

# Office of Attorney General Daniel Cameron

## Update on the Kentucky Opioid Abatement Advisory Commission

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# Opioid Settlement Highlights

- \$842 million to Kentucky:
  - Annual disbursements through 2038
  - 50% to Cities and Counties
  - 50% to Commonwealth, distributed by Commission via grant awards
  - [22 RS SB90](#): distributes \$10.5M annually for four years for a behavioral health conditional dismissal program
- All funds – whether to local governments or to the Commission – **must be used for opioid abatement**
- [KRS 15.291](#) lists possible programs for use of the funds



# Grant Awards Overview

- Over \$8 million awarded to date to 24 organizations
- Current funding provides support in all 120 Kentucky Counties

## Prevention & Support Services

Scott County Sheriff's Office	Taylor County School District	Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky
Kentucky Legal Aid	Legal Aid of the Bluegrass	Legal Aid Society
YMCA of Greater Louisville	Kentucky Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs	Kentucky Harm Reduction Coalition
Operation UNITE		

## Treatment & Recovery

Shepherd's House	Family Scholar House	Chrysalis House
Mountain Comprehensive Health Corporation	Lake Cumberland District Health Department	Mountain Comprehensive Care Center
Isaiah House	Seven Counties Services	Young People in Recovery
Appalachian Restoration Project	Lake Cumberland Community Action Agency	Volunteers of America Mid-States
Revive Ministries	Appalachian Research and Defense Fund of Kentucky	

# Operation UNITE

- By implementing new programs and initiatives, UNITE's goal is to continue reducing substance misuse and decreasing overdose deaths through increased prevention, education, and by providing accurate information.
- Operation UNITE plans to expand and increase their prevention programming within the 5th Congressional District and the Commonwealth of Kentucky.
- UNITE will report quarterly:
  - Location, date, and number of participants who utilize K-12 prevention programs from Botvin LifeSkills Training (LST)
  - Number of participants who utilize a new support program targeting grandparents and other relatives rearing children due to the effects of OUD; the number who utilize free community trainings and educational opportunities
  - Location, date, and number of ONEbox kits that will be given to each school system, as well as the number of school staff trained on the signs and symptoms of overdose in conjunction with ONEbox kit distribution
  - Location, date, and number of Right Now Ready Smart Machines for Narcan distribution

# Volunteers of America

- VOA will provide a combination of Family Recovery Court and Recovery Community Center programs in Clay, Lincoln, and Pulaski Counties to stabilize families affected by OUD, co-occurring SUD or MH issues while providing supportive services to help individuals achieve and maintain long-term sobriety.
- Address transportation, housing, childcare, and employment barriers for those in its recovery programs.
- 80% of families will have an increase in visitation with removed child/children or will be reunited with child/children.
- Provide 125 referrals of individuals to community linkages to increase awareness of educational resources available to support recovery.
- Provide two trainings annually to community partners and court-related stakeholders to increase awareness of the program and its benefits.
- VOA will:
  - Report on the number of cases served annually
  - Supply anonymized client satisfaction surveys
  - Report number of clients who have visitation or custody restored in the grant period
  - Report total number of individuals referred for community resources and the number of referrals to each social services support entity
  - Supply quarterly reports on weekly harm reduction meetings that include the number of participants each week, and brief description what subject(s) are covered for each meeting

# YMCA of Greater Louisville

- YMCA will expand its its YNOW Mentoring Program to overcome barriers to success that are unique to minors who have been impacted by the incarceration of a parent due to OUD or co-occurring SUD.
- These barriers include but are not limited to parental incarceration, the loss of adult guidance, financial instability, negative socio-emotional development and poor self-esteem.
- YMCA will:
  - Recruit 60 youth participants and 30 mentors over the life of the grant and supply quarterly reports which verify participant and mentor participation.
  - Utilize its continual outcome assessment to ensure it meets the specific needs of youth affected by OUD or co-occurring SUD.
  - Work with each participant to meet the following short-term goals:
    - Improve academic performance
    - Prevent involvement with the criminal justice system
    - Refrain from the use of alcohol, tobacco, or drugs, to the extent such use constitutes a co-occurring SUD
    - Successfully pass on to the next grade in school
  - Work with each participant to meet the following long-term goals:
    - Graduate high school
    - Remain free and clear of the criminal justice system
    - Refrain from drug experimentation and use, to the extent such experimentation and use constitutes a co-occurring SUD
    - Set and achieve healthy goals
    - Pursue post-secondary education or vocational training following high school graduation

# Thank You!

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