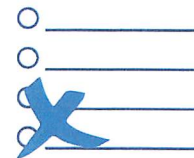
Xylazine was added to the top 5 most common drugs identified in drug-related deaths in Anderson County.



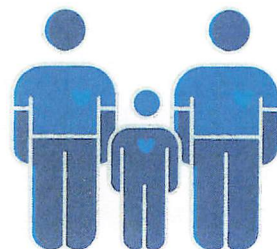
The top 5 substances were: fentanyl, methamphetamine, cocaine, alcohol, and xylazine.



This is xylazine's first appearance in this list, though it was found in 56 drug-related deaths in Tennessee in 2020 and 94 in 2021.



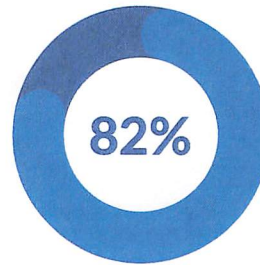
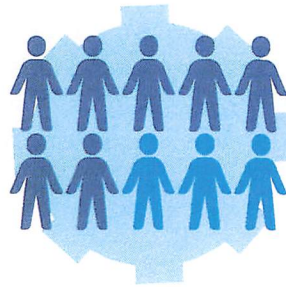
Heroin is no longer in the top 10 of most commonly identified drugs in Anderson County.



Sharing Isn't Always Caring

73% of young adults in our region who misused prescription drugs got them from a friend or relative, or someone they know.

Youth Survey, 2020



Fatal Overdoses

Overdoses (with some involving stimulant misuse) in Anderson County have fallen to 66 in 2022, decreasing from 91 in 2021.

TN Drug Overdose Dashboard, 2022

Believing Myths

8% of young adults have used stimulants for non-medical reasons because they believe it will boost their grades. **It doesn't.**

Monitoring the Future, 2020



We Need to Talk

33% of middle and high school students in Anderson County say their parents seldom or never talk to them about the dangers of drugs.

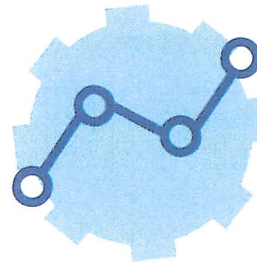
Youth Survey, 2020



Use on the Rise

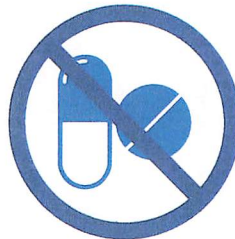
2.1% of 6-12th graders in the county misused prescription drugs in the past 30 days in 2020, compared to 1.6% of 6-12th graders in 2018.

Youth Survey, 2018,2020



You Can Help

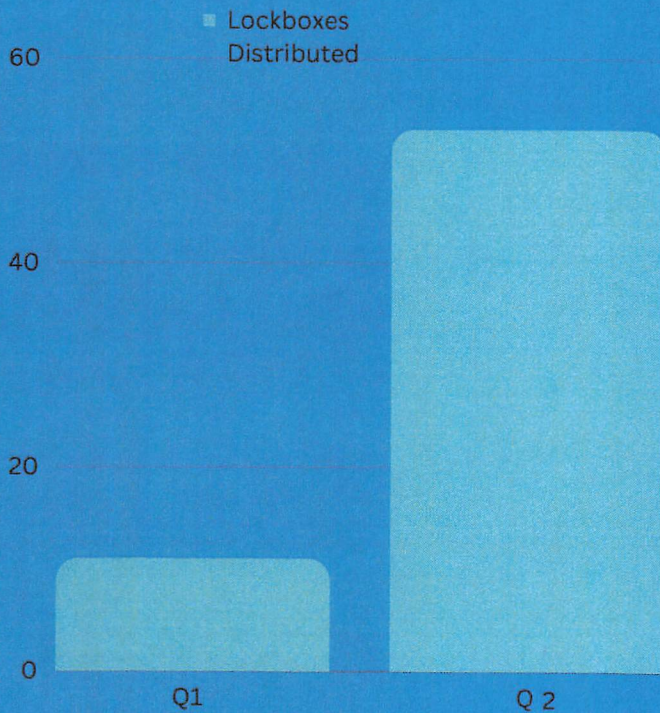
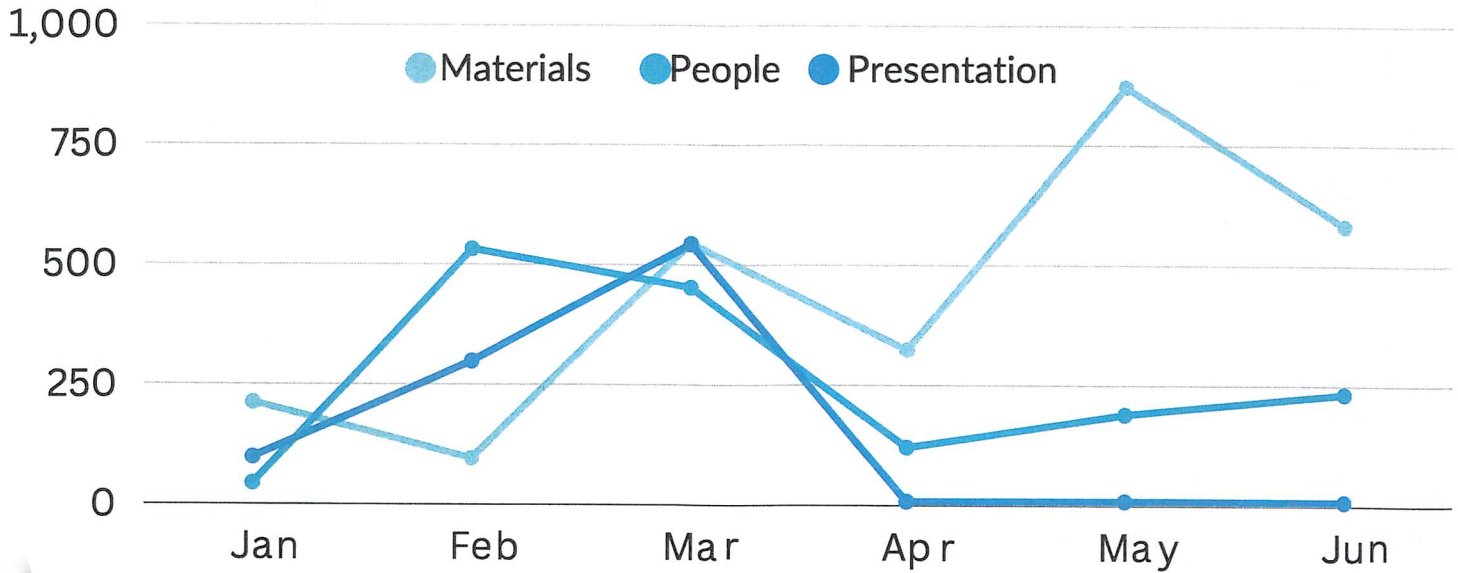
COUNT your meds every two weeks, **LOCK** up your meds and store them in a safe place, and **DROP** unused or expired meds in a permanent disposal bin. To request a lock box or find a bin, visit ASAPofAnderson.org.



Students Trying Drugs

4.1% of students tried drugs in the past 30 days in 2020. When ASAP began surveying it was 5.85%. This is a 35% decrease in past 30 day drug use.

COALITION ACTIVITY LEADING TO BEHAVIOR CHANGE



During this quarter, the ASAP Coalition disseminated 53 lock boxes to individuals and organizations. Over 209.9 lbs of discarded medication were safely disposed through Police Station Medication Disposal Boxes.

**excludes lbs for June

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT



Public Health Communications Intern

Imelia Markus-Brock

Assisting with tabling events, social media strategy, assembling marketing materials, mock interviews/resume building.

SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS

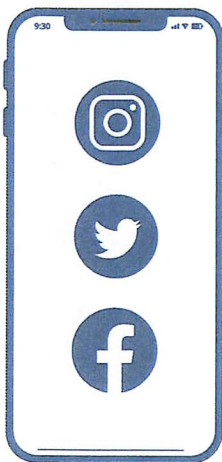
TN Together Survey

We have received data back from Oak Ridge Schools. Shayla met with the Anderson County School Board in June to discuss partnerships, data, and funding. Dr. Parrott and the board have agreed to participate in the survey in September so we can obtain necessary data.

R2 Funding Update

We are working to use this limited funding to enhance the current vaping referral class have restructured it to be across all school districts. The first class will be September 23rd.

MEDIA ACTIVITY

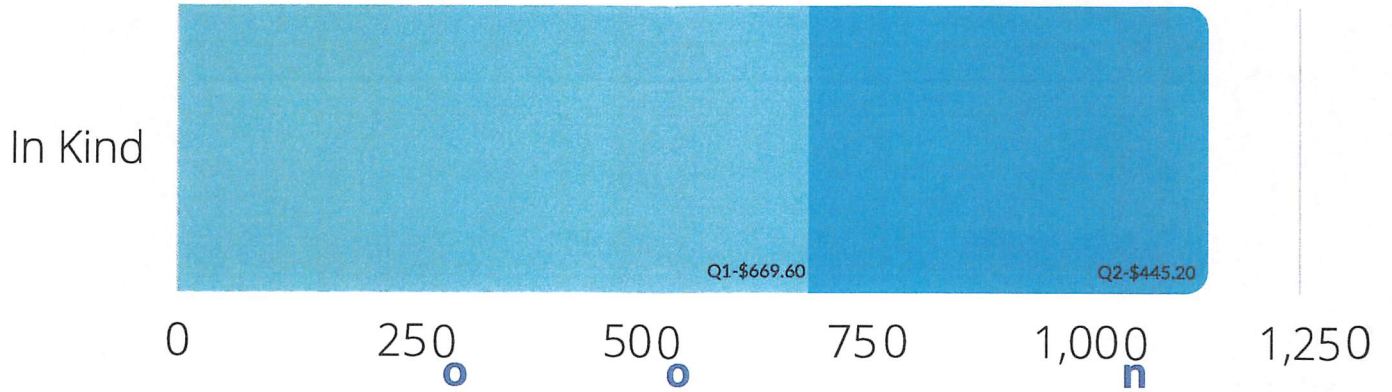


In Q2 of 2023 we had 42,681 impressions across social media. We have increased our following on Instagram by 19 since Q1.



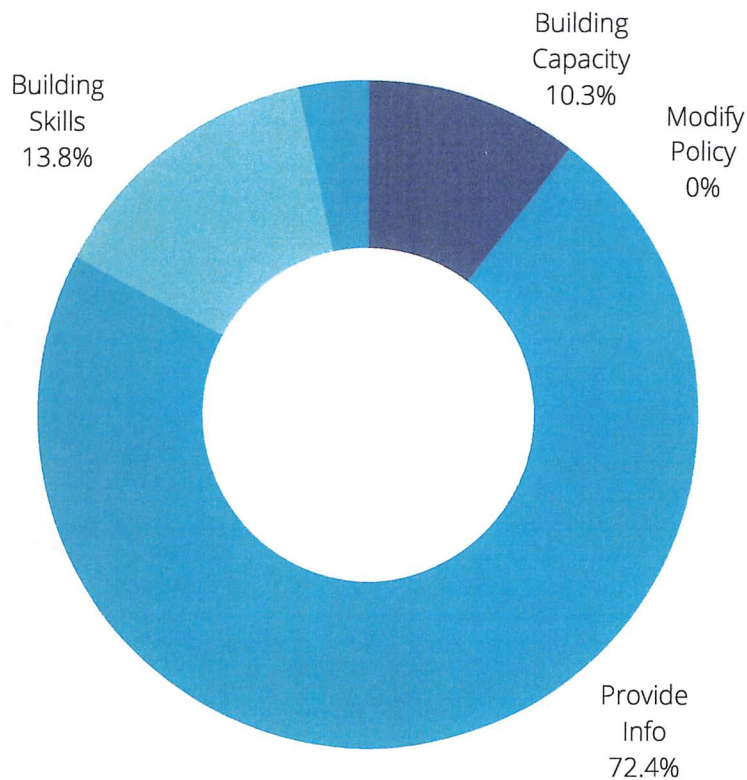
We reached 20,000 people through TV interviews on BBTV for Drug Take Back Day, LEAD Camp, and YAC promotion.

IN-KIND DONATIONS

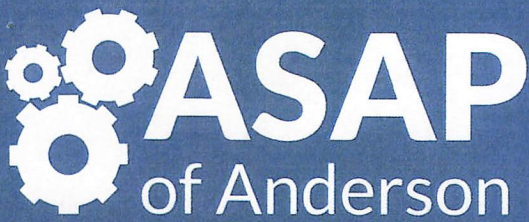


In Q2 In-Kind donations took the form of coalition members attending the May coalition meeting!

INTERVENTION STRATEGIES



During Q2 we trained coalition members, tabled at various events, attended high school prom and graduations, and held one Drug Free Workplace Training for the City of Clinton.



Partnerships

Anderson County, TN

Anderson County Schools
Oak Ridge City Schools
Clinton City Schools
Free Medical Clinic
Ridgeview
Journey Pure
Knoxville School of the Deaf
United Way of Anderson County
Anderson County Health Department
Anderson County Chamber of Commerce
Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce
Rocky Top Chamber of Commerce
Oak Ridge Breakfast Rotary
Oak Ridge Noon Rotary
Cherokee Health Systems
Helen Ross McNabb
CASA of the Tennessee Heartland
Child Advocacy Center of Anderson County
Clinton Lions Club
South College School of Pharmacy
Methodist Medical Center
Anderson County Sheriff's Department
Anderson County Rescue Squad
Anderson County EMS
Briceville Fire Department
Claxton Fire Department
Clinton Fire Department
Clinton Police Department

Marlow Fire Department

Medford Fire Department

Norris Fire Department

Norris Police Department

Oliver Springs Fire Department

Oliver Springs Police Department

Oak Ridge Fire Department

Oak Ridge Police Department

Rocky Top Fire Department

Rocky Top Police Department

BBB Communications 12

ACTV

WYSH/Merle FM

STAR 102.1

Courier News

The Oakridger

Oak Ridge Today

Norris Bulletin

Rocky Top News

WBIR

WATE

Metro Drug Coalition

Roane County Anti-Drug Coalition

STAND (Scott County Anti-Drug Coalition)

Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse

Tennessee Department of Health

Rural Health Association of Tennessee



Partnerships

Anderson County, TN

TSPN

Prevention Alliance of Tennessee

Norris City Hall

Oliver Springs City Hall

Rocky Top City Hall

Oak Ridge City Hall

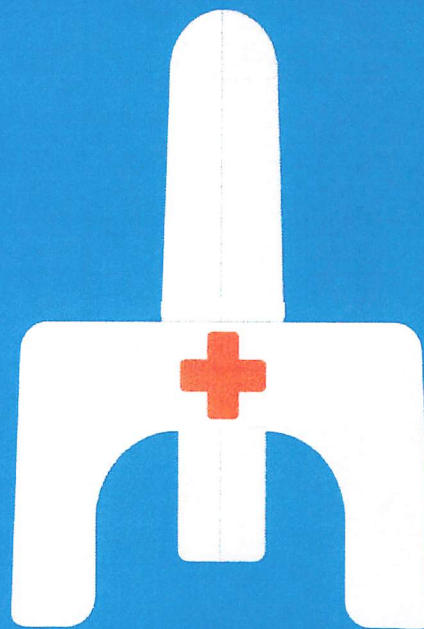
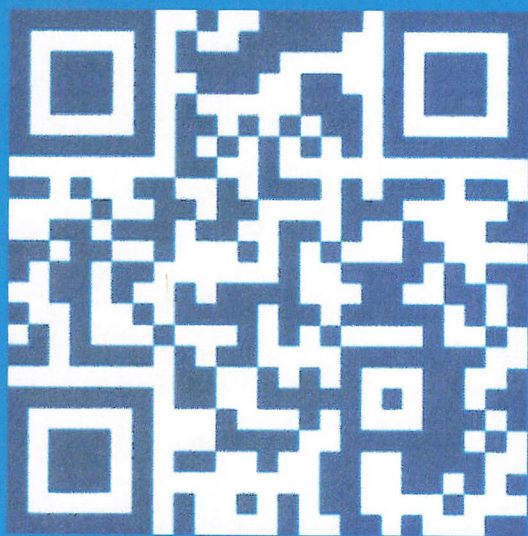
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TN *Save A Life*

LEARN ABOUT PREVENTING
OVERDOSES, STIGMA, &
LIFE-SAVING NALOXONE!



*Accidental overdoses
CAN and DO happen.
Carry naloxone = SAVE A LIFE!*

Opioid Abatement Trust Funds Paid to Counties 2023

COUNTY	PAYMENT	COUNTY	PAYMENT	COUNTY	PAYMENT	COUNTY	PAYMENT
Anderson	\$425,159.28	Grainger	\$111,992.42	Marshall	\$168,177.75	Trousdale	\$63,825.94
Bedford	\$224,617.91	Greene	\$333,802.75	Maury	\$432,614.55	Unicoi	\$91,472.71
Benton	\$80,407.37	Grundy	\$84,137.96	McMinn	\$257,267.25	Union	\$105,224.89
Bledsoe	\$69,943.58	Hamblen	\$291,338.60	McNairy	\$110,484.44	Van Buren	\$28,073.08
Blount	\$645,269.14	Hamilton	\$1,503,939.60	Meigs	\$59,871.66	Warren	\$203,353.57
Bradley	\$460,332.09	Hancock	\$34,836.41	Monroe	\$212,353.13	Washington	\$530,036.46
Campbell	\$235,452.32	Hardeman	\$104,548.87	Montgomery	\$979,728.66	Wayne	\$78,591.73
Cannon	\$88,943.16	Hardin	\$134,687.30	Moore	\$29,878.28	Weakley	\$146,450.16
Carroll	\$120,839.64	Hawkins	\$289,569.96	Morgan	\$123,002.53	White	\$138,834.73
Carter	\$255,604.99	Haywood	\$61,363.14	Obion	\$134,458.21	Williamson	\$779,781.87
Cheatham	\$290,618.82	Henderson	\$122,274.62	Overton	\$118,602.77	Wilson	\$681,677.30
Chester	\$68,026.24	Henry	\$149,090.40	Perry	\$44,026.61		
Claiborne	\$170,037.35	Hickman	\$151,344.58	Pickett	\$24,376.08		
Clay	\$43,876.41	Houston	\$49,596.30	Polk	\$77,858.63		
Cocke	\$202,800.72	Humphreys	\$91,215.23	Putnam	\$350,535.48		
Coffee	\$292,030.12	Jackson	\$69,200.45	Rhea	\$161,002.42		
Crockett	\$52,023.89	Jefferson	\$243,322.97	Roane	\$306,045.15		
Cumberland	\$294,694.36	Johnson	\$69,766.52	Robertson	\$380,839.01		
Davidson	\$3,425,336.82	Knox	\$2,513,123.68	Rutherford	\$1,513,354.86		
Decatur	\$56,065.09	Lake	\$35,533.44	Scott	\$106,528.48		
DeKalb	\$119,163.55	Lauderdale	\$101,371.99	Sequatchie	\$77,048.53		
Dickson	\$305,873.27	Lawrence	\$210,827.69	Sevier	\$495,612.05		
Dyer	\$150,185.21	Lewis	\$66,836.90	Shelby	\$3,579,148.36		
Fayette	\$164,339.53	Lincoln	\$149,529.49	Smith	\$108,942.96		
Fentress	\$115,421.46	Loudon	\$244,608.12	Stewart	\$81,312.23		
Franklin	\$193,718.11	Macon	\$117,650.45	Sullivan	\$735,949.15		
Gibson	\$202,432.00	Madison	\$368,569.86	Sumner	\$901,622.77		
Giles	\$140,164.76	Marion	\$143,371.14	Tipton	\$266,360.30		

<u>TENNESSEE</u>	
Statute(s)	TENN. CODE ANN. §§ 9-4-1301 to 9-4-1305 (West 2022).
Initial effective date(s)	May 24, 2021.
Substantive amendment(s) to laws	None.
Does the law establish a dedicated fund independent of the general treasury for opioid litigation proceeds?	Yes. The Opioid Abatement Fund (Fund) is established as an irrevocable trust administered by three trustees, the contents of which do not revert to the state's general fund. The three trustees are: (1) the commissioner of finance and administration; (2) the state treasurer; and (3) the chair of the Opioid Abatement Council (Council). TENN. CODE ANN. § 9-4-1301 (West 2022).
Does the law set out permissible expenditures for the funds?	Yes. Expenditures from the Fund are limited to those for the purposes of prospective opioid abatement and remediation, expenses incurred in running the Council and expenses associated with administering and investing funds held in the Fund. TENN. CODE ANN. § 9-4-1302 (West 2022).
Does the law establish a governing council to approve disbursement of the funds?	Yes. Any disbursements from the Fund must be made at the direction of the Council. TENN. CODE ANN. § 9-4-1302 (West 2022). The Council comprises 15 voting members and a nonvoting ex-officio member: (1) four appointed by the governor, including the chair; (2) four appointed by the speaker of the Senate; (3) four appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives; (4) two appointed by the County Services Association; and (5) one appointed by the Municipal League. The commissioner of mental health and substance abuse services, or a designee, is the ex-officio member. TENN. CODE ANN. § 33-11-103 (West 2022).
Recently proposed legislation	None.



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