

# MIDD Emerging Issues Program



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# Why Opioids and Fentanyl?

Between 2018-2020, King County saw a 167% increase in the number of fentanyl-involved deaths\*

25 King County teens died of fatal overdose in 2022\*

Teens and young adults are the biggest misusers of prescription pain medication\*\*

53% of people ages 12 or older who obtained prescription pain medication for nonmedical use obtained them from a friend or relative\*\*

\*Public Health – Seattle and King County

\*\*United States Department of Health and Human Services



# Why Opioids and Fentanyl?

Seattle Public Schools student overdose deaths:

- First recorded student deaths from fentanyl in 2019
- Annual occurrence since
- This school year so far: 2 deaths, 2 on campus overdoses

Touches all of us



# What are we doing?



## Prevention:

- Updated opioid prevention classroom lessons for elementary, middle, and high school
- Youth led health promotion campaigns on opioids/fentanyl at middle and high schools
- Caregiver awareness and education
- Increased partnerships with SUD agencies



# What are we doing?

SPS Board Policy 3424 recognizes that the opioid epidemic is a public health crisis and access to opioid-related overdose reversal medication can be lifesaving.

- Naloxone supply and tracking system
- Overdose response training embedded within annual all-staff training system, shared across WA



# Who will benefit?



## Seattle Youth and Families

- Seattle Public Schools system wide sustainable training that will produce a cadre of overdose responders each year
- Increased knowledge/skills regarding substance use
- Increased perception of risk of substance use
- Decreased favorable attitudes toward substance use
- Reduction in barriers, increased access to SUD services
- Reduced youth access to substances



# Who will benefit?

## Youth and Families Statewide

- Classroom lessons shared with other school districts to increase youth knowledge/skills/attitudes statewide
- Public awareness materials publicly available to increase caregiver knowledge and prevention practices statewide
- Opioid overdose training
  - Compliant with OSPI regulations, approved for distribution
  - Shared with districts across Washington State





# How are we doing this?



\$300,000 from 2/1/2023 – 12/31/2024



- FTE to coordinate and implement programs throughout project
- Overdose prevention student campaign supplies
- Public awareness and caregiver education materials
- Naloxone and lock boxes/Deterra pouches
- Videography/technical support for overdose response training



# Thank you!



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