

# Buprenorphine in the Emergency Room

A community issue,  
a community partnership.

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In 2021, St. James received a grant from the Montana Primary Care Association to address opiate use and begin to initiate buprenorphine in the Emergency Room.

# How did we do it?

1. Hire ED Navigator.
2. Identify need.
3. Develop a relationship with community partner – collaboration and teamwork.
4. Train providers.
5. Work with pharmacy to eliminate barriers including access to Narcan.
6. Conduct stigma training for all staff.
7. IMPLEMENT!
8. Keep learning, growing and modifying!

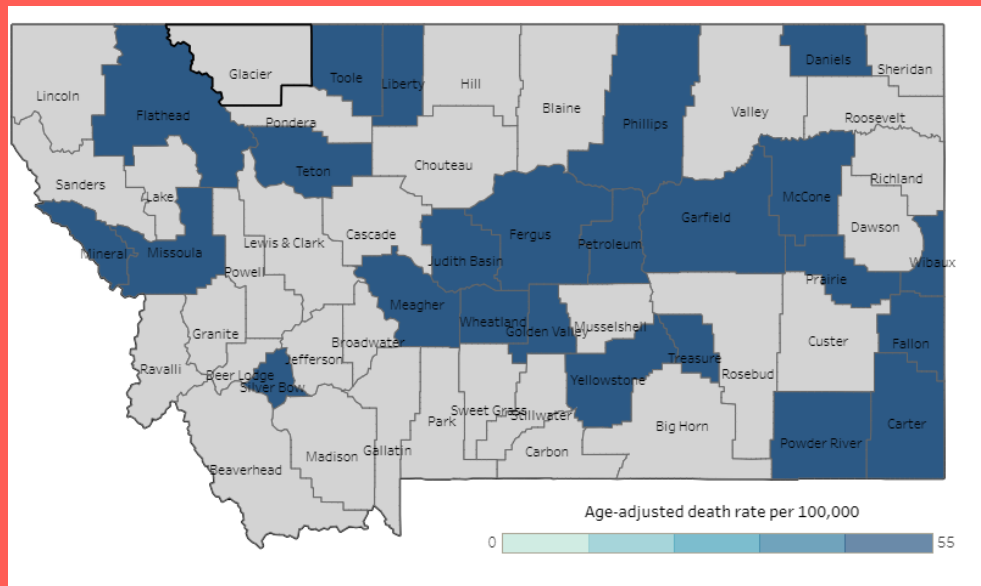


# Butte Silver Bow

55.4 deaths drug overdose per 100,000 in 2022

[Injury and Overdose Indicators \(mt.gov\)](https://mt.gov)

In 2021, Butte-Silver Bow had a population of 35k people with a median age of 40.5 and a median household income of \$50,331.



# Southwest Montana Community Health Center

- Primary Medical Care including
- Pediatrics
- Dental Care
- Behavioral Health
- Retail Pharmacy Services
- Clinical Pharmacy Services
- Care Management
- Substance Use Disorder Services
- Teaching Site
- ACA – Health Insurance Enrollment Assistance



# Collaboration



- Patient is identified in the ER
- Works with social worker to assess readiness for treatment
- ER provider prescribes 2-4 days of Suboxone
- Narcan is given to patient
- Patient is seen at SWMTCHC within the 2-4 days

# Pharmacy

1. Reduce barriers to get Suboxone.
2. Meds to Beds when necessary.
3. Narcan given to patients.



# Stigma Training

All providers, nurses, techs and patient access staff were trained on language, biases and stigma reduction.

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Implement,  
learn,  
modify and  
Keep going!



# Questions??

# Thank you

