

The Opioid Settlement: Preparing for Effective Spending Using Guiding Principles

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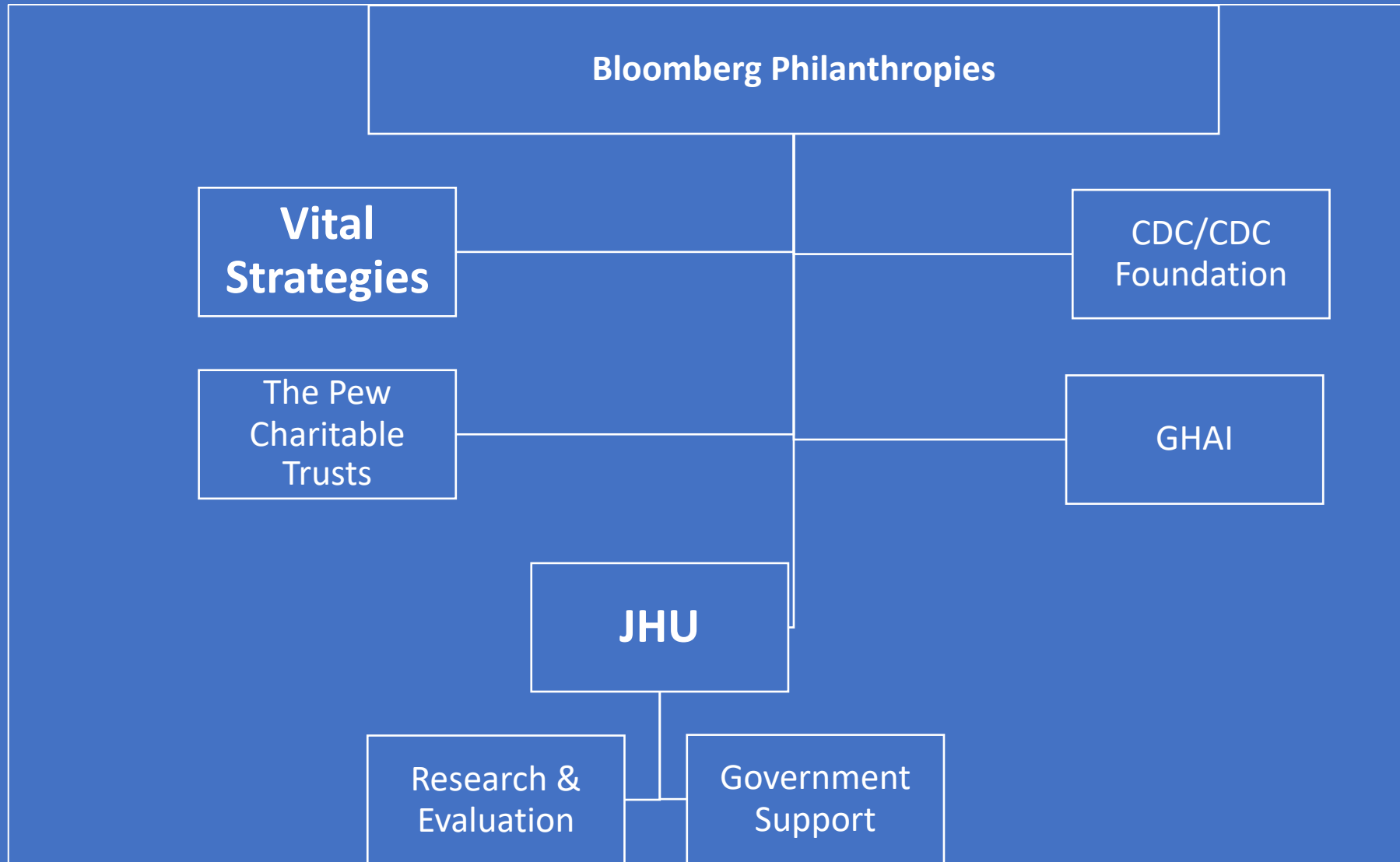
Bloomberg Philanthropies Commits Additional \$120 Million to Reduce Overdose Deaths in U.S.

November 10, 2021

*Five new states – Kentucky, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina,
and Wisconsin – will join Michigan and Pennsylvania in program
expansion as overdose deaths increase during COVID-19 pandemic*

<https://www.bloomberg.org/press/bloomberg-philanthropies-commits-additional-120-million-to-reduce-overdose-deaths-in-u-s/>





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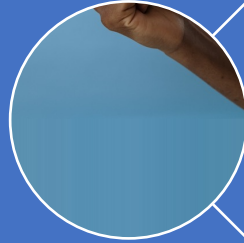
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Initiative Focus Areas



Make Medications
Accessible



Engage
Communities

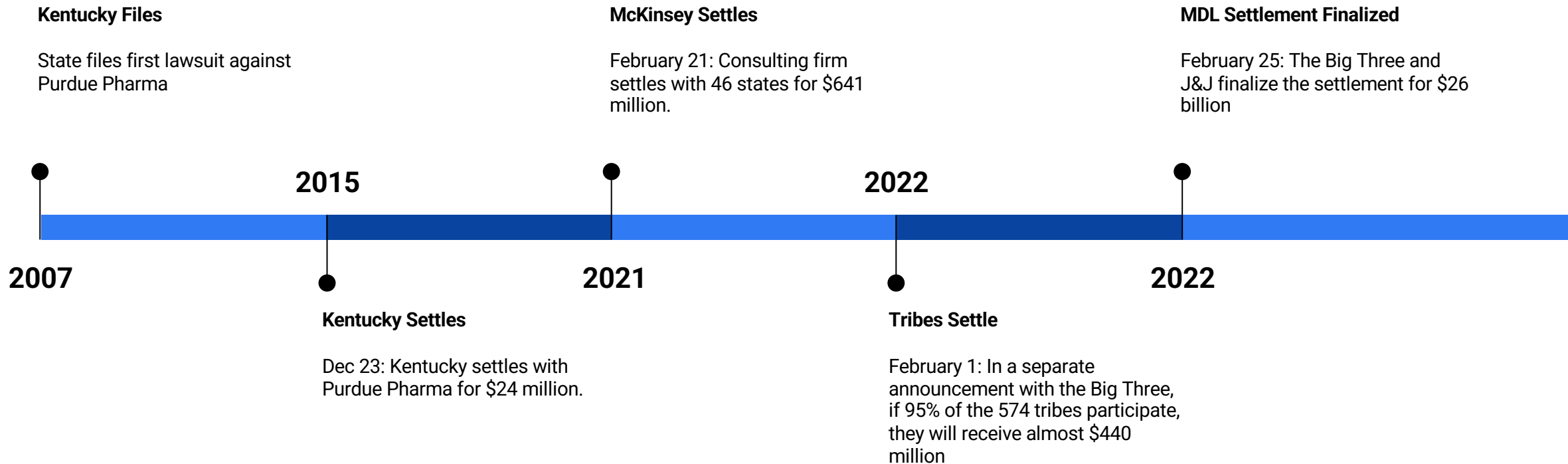


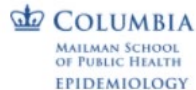
Support, Don't
Punish

Preparing for Settlement Dollars

The Principles for the Use of Funds from the Opioid Litigation

The Opioid Litigation





Principles for the Use of Funds from the Opioid Litigation

1 Spend Money to Save Lives

2 Use Evidence to Guide Spending

3 Invest in Youth Prevention

4 Focus on Racial Equity

5 Develop a Fair and Transparent Process

**Principles
for the Use of
Funds From the
Opioid Litigation**

Principle 1

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Spend Money to Save Lives

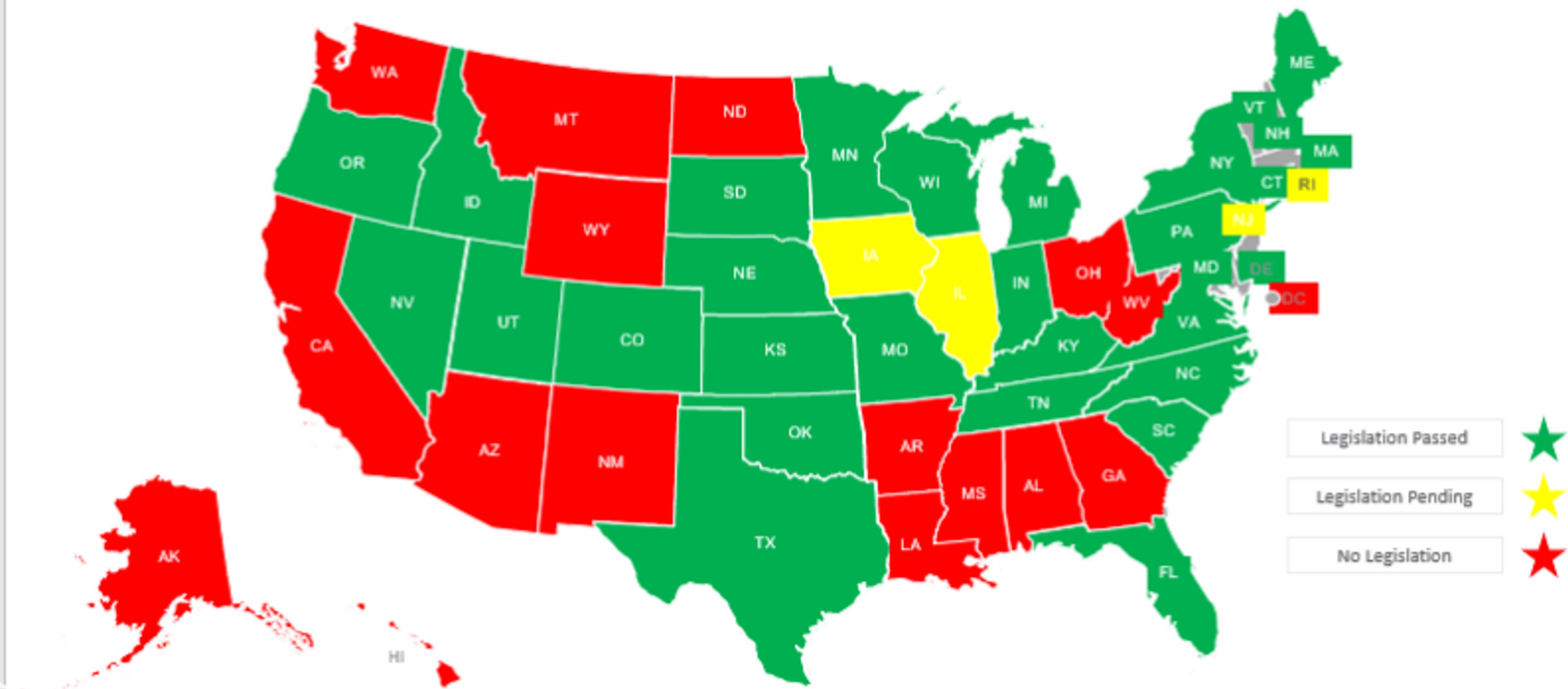
Establish a dedicated fund

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Spend money over time



Opioid Settlement Legislation



Principle 2

2 Use Evidence to Guide Spending

Programs supported by evidence

Remove policies that block programs

Build data capacity

Principle 3

3 Invest in Youth Prevention

Evidence based youth programs

Avoid programs shown not to work

Evaluate programs for desired outcomes



Principle 4

4

Focus on Racial Equity

Invest in communities disproportionately impacted

Support diversion from arrest and incarceration

Fund anti-stigma campaigns

Involve community members

Principle 5

5 Develop a Fair and Transparent Process

Get diverse input

Representation should reflect the community

Do a needs assessment

Resources

www.OpioidPrinciples.jhsph.edu



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IMPLEMENTATION TOOLS

Indicators to Assess the Readiness of Governments to Receive Funds

Series of yes/no questions that can be used by governments or advocates

Spending Money to Address Substance Use

Establishing an Effective Process

Informing Evidence-Based Decision-Making

Promoting Transparency



Resources: MDL Exhibit E

9 Core Strategies:

- 1) Naloxone training and distribution
- 2) Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT)
- 3) Pregnancy and postpartum people
- 4) Expand treatment for Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS)
- 5) Expand warm hand-off and recovery services
- 6) Treatment for incarcerated individuals
- 7) Prevention programs
- 8) Expand syringe service programs
- 9) Evidence-based data collection and research analyzing the effectiveness of the abatement strategies in the state.

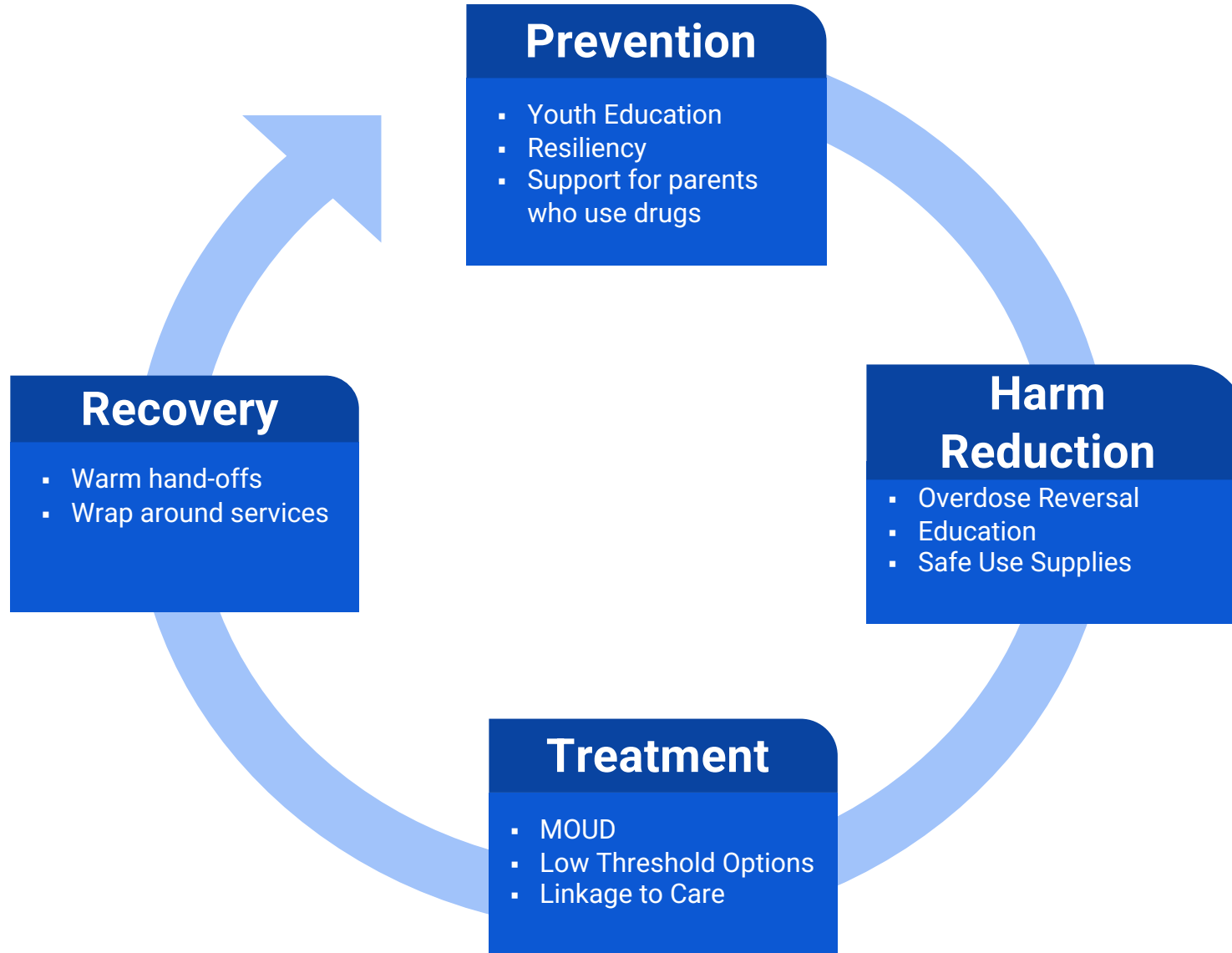
Primer on Spending Funds from the Opioid Litigation

**A Guide for State and Local
Decision Makers**



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Resources: Evidence



Resources: Evidence



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Substance Abuse and Mental Health
Services Administration

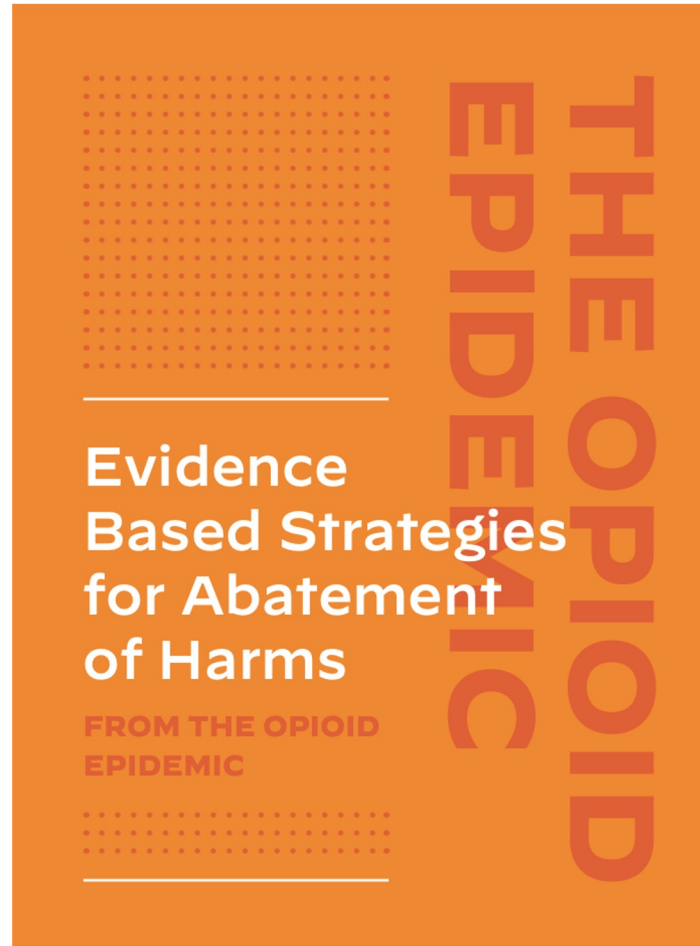


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for Health & Human Rights
at Harvard University

FROM THE WAR ON DRUGS TO HARM REDUCTION: IMAGINING A JUST OVERDOSE CRISIS RESPONSE

Expert Recommendations for the
Use of Opioid Settlement Funds for
Policy Makers and Advocates

December 2020



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Curated Library about Opioid Use
for Decision-makers

OPIOID SETTLEMENT PRIORITIES Recommendations from the Addiction Solutions Campaign

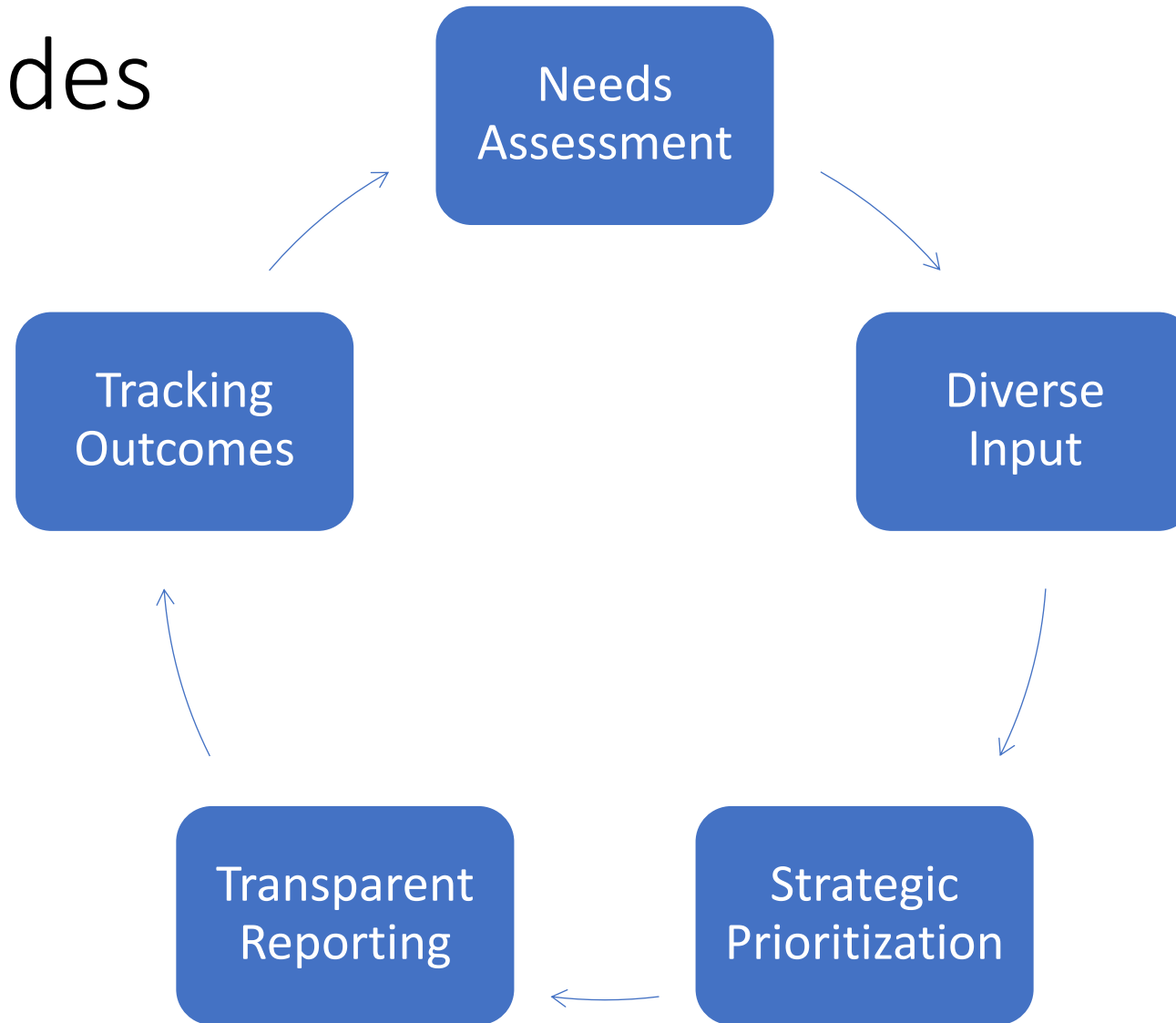


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communities informing communities



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NACo Process Guides



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