



Community Innovations for Field Buprenorphine Induction

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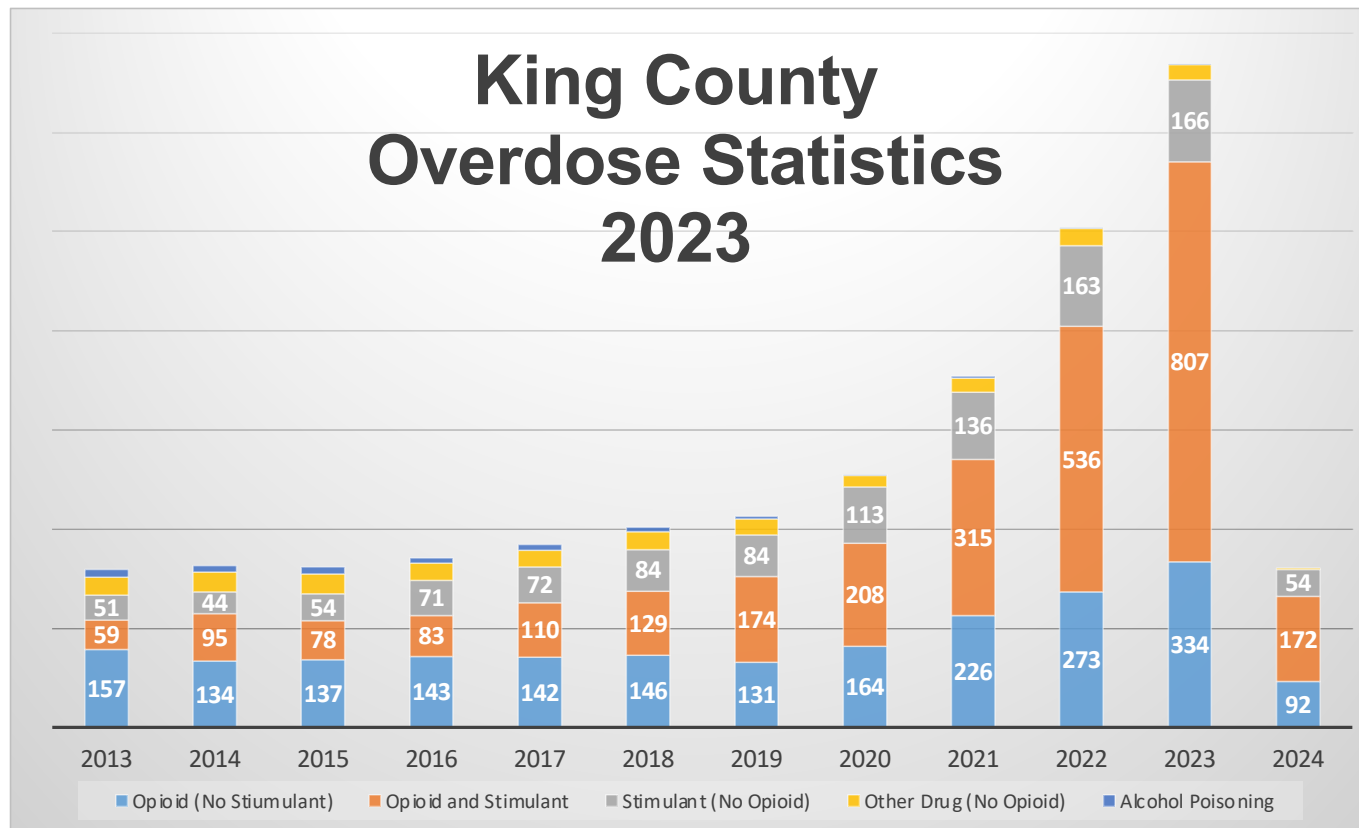
Sublocade at DESC

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DESC Clients

- Living unhoused
- Living in PSH
- Living in shelters
- Severe OUD Dx
- Mental health Dx
- History of MOUD
- History of trauma

King County Overdose Statistics 2023





What is Sublocade

- Extended-Release buprenorphine injection
- Injection occurs every 28 days
- Given in the abdomen
- The injection leaves a lump that dissipates in 3-6 months
- 4+ months to a therapeutic level



Sublocade Outreach

- Medication transported in medical grade coolers
- Induction can be difficult
- Injection given at the client's residence
- The most comfortable place is home



Sublocade & Harm Reduction

- Many of our clients continue to use fentanyl but *'DO NOT OVERDOSE'*
- Sublocade offers **choice over time**
 - Relapse is a symptom of OUD, a client working towards abstinence from opioids can relapse without overdosing
 - And if abstinence is not the goal – clients receive tremendous overdose protection from Sublocade



Questions?