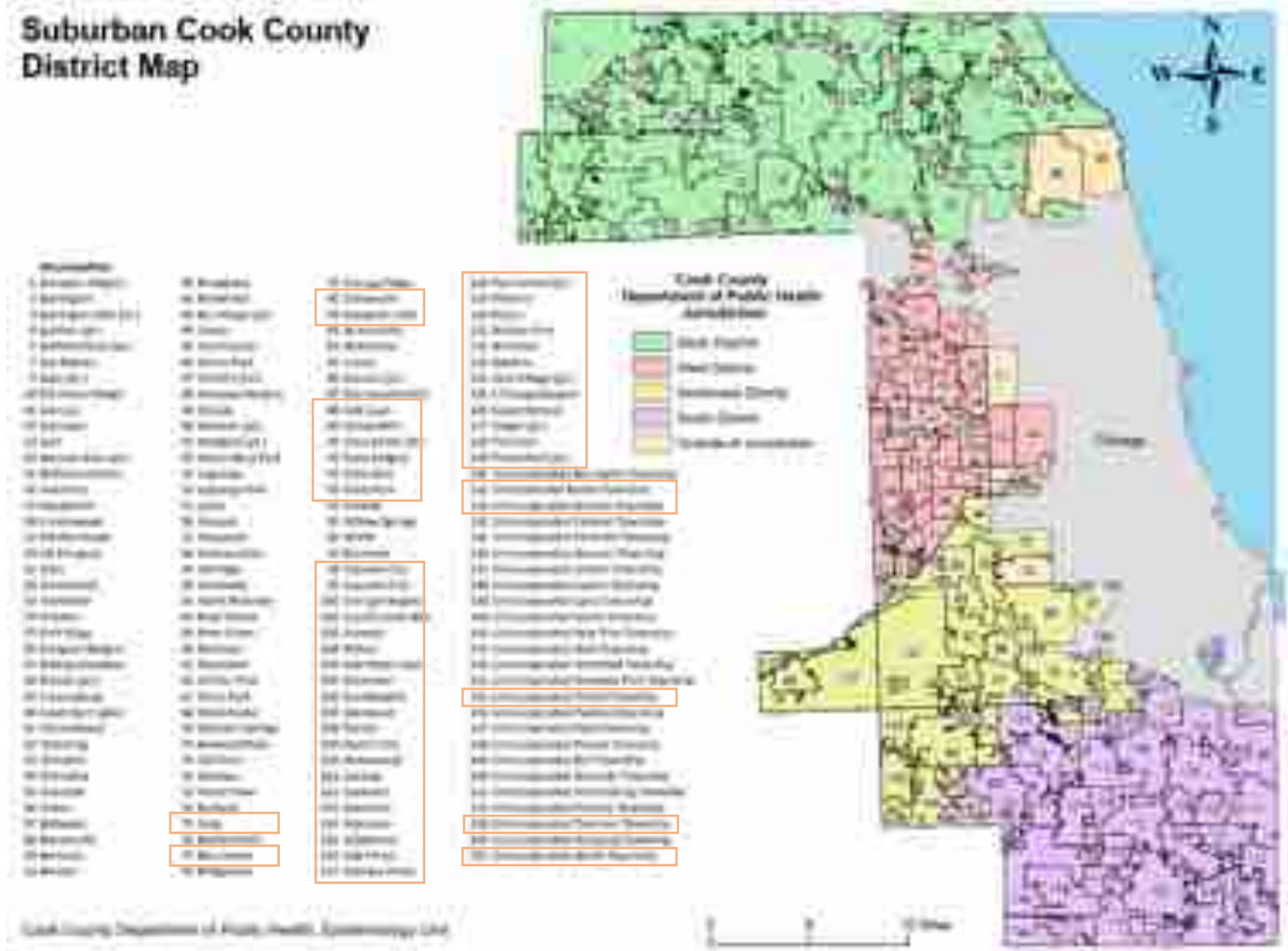




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The **Southland Recovery Coalition (SRC)** conducted a Community Survey to determine the needs and awareness of south suburban residents. Responses empowered our approach to operationalize and present selected indicators in such a way that assists in better integrating community engagement into our recovery awareness process. SRC aims to raise awareness among the general public throughout the Southland and open up opportunities for residents to have access to resources and deepen engagement with the SRC ROSC Council. SRC endeavors to create a recovery-oriented system of care in the south suburban region of Cook & Will County. These counties include but are not limited to Ford Heights, Calumet City, Chicago Heights, Glenwood, Lansing, Lynwood, Sauk Village, and the southeastern corridor of Will County, which includes parts of Park Forest, Steger, and University Park; along with Crete, Monee, and training/community workshop(s) in Joliet. SRC covers south suburban Cook County as outlined below:

Suburban Cook County District Map



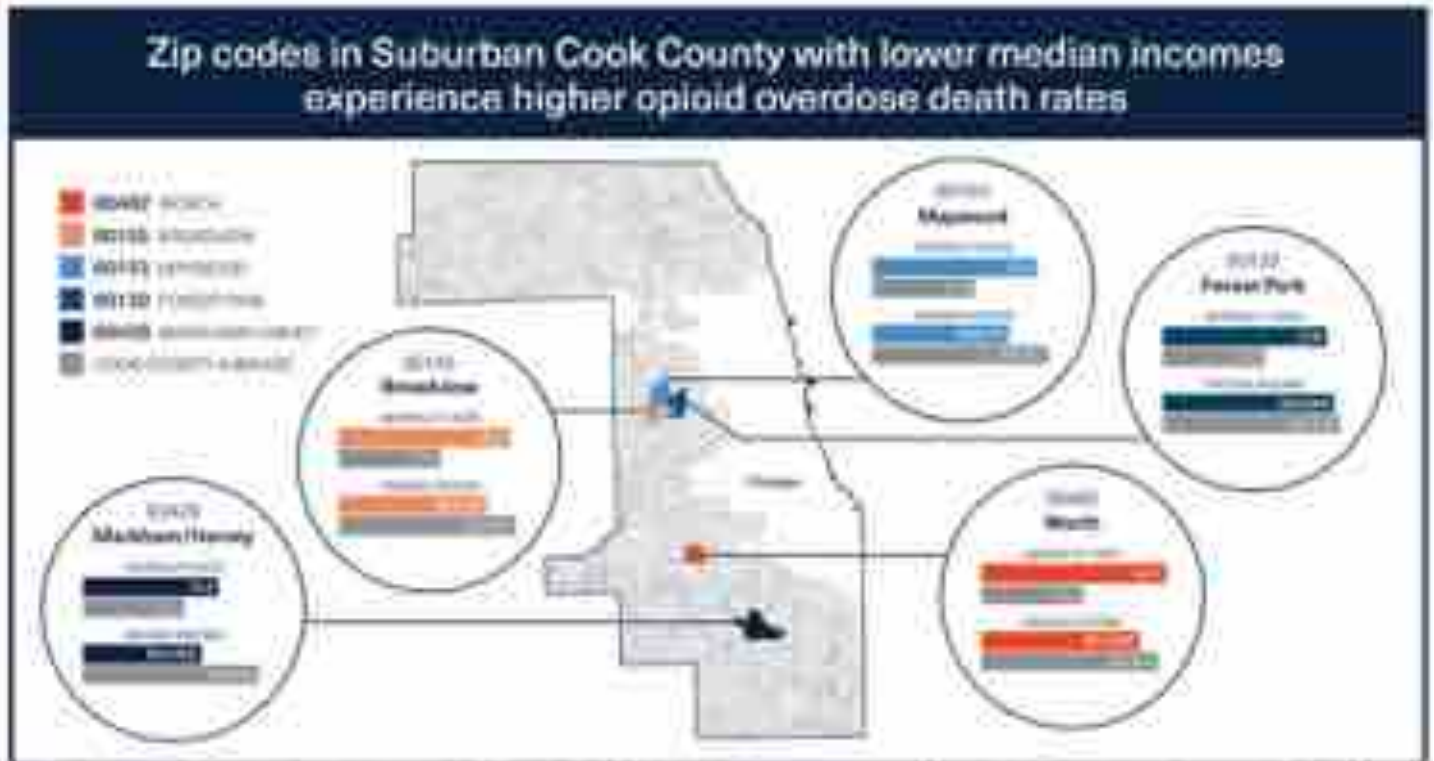
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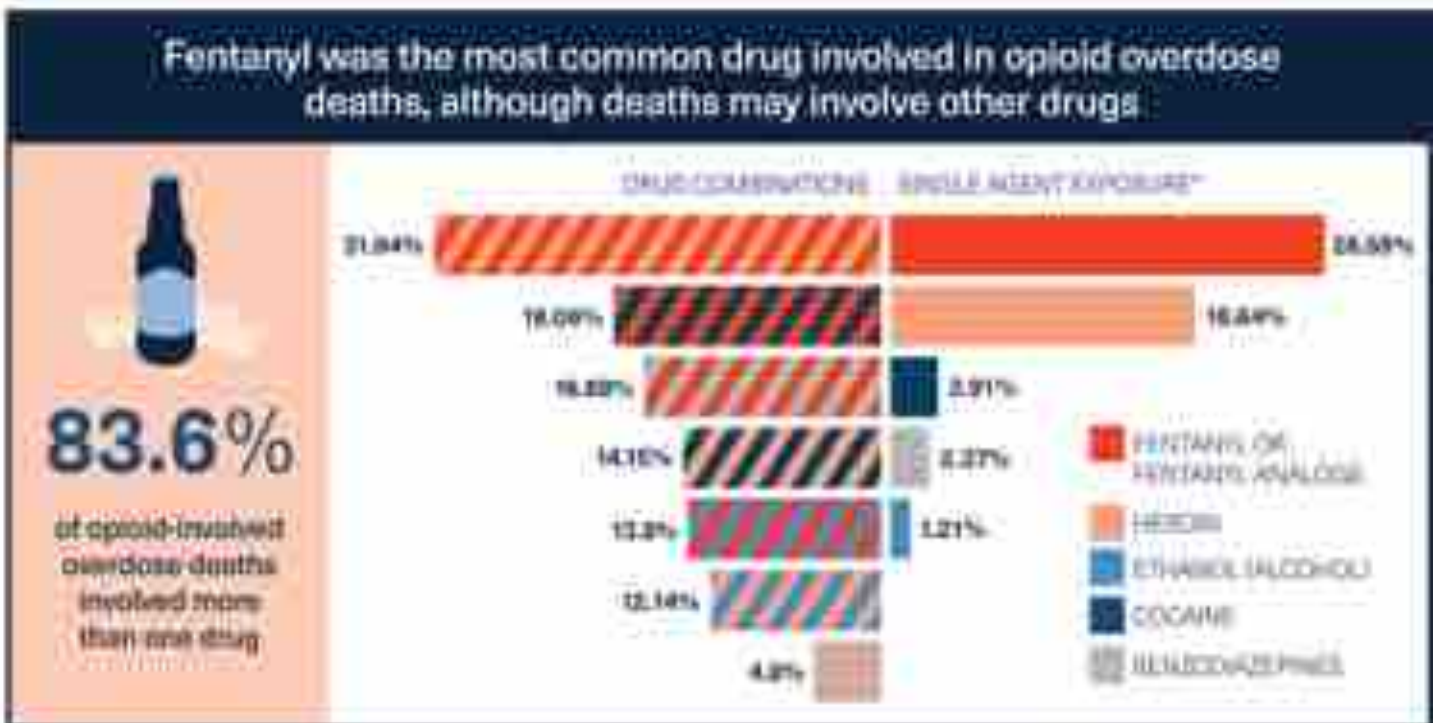
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TRENDS



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South Suburban Cook County is facing an overdose epidemic, with death rates on the rise, similar to Chicago as reported by the Cook County Department of Public Health. In addition to recovery supportive services, treatment needs, and substance use support groups, the key issue areas outside of SRC's scope noted on the following chart were identified as high priority needs by Southland residents in our community survey.

HEALTH OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: YOUTH RISK BEHAVIOR SURVEY RESULTS

Although progress has been made, there are still too many students reporting risky sexual behaviors, high-risk substance use, violence victimization, and poor mental health, including suicide risk.

PROGRESS **MENTAL HEALTH** **CHALLENGES**

What we can find out from local data
The Suburban Cook County Youth Risk Behavior Survey (SCC YRBS) monitors priority health behaviors and experiences among high school students across your local area.

The results show what is happening in your own back yard and help inform policies and programs to support your students directly.

The results help in understanding the factors that contribute to the leading causes of illness, death and disability among youth and young adults.

Learn more at: <http://www.cookcountyhealth.org/yrb>

Why students experience positive mental health:
Adults can support students' mental health by watching for warning signs and linking students to help.

During the past year, percent of students who:
- 32% reported suicidal thoughts
- 29% felt sad or hopeless
- 14% made a suicide plan
- 11% attempted suicide

WHY IS THIS INFORMATION IMPORTANT?
Mental health is important and necessary for overall well-being. Early identification and treatment can improve outcomes.

WHAT CAN BE DONE?
SCHOOL, FAMILY AND COMMUNITY
- Increase awareness of mental health issues
- Encourage students to seek help
- Provide resources to support mental health

PRIMARY RESOURCES:

SRC is comprised of three anchor nonprofit organizations which include: Cornerstone Community Development Corporation, NFP (Cornerstone CDC); Indigenous Community Service Center (ICSC); and Together We Cope (TWC). With a host of members representing various industries, backgrounds, and people with lived experience, SRC raises recovery & mental health awareness.

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COMMUNITY RESOURCES

The HUB is the Southland's "connector resource" for residents. The HUB services the entire south suburban area, which encompasses 62 communities. Of even greater value is the fact that many of the individuals that were assisted through The HUB received a complete and seamless access to services than they would have otherwise. The HUB's primary goal is to focus on what is needed as a means of filling the gap of services previously unidentified throughout the southland region. Upon receipt of comprehensive case management services, more than 84% of cases required resources from multiple categories. From the onset of the creation of The HUB, it was determined that while the Southland has a plethora of resources and services available to individuals and families, smaller and understaffed agencies and individuals in need had difficulty connecting to those resources.

The HUB is the south suburbs response to the lack of a 211 system to assist those in crisis, particularly those who are formerly incarcerated and recovery communities. The core partner agencies work in deep collaboration to achieve the highest quality wrap-around case services they can to residents in the southland. The target populations are those who express a need focused on safety net services inclusive of basic human needs, supportive programs, as well as professional services -- housing counseling, mental health, and addiction -- which are all needs that are offered comprehensively by HUB partners.

Stability is found through HUB case managers a/k/a Community Navigators enabling the connection of individuals to all the services for which they need and are eligible. The HUB has grown to conduct research and advocate for client effective outreach and ensure that they receive comprehensive supportive services without the encumbrances. With the increase in information and resources added to the database, the staff can rapidly connect clients to services where other resources were unidentified throughout the Southland prior to the HUB.

A prime example of this involves the needs of the older population throughout the service area. A significant number of requests for which we have not been able to provide referrals to senior citizens who either need a repair or home modifications for handicapped accessibility. They lack the ability and resources to complete these on their own. Examples such as these have enabled The HUB provider network to realize and transform how we access and connect with social and faith-based organizations. People visit www.HUBrelief.com so that they can search for specific services in a more streamlined capacity.

Cornerstone Community Development Corporation, NFP - Serves as the Lead Fiscal Agent for The HUB - Serves the Southeast part of South Suburban Cook County east of I-57

Together We Cope - Partner Agency - Serves the south suburban service area encompassing all of Orland, Palos, and Bremen townships and includes the suburban part of Worth Township.

Respond Now - Partner Agency - Provides vital services in 22 communities in the Chicago Southland.

South Suburban PADS - Provides emergency shelter, affordable housing, and supportive services throughout the Southland.



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Southland Human Services Leadership Council has a mission to create and sustain health and human services excellence and enhance the nature and flow of resources to people in the Southland community. With over 90 members in this network, SRC regularly receives notices across the region and posts information about our recovery awareness events and pop ups.

OTHER SRC SUPPORTIVE INSTITUTIONS IN THE SOUTHLAND

Associations:

Business organizations: South Holland Chamber of Commerce

Charitable groups: United Way of Metro Chicago, Age Options

Civic event groups: Will County Top Ladies of Distinction

Special needs groups: Housing, Legal Aid, Disabled, and Veterans Assistance Associations

Elderly groups: St. James Manor

Institutions:

Local Church Partners: Emmaus Community, Victory Church, South Suburban Christian Center

Schools: School District 169

Universities: Governors State University

Community Colleges: South Suburban College, Prairie State College

Hospitals: Ingalls UChicago, Advocate South Suburban, Oak Street Health, Access

Social Service Agencies: See List

Physical Space:

Gardens: The Nate Sculpture Park

Forest/Forest preserves: Cook County Forest Preserves

Mental Health

NAMI South Suburbs (SRC Member)

Living Room Recovery Cafes

Local Economy:

Chamber of Commerce Business associations: South Holland Chamber of Commerce

Banks: Old National Bank, US Bank, Chase Bank, PNC Bank

Credit Unions: Credit Union 1

RCO:

UMARC



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DETAILED LIST OF SOUTHLAND RESOURCES FOR RECOVERY AND MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

LIVING ROOM LOCATIONS

The Envision Unlimited Living Room
3325 Vollmer Road
Flossmoor, IL 60422
708 967-7216

Open: Monday to Friday 12pm to 8 pm

The Link & Option Center – Living Room
3330 W 177th Street, Unit 2CN
Hazel Crest, IL 60429

Open: 1 pm to 9 pm

708 991-2513
1 800 261-8905

Living Room - Thresholds
12139 Western Avenue
Blue Island, IL 60406
773 432-6466

Trinity Services, Inc. – Living Room
16514 S. 106th Court
Orland Park, IL 60467

708 981-3370

800 273-8255

Open 24 hours - 7 days a week

Trinity Services, Inc. – Living Room
2000 Glenwood Avenue
Joliet, IL 60435

779 341-5090

Open 24 hours – 7 days a week

Living Room Program – Joliet, IL
36 South Schyler Street
Kankakee, IL 60901

779 236-1177

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Program Supervisor

Living Room – NAMI Metro
7602 - 63rd Street
Summit, IL 60501

Open at 12 pm

708 524-2582 – Appointments: namimetsub.org

RESOURCES

Grand Prairie Service - 590 Mobile Crisis Care
Services

67 East 34th Street

Steger, IL 60475

708 331-0500

Kirby Rehabilitation Crisis Center (SRC MEMBER)

Dolton and Matteson, IL

708 880-1387 Office

708 855-9326

rhatch@kirbyrehab.org

DROP-IN CENTERS

Envision

Drop In Center

9468 S Pulaski St

Evergreen Park, IL 60805

M-W-F: 1-6

Tues-Thur : 3-8

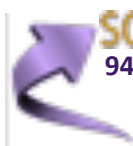
Sat-Sun 12pm to 4 pm

Grand Prairie Services

450 W. 14th Street

Chicago Heights, IL

708 503-9670 Ext 8457



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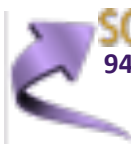
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