



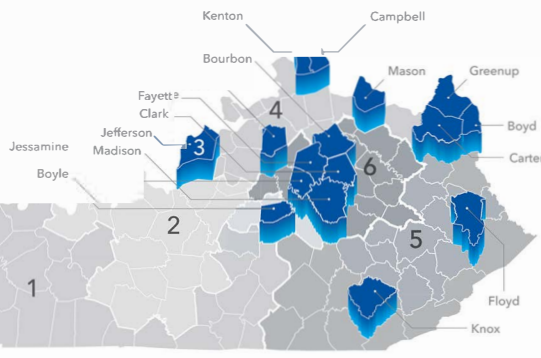
HEALing Communities in Kentucky

The Grant

- **\$87 million** awarded to the University of Kentucky by the National Institute on Drug Abuse and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
- **4 institutions** funded: University of Kentucky, Ohio State University, Boston Medical Center and Columbia University

The Communities

- **16 counties** in Kentucky:



County Selection Process

- 120 Kentucky counties
- ↳ 48 counties with ≥ 25 opioid overdose deaths per 100,000 in 2017
- ↳ 35 counties without suppressed overdose data (≥ 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 Goals

- To reduce opioid-related overdose deaths by **40%**
- To collaborate with state and community partners to implement evidence-based interventions to save lives, help people receive recovery support services, reduce harms, and inform the nation on what strategies will help us heal from the opioid crisis

The UK Team

- **24 researchers** from **7 UK Colleges** make up the team on the HEALing Communities project
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Consortium Members

- University of Kentucky
- Boston Medical Center
- Columbia University
- Ohio State University
- RTI International

Federal Partners

- National Institutes on Health
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

Partners

- Voices of Hope
- Bluegrass Care Navigators
- Local agencies and recovery support organizations

Commonwealth Partners

- Kentucky Opioid Response Effort
- Kentucky Agency for Substance Abuse Policy
- Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services
- Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services
- Kentucky Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities
- Kentucky Department for Community Based Services
- Kentucky Department for Pretrial Services
- Kentucky Department for Public Health
- Kentucky Department for Specialty Courts
- Kentucky Department of Corrections
- Kentucky Department of Medicaid Services
- Kentucky Department of Public Advocacy
- 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 Office of Vital Statistics
- Kentucky Pharmacists Association
- Kentucky State Police
- Local Agency for Substance Abuse Policy Boards
- Local and District Health Departments
- Local Fiscal Courts

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