

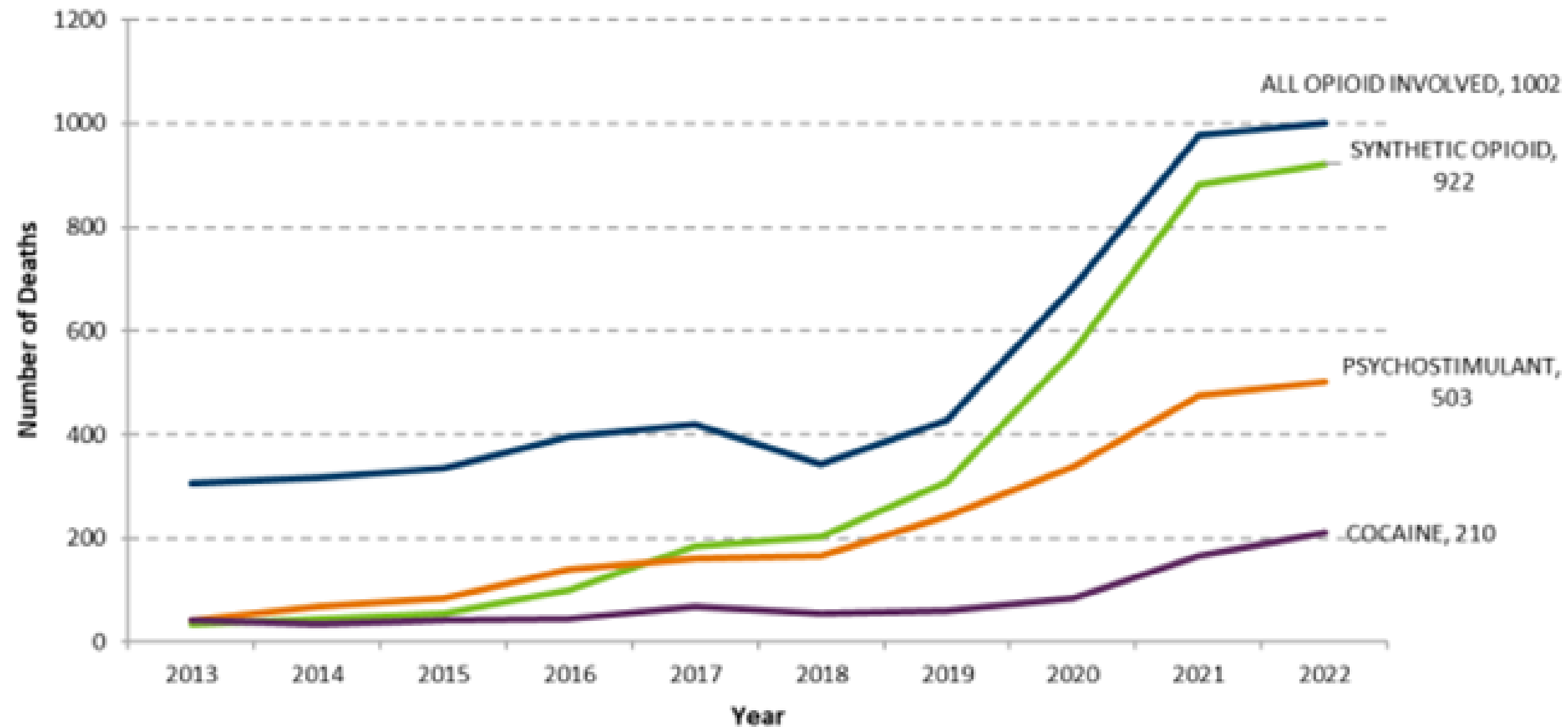


# FROM AWARENESS TO ACTION

A COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO  
THE OPIOID CRISIS

THE DOUGLAS COUNTY OPIOID ADVISORY COUNCIL

## Drug overdose deaths by non-exclusive drug category, MN residents, 2013-2022\*



SOURCE: Minnesota death certificates, Injury and Violence Prevention Section, Minnesota Department of Health, 2013-2022.

NOTE: 2022 data are preliminary and likely to change when finalized. NOTE: Drug categories are non-exclusive.

## Key messages:

- Understanding the opioid crisis,
- Learning about prevention programs,
- Ways to reduce harm, and
- How stigma affects mental health

**PANEL**

HEALTHCARE

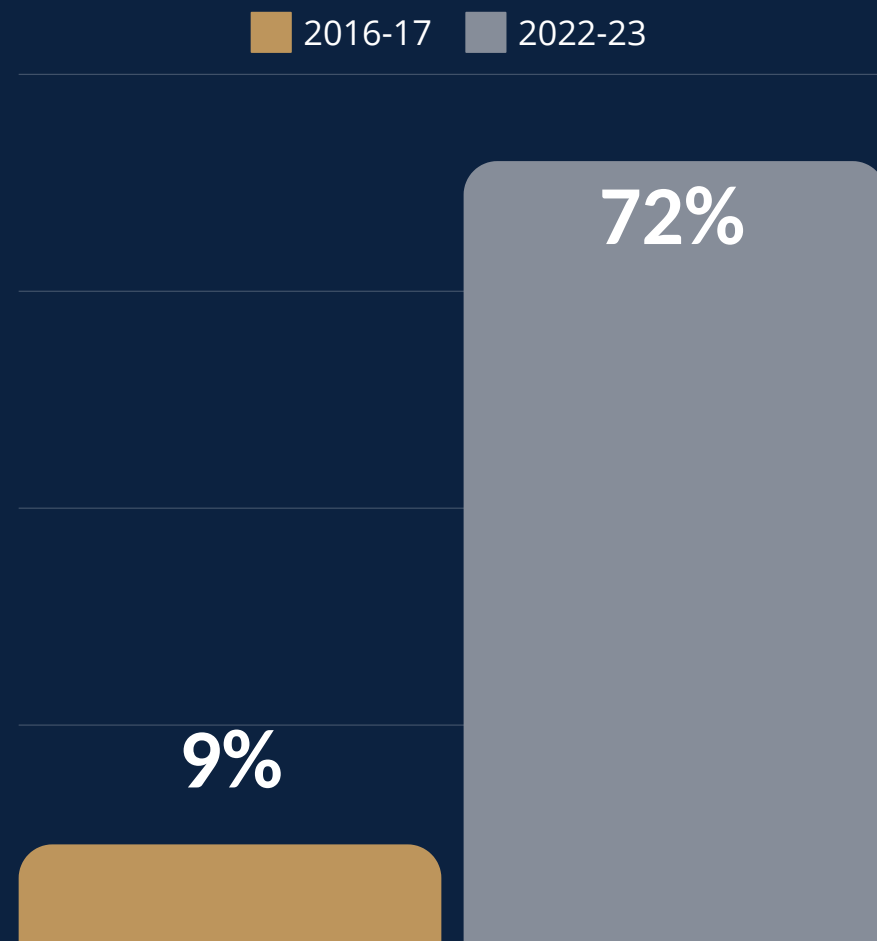
LAW ENFORCEMENT

MENTAL HEALTHCARE

PUBLIC HEALTH

# What are opioids? How do they differ from other pain meds?

## Controlled Substance Care Plans



Opioid prescriptions  
**DECREASED** by **73%** in 1-year

Morphine milligram equivalents  
prescriptions **DECREASED**  
by **71%** in 1-year.

# of patients treated for  
**Opioid Use Disorders:**

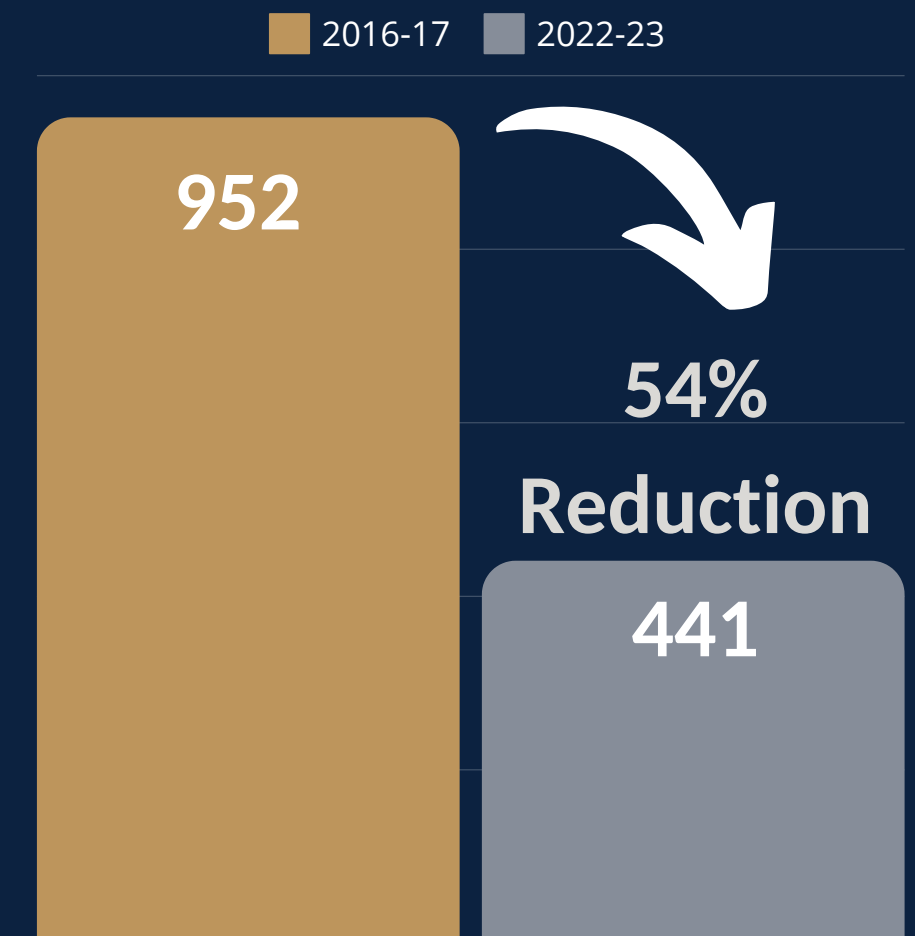
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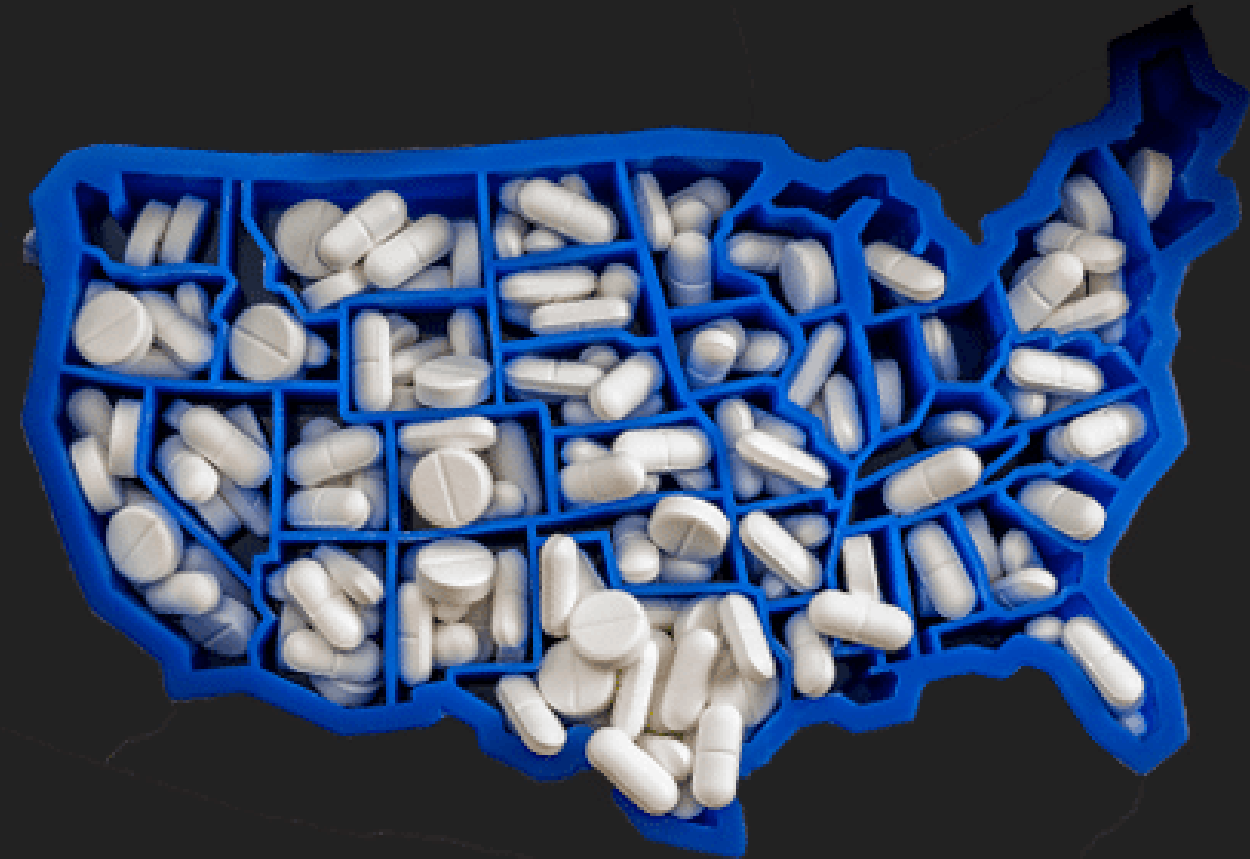
65/active, 163/total

## # of patients receiving controlled substances

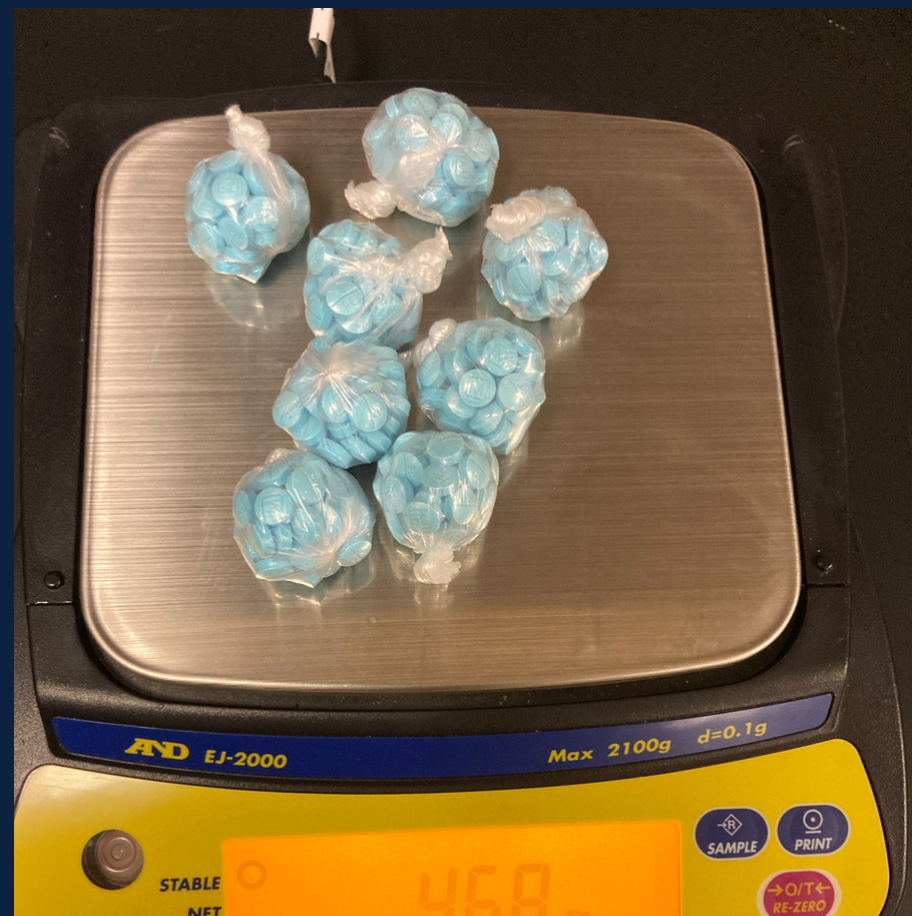


What are the effects of the opioid epidemic?

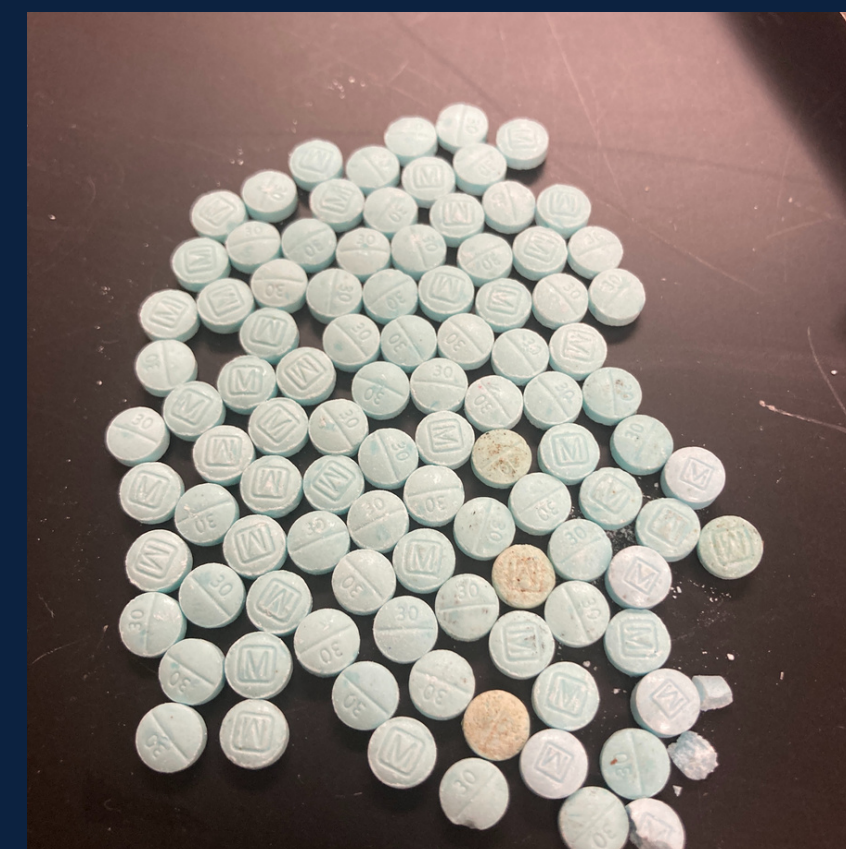
**3 MILLION AMERICANS**



**REPORT STRUGGLING WITH  
OPIOID USE DISORDER**



Locally,  
what are we  
seeing?



What do you do  
if you find or  
see something?



What is  
Steve's Law?



# What is Naloxone? How is it used to save lives? How can we get access to it?

## Naloxone Access Points (NAP)

DOUGLAS, GRANT, & STEVENS COUNTY



### NAP SITES :

#### DOUGLAS COUNTY


- **ALEXANDRIA CLINIC**  
610 30th Avenue West  
Alexandria, MN 56308
- **ALOMERE HEALTH**  
111 17th Avenue East  
Alexandria, MN 56308
- **NYSTROM & ASSOCIATES**  
305 30th Avenue W  
Alexandria, MN 56308
- **WEST CENTRAL MINNESOTA COMMUNITIES ACTION**  
1910 Aga Drive Suite 206  
Alexandria, MN 56308

#### GRANT COUNTY

- **LAKE REGION HEALTHCARE**  
1411 MN-79  
Elbow Lake, MN 56537


#### STEVENS COUNTY


- **STEVENS COMMUNITY MEDICAL CENTER**  
400 E. 1st Street  
Morris, MN 56267

 Naloxone, available at NAP sites, is a critical tool in reversing opioid overdoses and saving lives.

 Visit NAP Sites for:

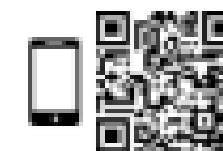
- Free Naloxone kits
- Fentanyl test strips

 **Steve's Law protects you!**  
Both the person experiencing an overdose and the person seeking help have limited immunity from charges related to use and possession of drugs. **Don't Run - Call 911!**

 Empower yourself with the information to reduce the risk of accidental overdose.

LEARN MORE ABOUT  
OPIOID AWARENESS  
& RESOURCES:

 <https://steverummierhopenetwork.org/>



#### Did you know?

Naloxone is commonly referred to as Narcan, and both terms are used interchangeably.



# How can harm reduction tools:

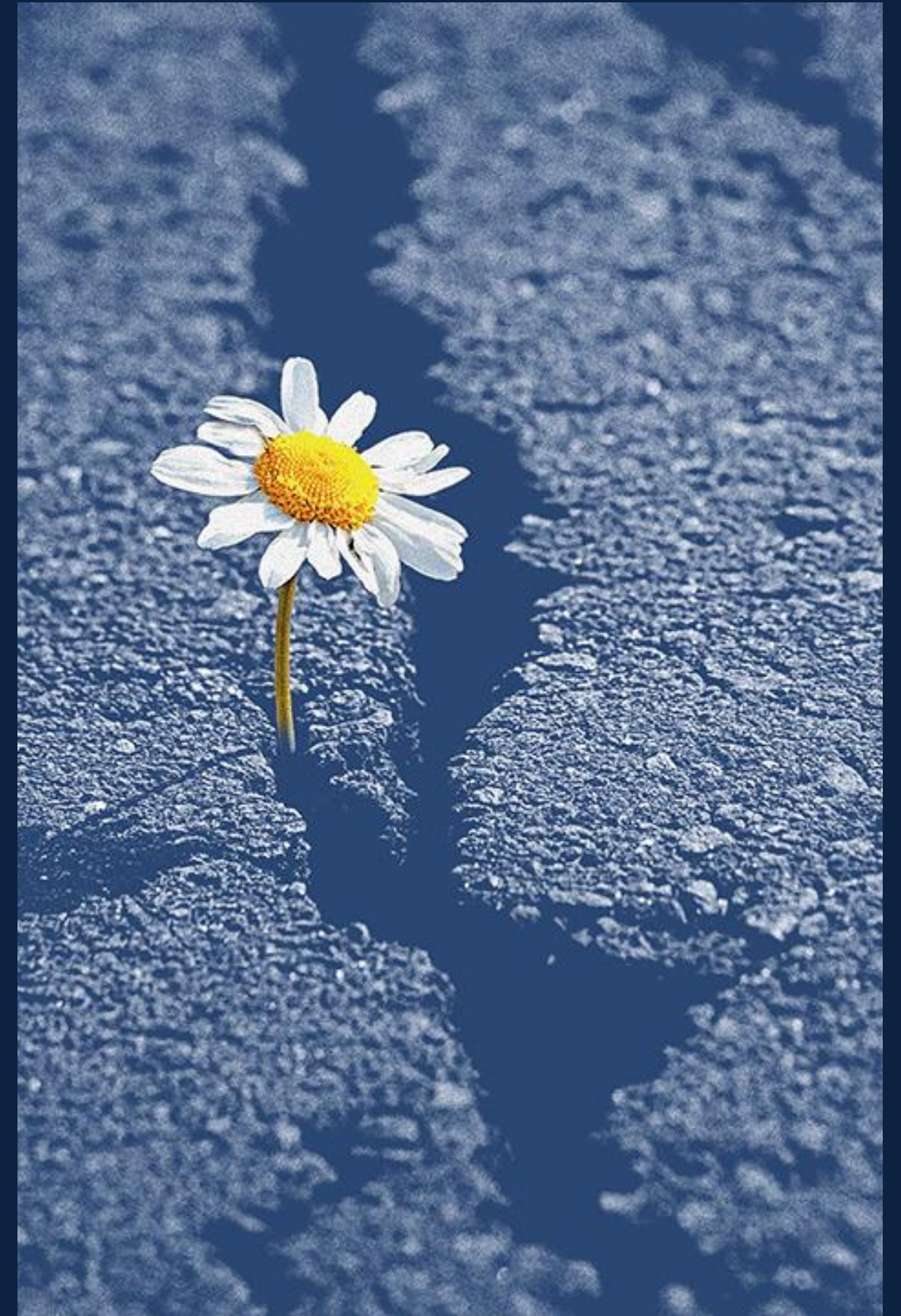
- contribute to prevention
- made available throughout the community?



**How does the  
opioid epidemic  
impact  
communities,  
families, and  
individuals?**



**How does the  
stigma  
associated with  
opioid use affect  
seeking help?**





**Where can  
people worried  
about their own  
addiction, or  
someone else's,  
turn for help?**



**How can we  
improve  
awareness  
and education  
about opioid  
use?**





Q&A

# Thank You

Please scan QR code  
for brief survey

