

Pinellas County Opioid Task Force Activities

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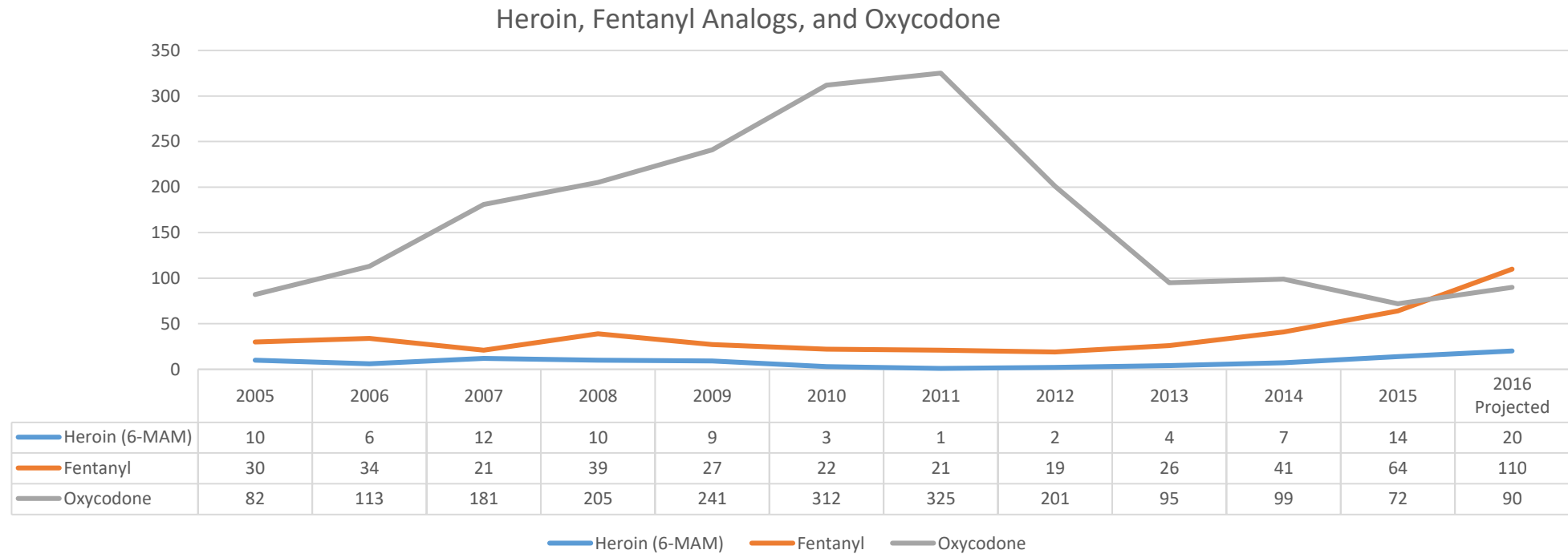
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Opioid Epidemic

- More than one person in Pinellas dies every other day from opioid abuse and misuse
- 204 opioid-related deaths in 2016
- 2,529 overdose transports by EMS/ Fire Administration
- Increase in synthetic opioids

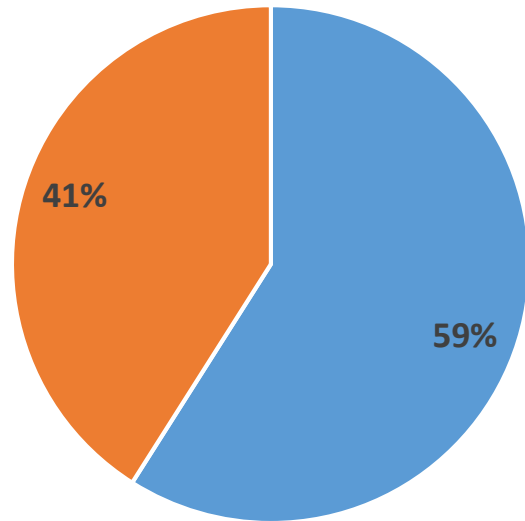
Post Mortem Drug Identifications 2005-2016



Fentanyl analogs identifications in post mortem case currently exceed both oxycodone and heroin

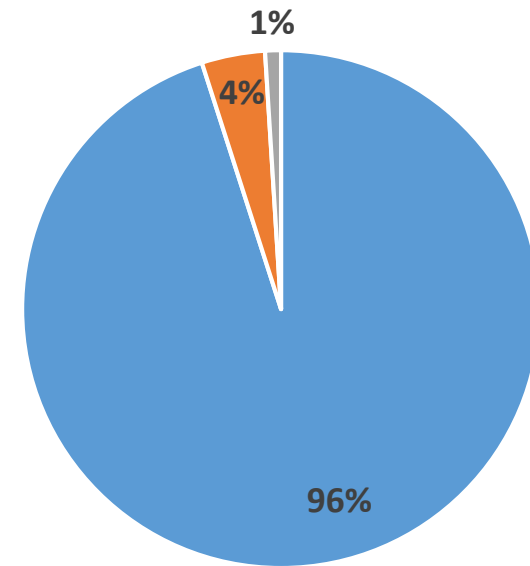
Demographic Information

Sex



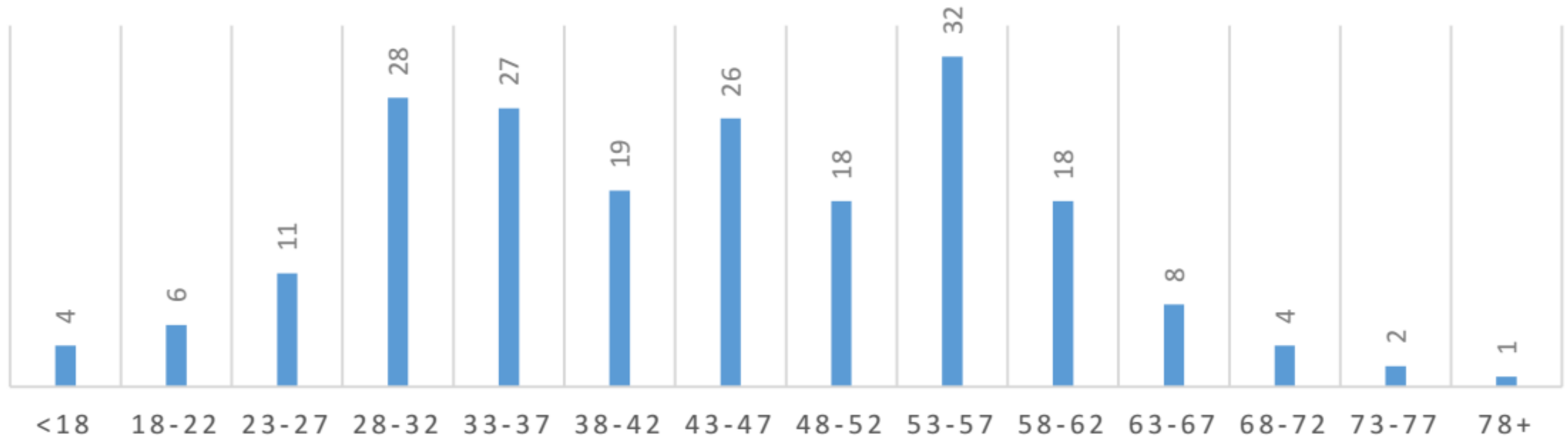
■ Male ■ Female

Race

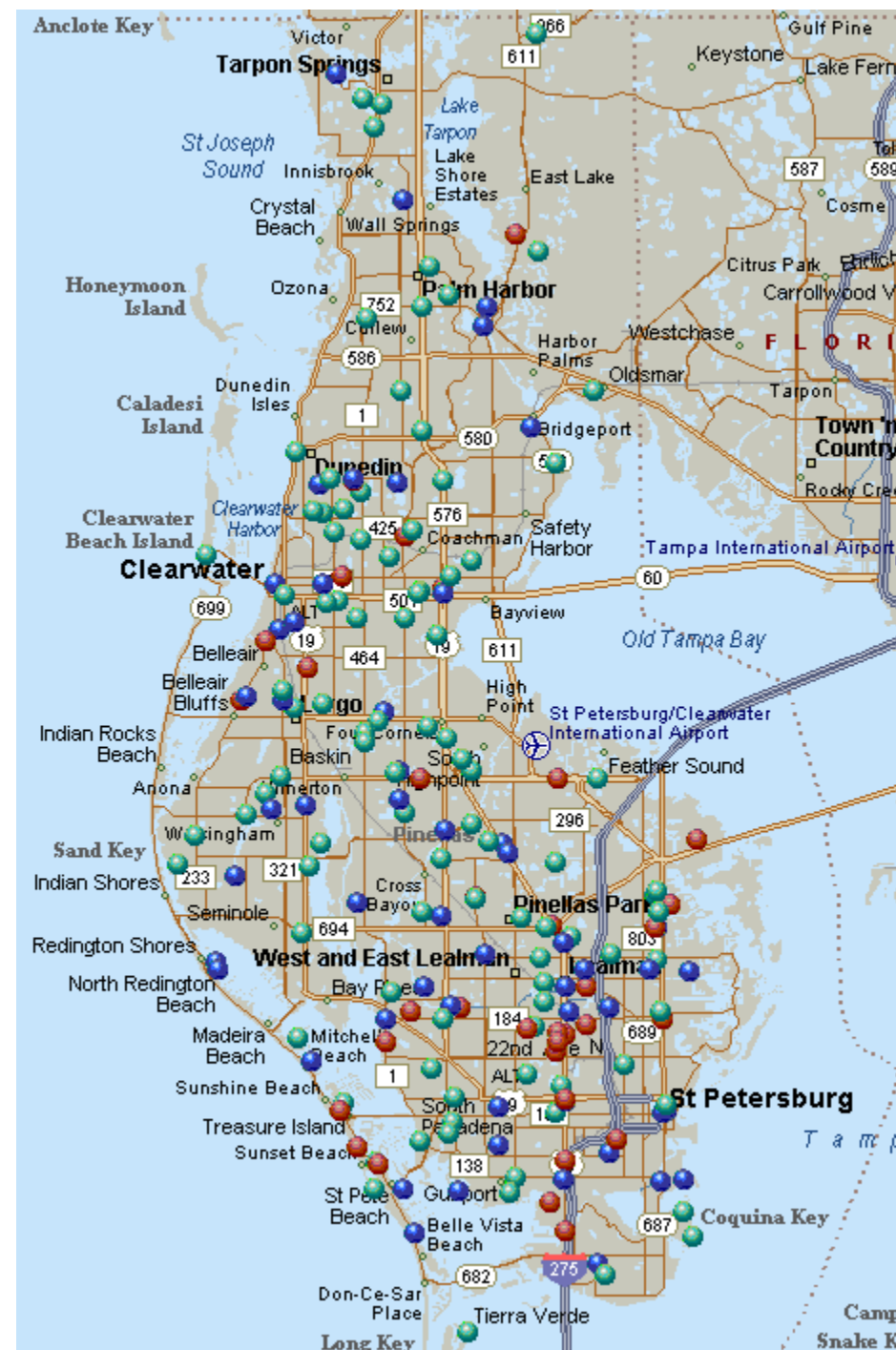


■ White ■ Black ■ Other

AGE DISTRIBUTION FOR OPIOID RELATED DEATHS, PINELLAS COUNTY 2016



2016 Opioid-Related Deaths January –December 2016



Death Subtype

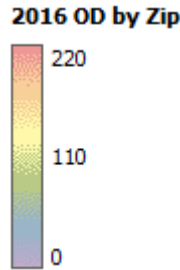
- Combined Rx/illicit
- illicit
- Prescription

Based on Injury Location,
Not Death Location
(191 of 204 points mapped)
Data Source: Medical Examiner's Office



2016 OD Calls by Zip
w/ Different Shading to
Highlight spikes

(2,530 ODs listed)



Collaboration

- Alliance for Global Narcotics Training
- Area Health Education Center
- BayCare Health System
- Bayfront Health
- Catholic Charities
- Central Florida Behavioral Health Network
- City of St. Petersburg
- Clearwater Police Department
- Community Health Centers of Pinellas
- Directions for Living
- Drug Free America Foundation, Inc.
- Florida Department of Children and Families
- Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County
- Florida Perinatal Quality Collaborative
- Florida Poison Control - Tampa
- Gulf Coast Jewish Family Community Services
- Healthy Start
- Healthy Start Coalition
- Hope Alive Outreach
- Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County
- Kinship
- Lakewood United Methodist Church
- LiveFree!
- Morton Plant Hospital
- NOPE of Pinellas
- Novus Medical Detox Center
- Operation PAR
- PACE Center for Girls, Inc.

- Parents as Teachers
- Pinellas Alcohol Coalition
- Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners
- Pinellas County Business Technology Services
- Pinellas County EMS / Fire Administration
- Pinellas County Forensic Laboratory
- Pinellas County Fusion Group
- Pinellas County Human Services
- Pinellas County Medical Association
- Pinellas County Medical Examiner's Office
- Pinellas County Osteopathic Medical Society
- Pinellas County Safety and EMS Services
- Pinellas County School Board
- Pinellas County Sheriff
- Pinellas Ex-Offender Re-entry Coalition
- Pinellas Homeless Leadership Board
- Precisions Diagnostics
- Real Recover
- Recovery EpiCenter Foundation
- Rivermend
- Sober Evolution
- Spring Gardens Detox
- Substance Exposed Newborns Task Force
- Suncoast Center
- Suncoast Health Council
- University of South Florida
- WestCare



Recommended Goals to

COMBAT THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC



Health care providers, law enforcement, schools, communities and families play a key role in eliminating opioid-related deaths, injuries and misuse in Pinellas County.

Raise awareness on the dangers of opioids by coordinating with schools, health care providers, pregnant women, etc.



Reduce opioid deaths by increasing the availability of life saving treatment to those who are dependent on opioids, their families and their friends.



Connect those in need to available, effective treatment and addiction therapy.



Decrease the supply of opioids by establishing a community wide approach and identifying areas at highest risk.



Improve information sharing efforts within our community to better examine trends of opioid misuse.



Strategic Plan Review

Goal 1: Increase Education and Awareness

Strategy 1: Increase the frequency and modality of information shared with the public.

Strategy 2: Increase awareness/prevention messaging in schools and specialized groups targeting youth.

Strategy 3: Increase training for physicians, dentists medical providers and healthcare students.

OPIOID OVERKILL

The opioid epidemic worsens as opioid-related deaths, injuries and illicit drugs wreak havoc on Pinellas County
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OPIOIDS FOUND IN PINELLAS COUNTY

SYNTHETIC OPIOIDS
(FENTANYL)



HEROIN



PRESCRIPTION
OPIOIDS



OPIOIDS ARE AFFECTING EVERY **DEMOGRAPHIC** OF EVERY **COMMUNITY** ACROSS PINELLAS

CARFENTANIL (ELEPHANT TRANQUILIZER), FENTANYL & FURANYL ARE SOME OF THE DEADLIEST SYNTHETIC OPIOIDS FOUND IN PINELLAS



NUMBER OF PINELLAS COUNTY RESIDENTS WHO DIED FROM AN OPIOID-RELATED OVERDOSE



MORE THAN ONE PERSON IN PINELLAS DIES **EVERY OTHER DAY** FROM AN OPIOID-RELATED OVERDOSE

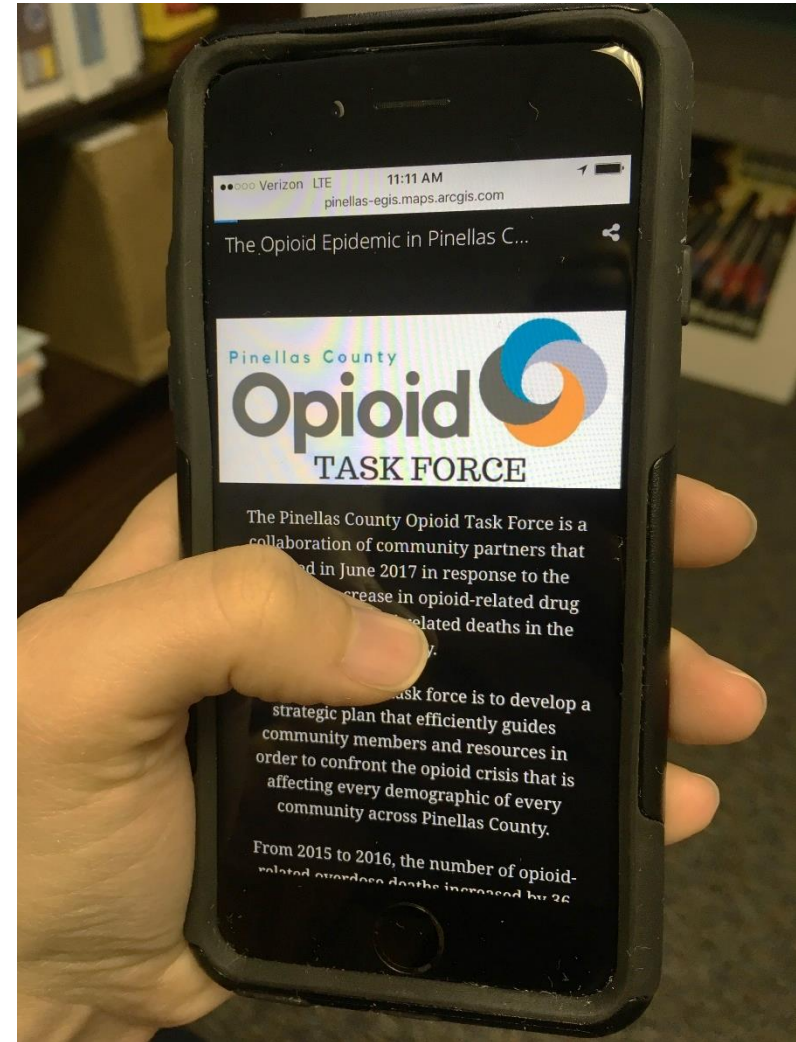
AGE IS NO BARRIER TO OPIOID DEATHS: MOST VICTIMS ARE BETWEEN 20-70 YEARS OLD



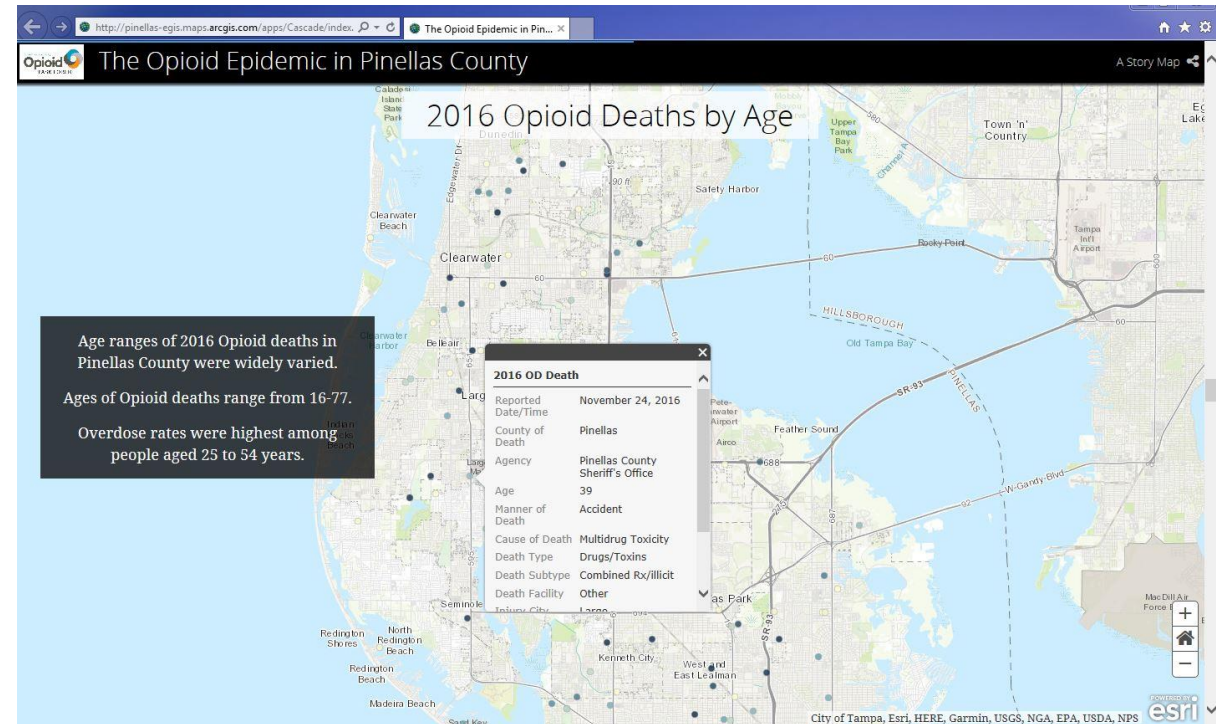
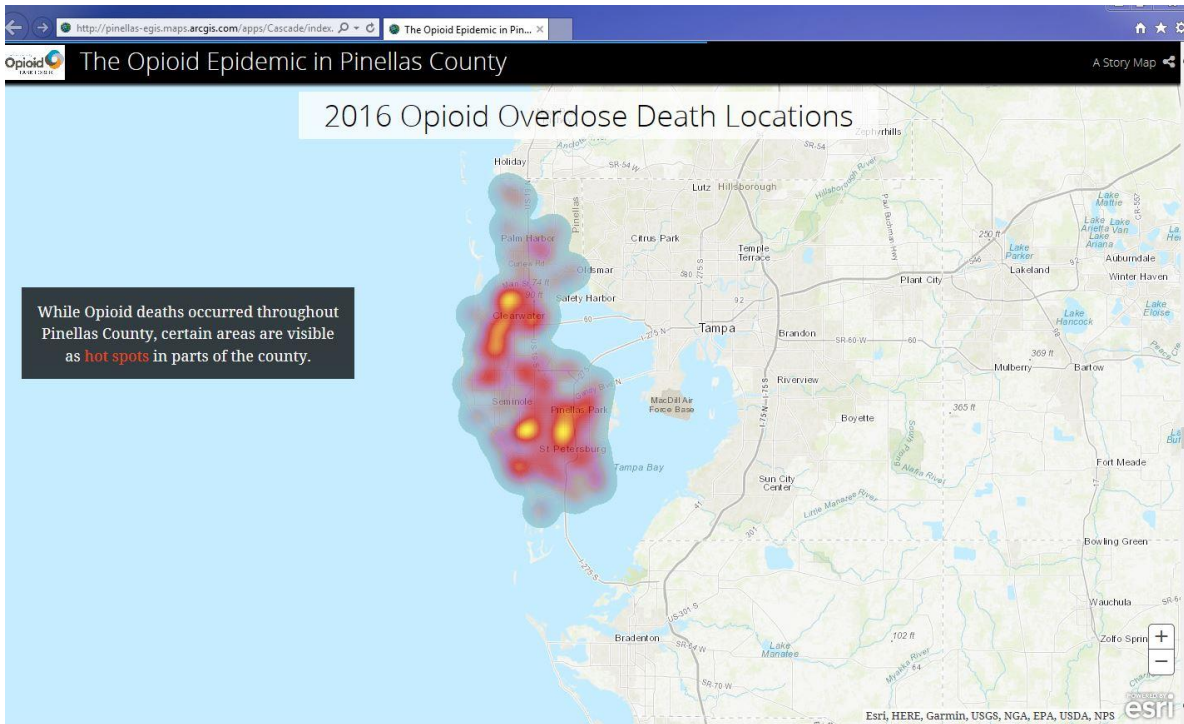
THE PINELLAS COUNTY OPIOID TASK FORCE HAS DEVELOPED STRATEGIES TO REDUCE OPIOID DEATHS AND GET HELP TO THOSE IN NEED OF TREATMENT TO FIND HELP, VISIT SAMHSA.GOV/FIND-HELP OR CALL 2-1-1
SOURCE OF INFORMATION: PINELLAS COUNTY FORENSIC LAB/ DISTRICT SIX MEDICAL EXAMINER

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Story Map



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Strategic Plan Review

Goal 2: Reduce Opioid Deaths

Strategy 1: Increase the availability of drug overdose treatment kits throughout the county.

Strategy 2: Increase promotion / awareness universal prescription, especially for friends and family.

Strategy 3: Increase training of first responders.

Strategic Plan Review

Goal 3: Connect to Effective Treatment

Strategy 1: Increase the availability and access to treatment services to include places such as jails, primary care offices and emergency rooms

Strategy 2: Establish meaningful connections to treatments for opioid users in various places; hospitals, primary care offices, courtrooms, jails, etc.

Strategy 3: Maintain current funding and seek new funding opportunities to support opioid addiction services

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Goal 4: Reduce the Supply of Opioids

Strategy 1: Establish a pilot program based off the current model of mental health workers partnering with law enforcement.

Strategy 2: Continue efforts to decrease illicit distribution of opioids.

Strategy 3: Reduce the demand for opioids.

Strategy 4: Continue to coordinate reduction strategies amongst law enforcement agencies.

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Goal 5: Integrate and Collaborate on Data Sources

Strategy 1: Inventory data sources needed for the Opioid Task Force.

Strategy 2: Promote the use of standardized data.

Questions?