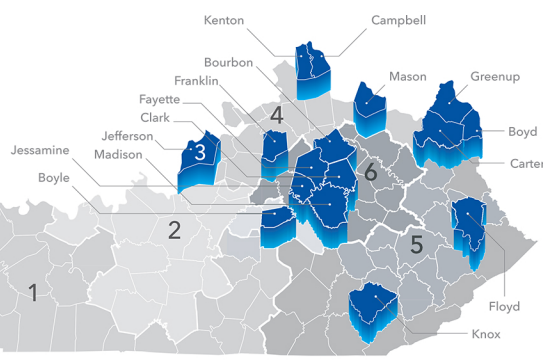


# HEALing Communities in Kentucky

## The Communities

- **16 counties** in Kentucky:



## County Selection Process

120 Kentucky counties

↳ 48 counties with  $\geq 25$  opioid overdose deaths per 100,000 in 2017

↳ 35 counties without suppressed overdose data  $\geq 5$  opioid overdose deaths

↳ 28 counties with needed justice infrastructure

↳ 25 counties with needed treatment infrastructure

↳ 19 counties with needed public health infrastructure

↳ 16 counties not already involved in major UK intervention projects

## The Grant

- **\$87 million** awarded to the University of Kentucky awarded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

- **4 states** funded: University of Kentucky, Ohio State University, Boston Medical Center and Columbia University

## The Goals

- To reduce opioid-related overdose deaths by **40%** over 3 years and treat opioid use disorder in highly affected counties
- To collaborate with state and community partners to implement evidence-based interventions to save lives, help people achieve recovery, reduce harms, and inform the nation on what strategies will help us heal from the opioid crisis

## The UK Team

- **20 researchers** from **7 UK Colleges** make up the team on the HEALing Communities project

- Dr. Sharon Walsh, PI, Medicine
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- Dr. Amanda Fallin-Bennett, Nursing
- Dr. Laura Fanucchi, Medicine
- Dr. Patricia Freeman, Pharmacy
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- Dr. Hilary Surratt, Medicine
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- Dr. Philip Westgate, Public Health
- Dr. April Young, Public Health

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## Consortium Members

- Boston Medical Center
- Emory University
- New York University
- Oak Ridge Associated Universities
- RTI International
- The University of Miami

## Federal Partners

- SAMHSA funded Providers  
Clinical Support System
- SAMHSA funded State Targeted  
Response-Technical Assistance

## Treatment Delivery Partners

- Bluegrass Care Navigators
- Kentucky Treatment Programs
- Voices of Hope

## Commonwealth Partners

- Kentucky Agency for Substance Abuse Policy
- Local Agency for Substance Abuse Policy  
boards
- Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family  
Services
- Kentucky Department for Behavioral Health,  
Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities
- Kentucky Department for Public Health
- Kentucky Department of Corrections
- Kentucky Department of Medicaid Services
- Kentucky Health Information Exchange
- Kentucky Justice and Safety Cabinet
- Kentucky Office of the Chief Medical Examiner
- Kentucky Office of Drug Control Policy
- Kentucky Office of the Inspector General
- Kentucky State Police
- Local and District Health Departments