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Strategic Community Opioid Response

Detention MAT Program



BUNCOMBE COUNTY

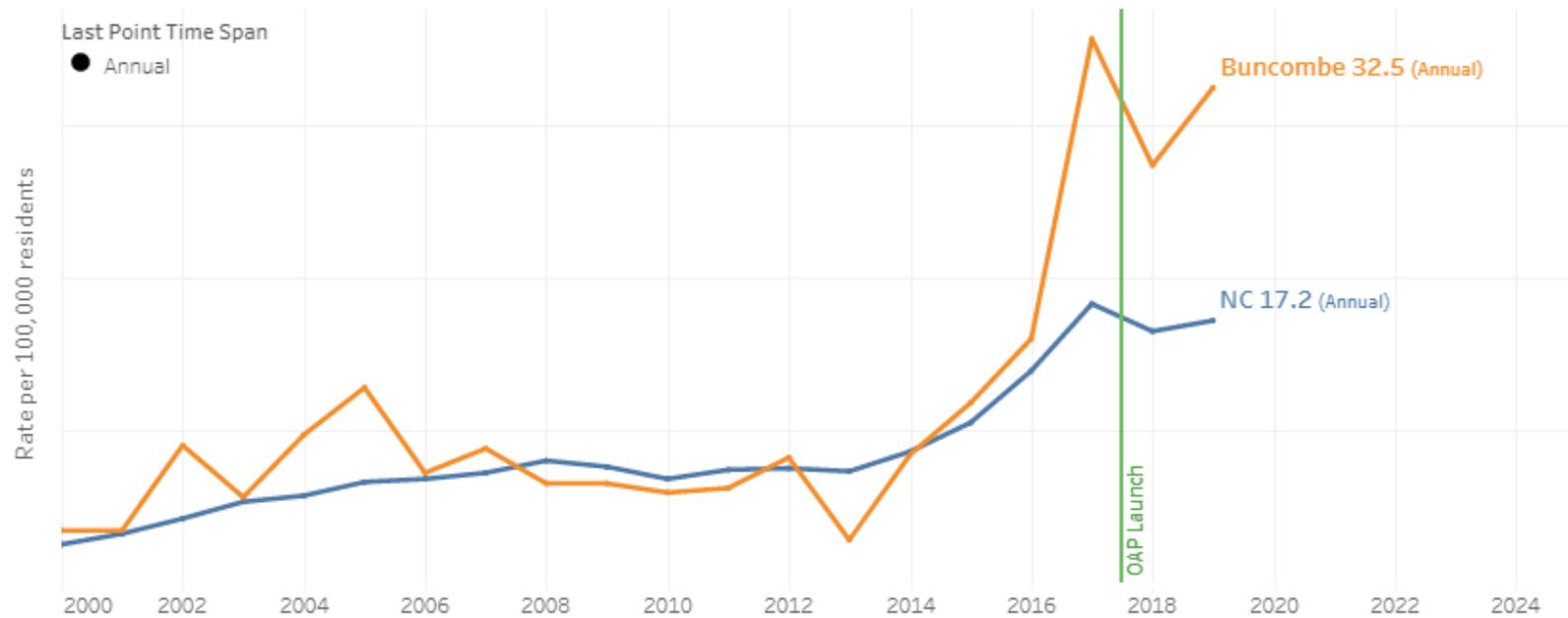
This is why we're here

Death rates:
significantly
higher than
state and
national
average.

Deaths in Buncombe
The rate of unintentional overdose deaths among residents of Buncombe in 2019 (Annual) was **32.5**.
(Rate per 100,000 residents. Number of deaths: 85)

Place Rank
Highest
Compared to other
Counties*

Rank Groups	
Lowest	0-20%
Low	20-40%
Middle	40-60%
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MAT (Medication Assisted Treatment) (Gold standard biomedical treatment)

Buprenorphine in Buncombe

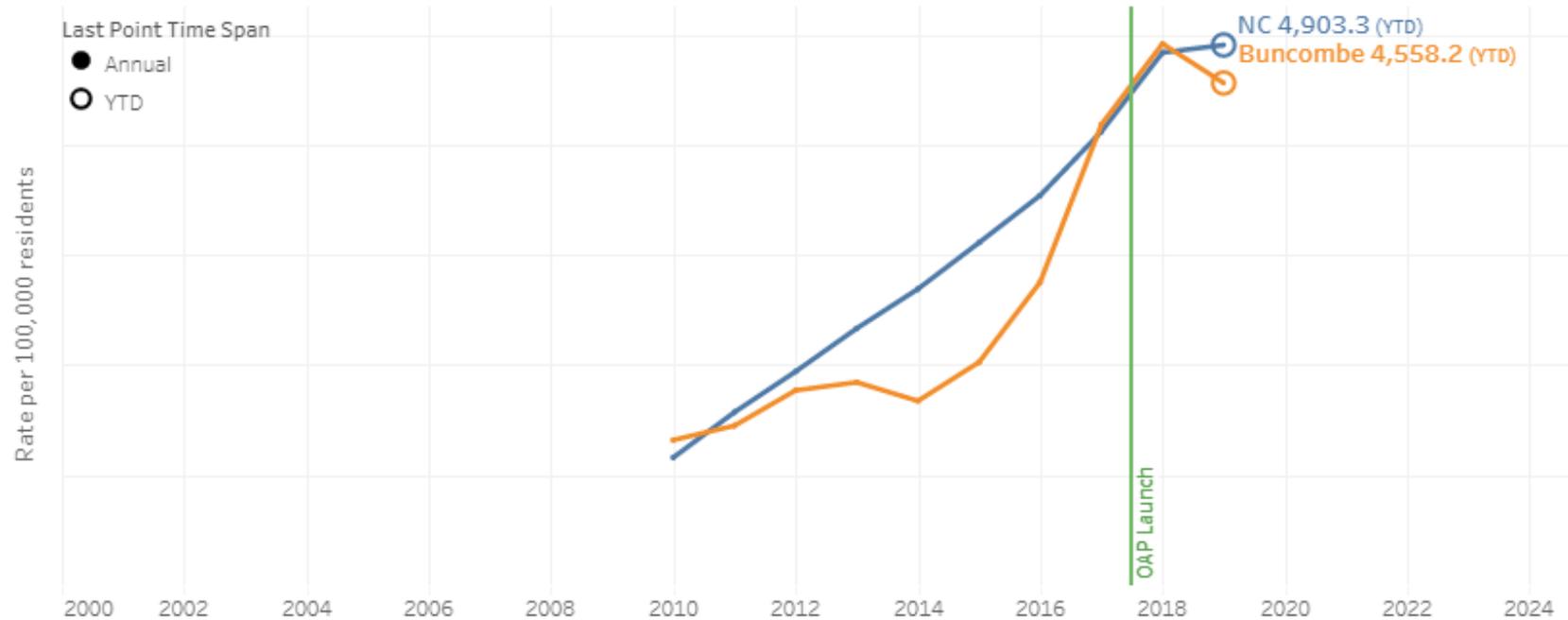
The rate of residents receiving dispensed buprenorphine prescriptions in Buncombe in 2018 (Annual) was **4,914.7**.
(Rate per 100,000 residents. Number of prescriptions: 16,979)

Place Rank

Lowest
Compared to other
Counties*

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September 2018 Report
Former North Carolina Inmates: 2000–2015
American Journal of Public Health

Overdose mortality risk post-release

Heroin

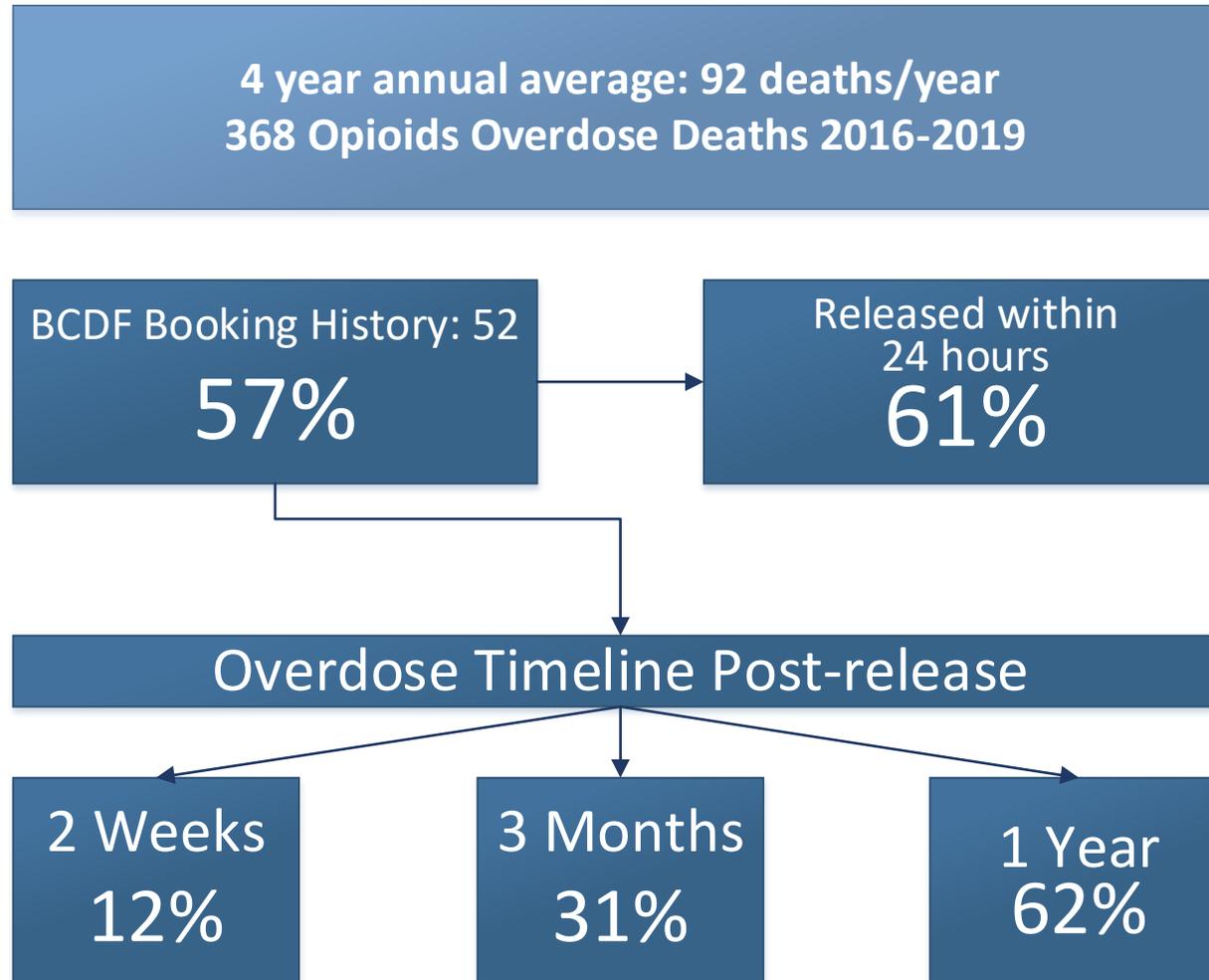
- 2-weeks post-release, 74 x's higher than NC population

All opioid 2-weeks, 40 times

- 1-year, 11 times higher than NC general population



Buncombe Opioid Crisis and Detention



National Sheriff's Association, October 2018

**"Jails are on the front lines of this epidemic,
and they also are in a unique position
to initiate treatment in a controlled, safe environment."**

**"Treatment using MAT,
particularly when coupled with evidence-based behavioral therapy,
improves medical and mental health outcomes and reduces relapses and
recidivism."**



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SCOR TEAM



GOALS

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- Provide **life-stabilization** and best-practice interventions to support those diseased with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD), for their successful exit from the judicial system.
- Utilize **21st Century Policing** Strategies to engage the challenge of opioid use in Buncombe County.



Milestones

IDENTIFICATION

Substance use
screening

EDUCATION

Harm Reduction
Treatment
Resources

ACCESS

Link to services

CARE

Provide best
practice care for
addiction
recovery

- Substance use **screening** at booking and medical intake
- Administration of **MAT medications**: new and existing patients
- **Medication** at release
- **Education**: MAT services, harm reduction strategies, treatment access points
- Provision of **overdose reversal kits**
- **Reentry Support**: housing, treatment, employment, etc.
- **Peer Support** services available up to 1-year post-release



Summary of Services Rendered

July 2019 – January 2021

- >2000 Screened and provided harm education and treatment resources
- >200 specific case management and reentry navigation
- ± 30 pregnant women served
- 1000 Overdose kits disseminated
- 50 New MAT patients
- >50% of Staff trained in Narcan

Challenges: Stigma, timelines (Detox impacts, release schedule, COVID 19 precautionary restrictions.)



Data Findings

2019 vs 2020

- 15% decrease in booking history events compared to registered deaths

July 2019-June 2020

- 54% of MAT recipients – released within 3 days

July 2019- March 2020

- 30% recidivism of untreated opioid users

vs

- 12% recidivism of MAT recipients



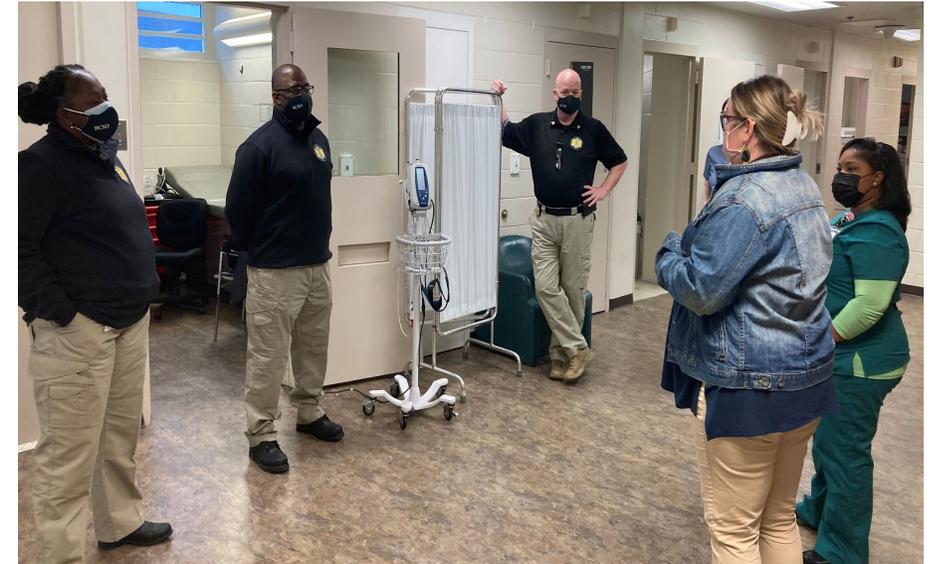
Program Movement

- Expansion, refinement and evolution - Community Advisory Panel
- Active collaboration with Partner organizations: Child Support, Pretrial, and Probation services to expand service delivery and access to those at risk for re-arrest due to untreated addiction.
- Cross disciplinary partnerships and collaborations: HHS, EMS, LEO's, Register of Deeds, etc.
- Program evaluation



2021 Focal Points

- Decrease deaths and lower correlation to BCDF booking events
- Training
Medical/detention/patrol/community/participants increase understanding of addiction, recovery, harm-reduction, anti stigma, services access points
- Strengthen collaborative partnerships
- Effective linkage to participant's life stabilization factors (housing, employment, community, recovery, access to Peer Support)



Funding

Year One: NCHHS Grant (July 2019) \$283,000

Buncombe Health Department: Overdose Kits

Community Grants for overlapping services

Year Two: Medical Contract (July 2020)

NCHHS Grant \$283,000

Community Grants for overlapping services

Year Three: Anticipated renewal of state grant

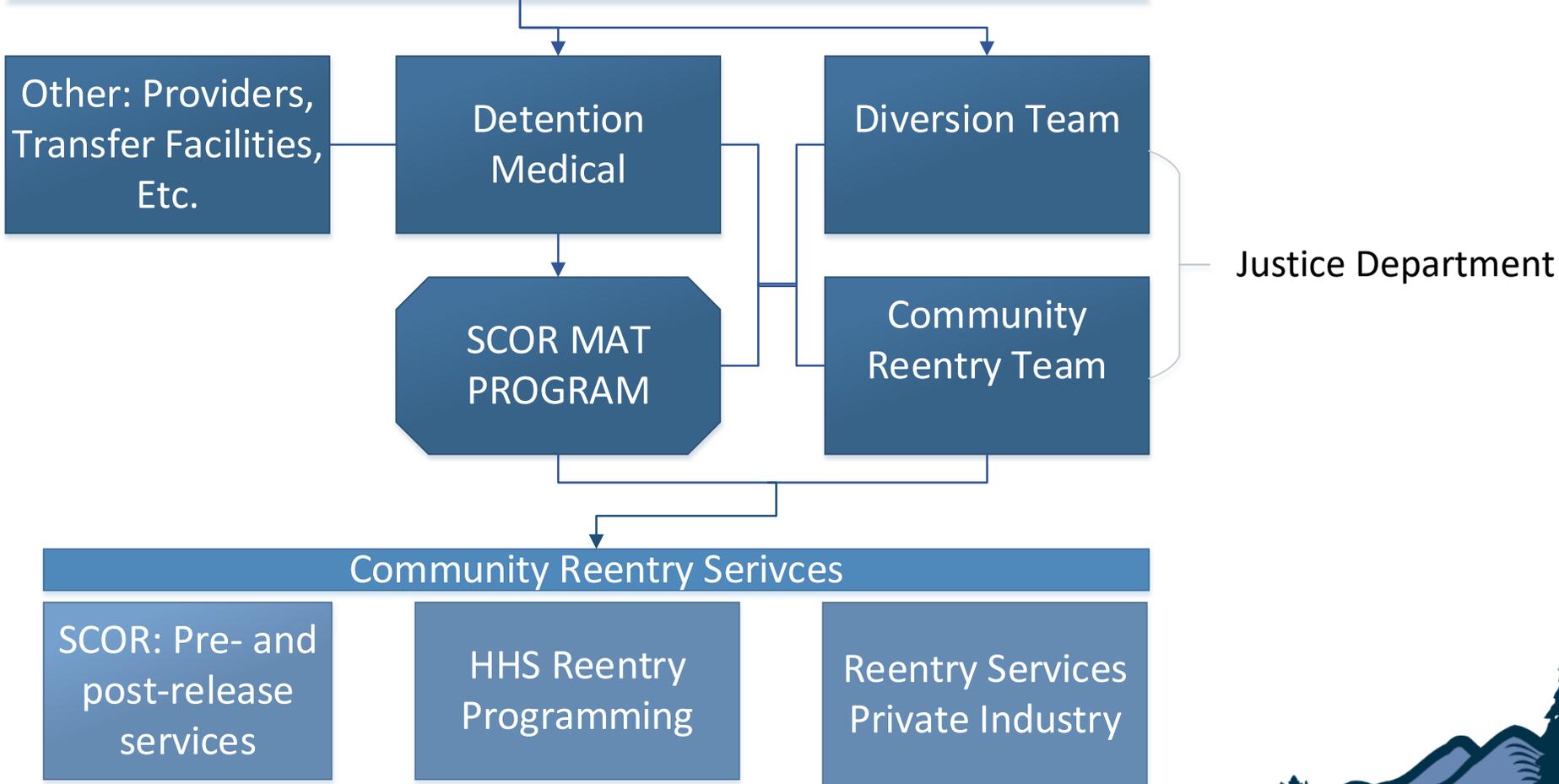
Goal: Integrated and sustainable programming through local funding



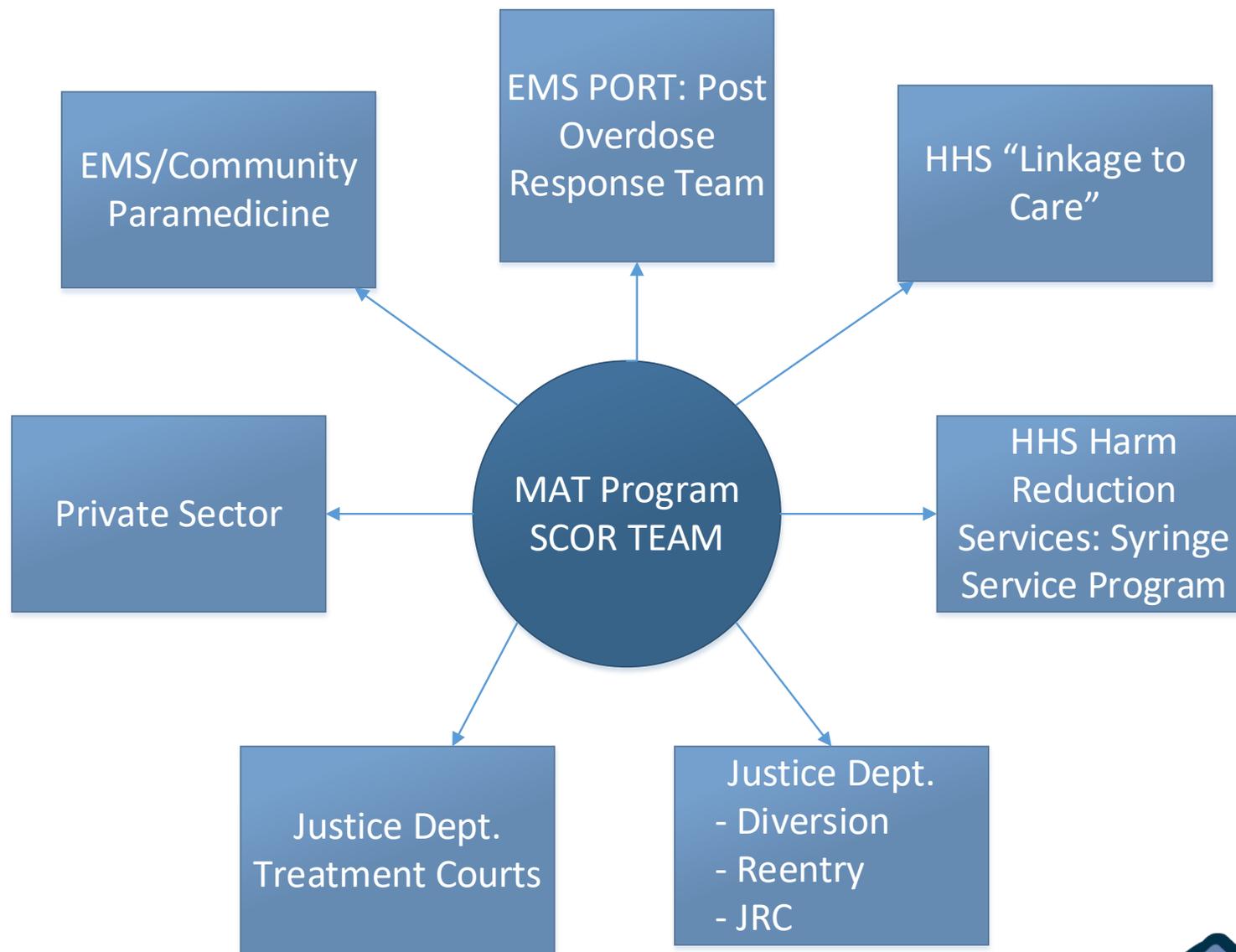
Reentry/Support Services

20 Davidson Drive

Detention Center



Partnerships and Collaborations



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