

# Law Enforcement-Led Diversion: Mental Health and Opioid Outreach Innovations

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National Sheriffs' Association (NSA)

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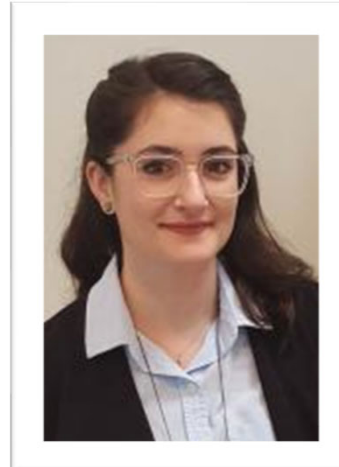
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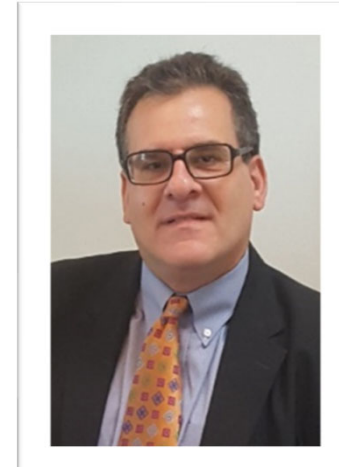
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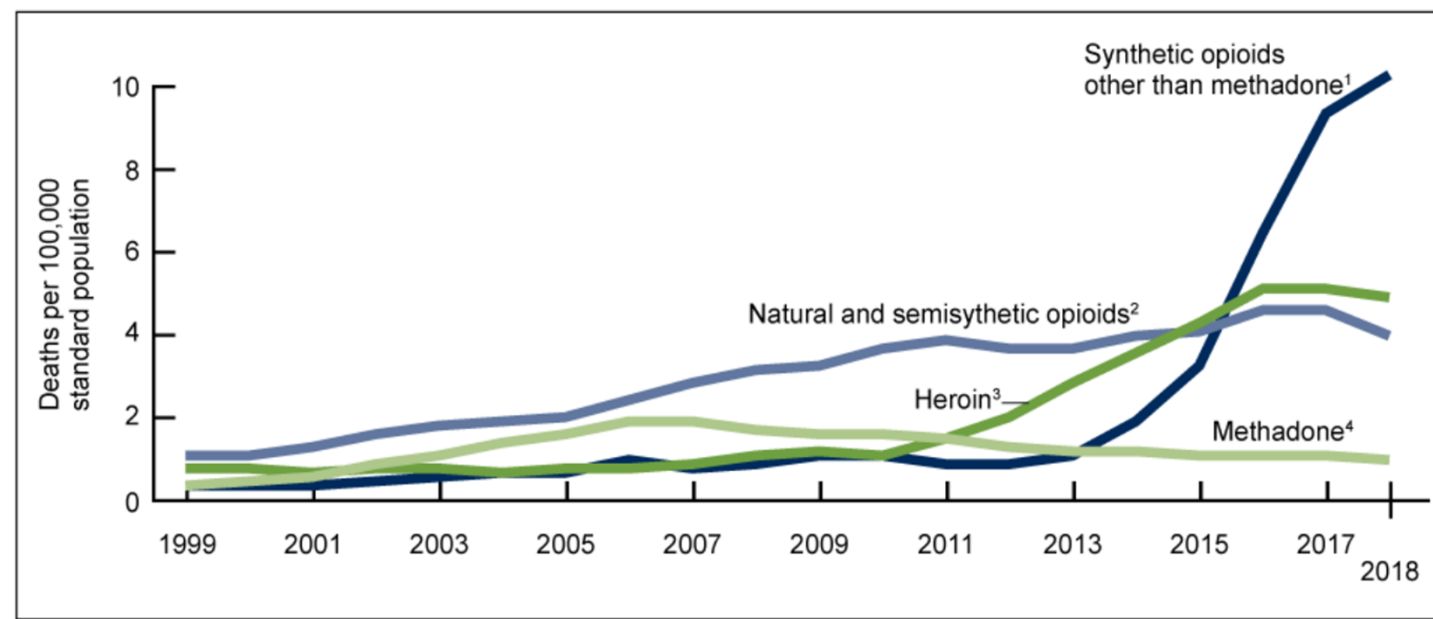
- ▶ NSA is a not-for-profit organization with approximately 13,000 members
- ▶ Represents the 3,081 Sheriffs' Offices in the United States
- ▶ Chartered in 1940 and headquartered in Alexandria, VA
- ▶ Providing training and technical assistance for over 80 years
- ▶ Mission to support and enhance the professionalism of those whose job it is to serve and protect.

# Why are Diversion and Outreach Necessary?

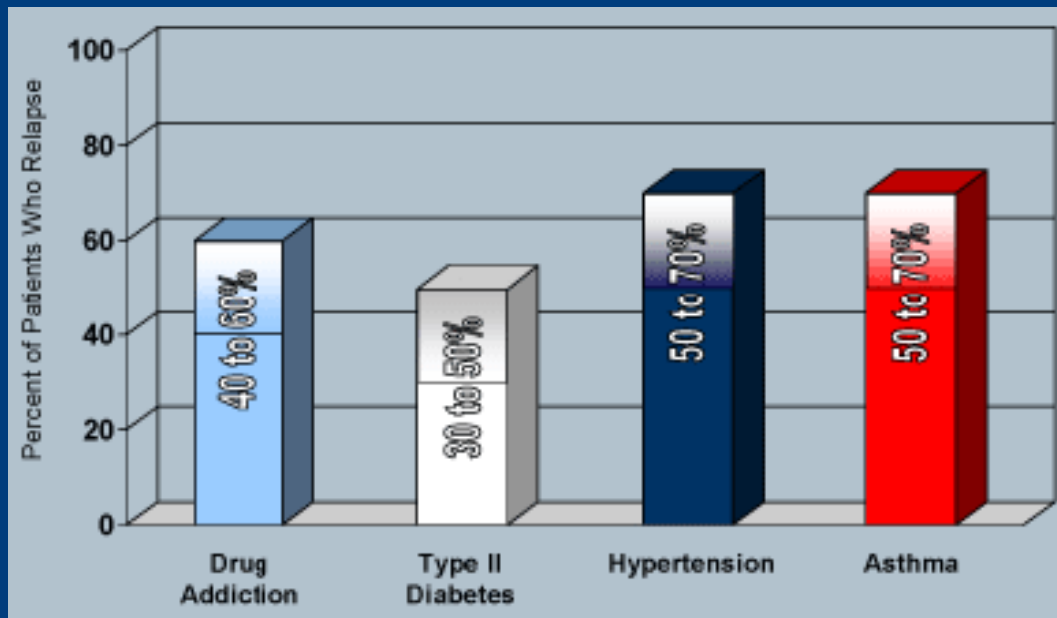
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# The severity of the problem

Figure 3. Age-adjusted drug overdose death rates involving opioids, by type of opioid: United States, 1999–2018



# Relapse rates by selected disease



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## BCC ADVANTAGES

- Provide direct mental health treatment and care for those who meet the eligibility requirements.
- More appropriate way to care for our city's mentally ill population who come into the criminal justice system.
- More cost-effective than caring for the inmate in a jail environment.

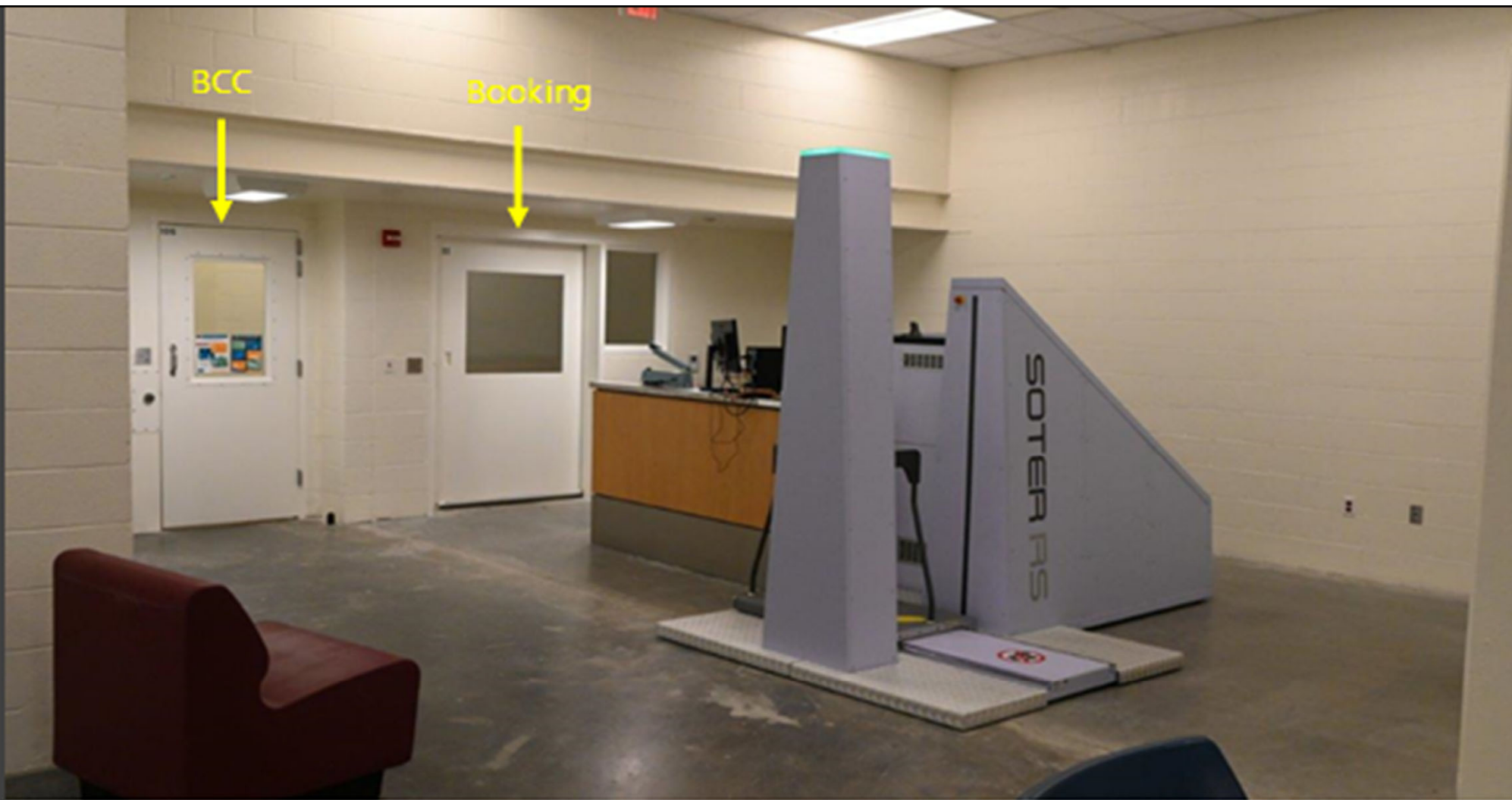
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ARRESTEE BROUGHT TO BOOKING BY POLICE



**BOOKING ROOM**



BCC DOOR ON LEFT – BOOKING DOOR ON RIGHT



HALLWAY FROM BOOKING TO BCC

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BCC TECHNICIANS

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**MEN'S DAYROOM**

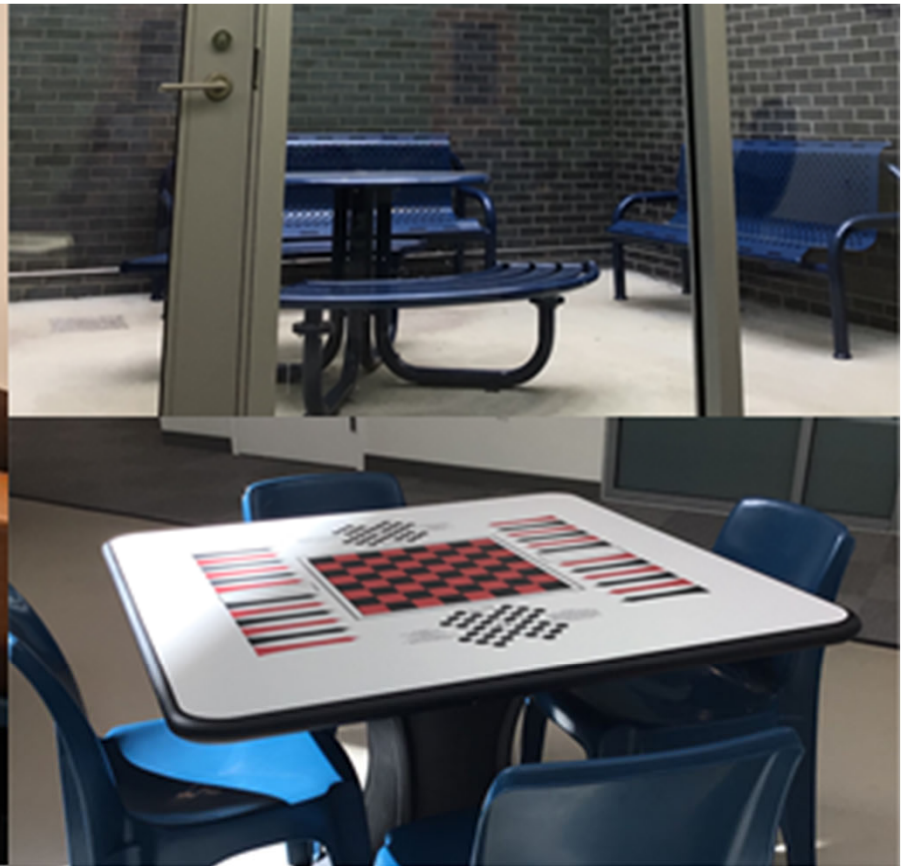
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TECHNICIAN STATION/COUNSELING ROOM



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SLEEP, ACTIVITY, AND OUTDOOR SPACE

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WOMEN'S DAYROOM

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# Wilmington, North Carolina Police Department: A Case Study

- Naloxone: 2<sup>nd</sup> jurisdiction in the state to acquire
  - Currently over 200 lives saved since March 2016
- LEAD program: pre-arrest diversion program
- Quick Response Team: post overdose response strategy
- Partnership with the NC Harm Reduction Coalition



# Example of FR-Led Diversion: LEAD Program

- Pre-arrest diversion program based on the national model
- Arrests vs. Social Referrals
- Uses ODMAP to identify areas to engage in outreach
- Expanding LEAD training, during CIT annual refresher courses
- A partnership with the District Attorney's Office, nonprofits, mental health community, State and local public health and others



## Another example: Quick Response Team

- Started June 2018
- Partnership with local substance abuse service provider, EMS and Police/Fire
- Provides addiction services outreach within 3 days
- 83% success rate of clients going into treatment
- Uses ODMAP to identify areas to engage in outreach





**Questions?**



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Thank you!

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