



AGENCY NAME: Office of Addiction Services and Supports

DELIVERABLES ACHIEVED SINCE 2021

Data

NYS Overdose Death Dashboard:

This interactive dashboard includes data (source: CDC Wonder) on drug overdose deaths in New York State by year, drug class, county, and race/ethnicity. This expansive look at overdose deaths considers all types of drugs and presents geographic visualizations of drug overdoses by county in the form of both population counts and rates. We considered all drug classes as people who may primarily be using non-opioids (such as stimulants) are at high risk of drug overdose death as those who may primarily be using opioids. [NYS Overdose Death Dashboard | Office of Addiction Services and Supports](#)

Opioid Settlement Fund Tracker:

Information includes annual allocation and funds made available by priority area and dollars made available by date and initiative. Information is updated in real time and there are links provided in the table to view procurement opportunities (RFAs and RFPs posted to web page) and award information. [Opioid Settlement Fund Tracker | Office of Addiction Services and Supports \(ny.gov\)](#)

Opioid Settlement Fund Regional Abatement:

Regional abatement funds are being distributed to 8 NYS regions (reflecting 55 counties), five large cities, and 21 other municipalities as determined by the Opioid Settlement Fund.

Funding amounts are distributed through the Local Governmental Unit (LGU) for each receiving county in the region. The LGU is the unit of government with authority under New York State Mental Hygiene Law that provides local addiction and mental health services. Regional abatement funding amounts were informed by county population, overdose death rate, and mental health and equity indicators.

Information on funding amounts made available including initial spending allocation based on the ten priority spending categories identified by the Opioid Settlement Fund Advisory Board is available on this web page. Information on planned and actual use of funds will be updated over time.

[Opioid Settlement Fund Regional Abatements | Office of Addiction Services and Supports \(ny.gov\)](#)

Harm Reduction Supply Distribution:

This dashboard depicts the harm reduction supplies that OASAS has distributed, in both tabular and geographic for, beginning in August 2022; supplies include naloxone kits, fentanyl test strips, and

xylazine test strips . Information is available by counts and rates (per 1,000 residents) statewide and by NYS county. [Harm Reduction Supply Distribution | Office of Addiction Services and Supports \(ny.gov\)](#)

Addiction Data Bulletin:

Each Addiction Data Bulletin uses OASAS data to increase knowledge and awareness regarding addiction in NYS. OASAS data are often presented in context with both population-level survey and research data. The most current bulletin presents data on stimulant use and stimulant use disorder in NYS, summarizing the NYS OASAS data on substance use disorder treatment admissions, and provides clinical implications and recommendations. [addiction-data-bulletin-2024-02.pdf \(ny.gov\)](#)

SUD Treatment System Dashboard:

The SUD Treatment System Dashboard offers an interactive experience exploring the data profiles for those served in the OASAS system of care. [SUD Treatment System Dashboard | Office of Addiction Services and Supports \(ny.gov\)](#)

Local Services Plans:

New York State law directs OASAS, the Office of Mental Health (OMH), and the Office for People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) to assist Local Governmental Units (LGU) in planning for addiction, mental health, and developmental disability services.

LGUs must develop a plan that describes their needs and goals. These plans are submitted to the State agencies and used to develop a statewide plan. The 2024 Local Services Plans contain LGU goals through 2027 and will be updated annually. [Local Services Plans | Office of Addiction Services and Supports \(ny.gov\)](#)

Key SUD Indicators:

A core dataset of *Substance Use Disorder* public health data indicators that compare county level population-based rates to statewide rates. Rates for counties outside of NYC are compared to the Rest of State (ROS) rate. In-depth analyses are linked in the data sources for each indicator. [Search | Office of Addiction Services and Supports \(ny.gov\)](#)

INITIATIVES TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN 2024

Substance Use Vulnerability Index:

The substance use vulnerability index (SUVI) is a composite measure that incorporates the diverse factors that influence an area's vulnerability to the potential harms of substance use. The SUVI is a health equity informed measure that incorporates spatial context and resources available over time. The SUVI will be useful to OASAS in the following ways (*in addition to monitoring the impact of the Opioid Settlement Fund*):

- Monitor and evaluate goals to reduce health inequities across NYS and within specific areas
- Monitor and evaluate the impact of large-scale system changes or policy changes

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- Identify areas and specific populations that may merit:
 - enhanced resources
 - program or policy changes
 - implementation of new initiatives

Outreach and Engagement Services Dashboard:

- The encounter level data collection tool is used to track individual-level service delivery provided in community across a number of OASAS initiatives. The initiatives include Clinical Outreach and Engagement, Street Outreach and Engagement, SUD Shelter in Reach, Low Threshold Buprenorphine, Connections to Care and Regional Networks. OASAS is investing significant resources in the delivery of community-based services in order to reach people wherever they are and reduce barriers to harm reduction and treatment services for all New Yorkers. The Outreach and Engagement Services Dashboard will provide data on volume of services, location, and referral needs of the individuals served.

Treatment Provider Quarterly Feature Data Report:

- Treatment provider quarterly data report will focus on a particular data element accompanied by a facilitated discussion on use of data to inform program operations. The facilitated discussion will increase provider data proficiency and understanding in how to apply learning to improving service provision. As was reported in 2021, OASAS was moving to adopt the DOH NYSE-CON application system, to allow providers to submit Certification applications electronically and the public to search/find those applications during the review process. This was implemented in 2022, and is now fully-operational.
- As was reported in 2021, OASAS offers a Credentialing webpage which includes a verification search tool allowing the public to search by an individual's name or credential number to view an individual's credential, the date upon which the credential was issued, and the expiration date. In 2023, the Credentialing webpage added an online form to allow the public to file a complaint against a credentialed individual.
- As was reported in 2021, in an effort to promote greater transparency, OASAS and OMH began publishing the list of projects and regulations scheduled for review two weeks prior to the upcoming Behavioral Health Services Advisory Council (BHSAC) meetings, so that the public may advise whether they desire to be heard at the meeting.

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Records Access-Credentialing

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- While the OASAS website currently provides the ability to review the list of individuals who have had their credentials revoked for misconduct, in December 2022, OASAS began contracted activities with a vendor to develop an electronic Credentialing Management System (CMS). This new online credentialing portal, which will be implemented in the Spring of 2024, will allow applicants to access the process 24 hours a day and receive real time updates about the application processing status and offer an online payment process.
- For several years, OASAS had engaged in a process to obtain stakeholder feedback on regulatory development and changes prior to publication of any proposed regulations, through regular meetings of the Administrative Relief Workgroup. In Spring 2022, OASAS ended this Workgroup to explore creation of a new one which would be more representative of all aspects of what OASAS does/represents, in addition to making it more diverse and inclusive. Following a recruitment process from identified stakeholders, OASAS announced formation of the new Regulatory Advisory Workgroup in December 2023 – with its first meeting scheduled for February 2024.

Records Access – FOIL

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- Agency-wide email circulated reminding staff of the importance of complying with records access requests in a timely and complete manner.
- OASAS has made more information and records available to the public on our website.
- OASAS completed its scanning project to increase efficiency and accessibility of records.
- OASAS has successfully transitioned to using the GovQA platform for FOIL.

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- Agency-wide reminder email to be circulated again reminding staff of the importance of complying with records access requests.
- Potential agency-wide training on FOIL and records access.
- OASAS will continue to make more information and records available to the public on our website.

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Records Access – Project Sunlight

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- OASAS distributed the project sunlight policy and PowerPoint trainings developed by OGS.
- OASAS drafted a memorandum regarding the policy for agency staff.
- OASAS developed helpful tools, including a ‘Do I Report Tool’ and database entry instructions for the agency.
- OGS provided specific training to Administrative Staff for database entry.
- Appearances were reported to the Project Sunlight database.

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- Provide an agency reminder and include the Project Sunlight policy, trainings – technical and substantive, the agency memo, and reporting tools, to be distributed to agency staff.

- Provide information to staff regarding the available trainings in SLMS:

Class OGS-Sunlight-
Code Substantive-2023

Class OGS-Sunlight-Technical-
Code 2023