

Whole-Person Care for People Experiencing Homelessness and Opioid Use Disorder

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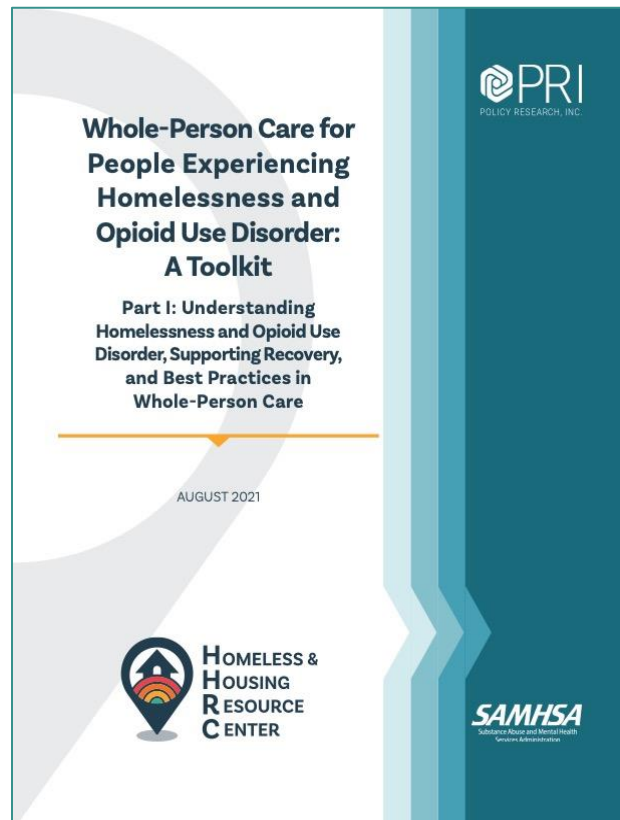
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Welcome



In today's session we will hear from Steven, Racquel, and JC talk about recovery from mental health and substance use challenges. They will be responding to questions (including those from attendees) related to the recovery process, the impact of trauma on recovery, posttraumatic growth, dealing with stigma and racial discrimination, harm reduction, and what they'd like behavioral health practitioners to consider in supporting recovery.

Opioids By The Numbers

THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC BY THE NUMBERS



70,630

people died from drug overdose in 2019²



10.1 million

people misused prescription opioids in the past year¹



1.6 million

people had an opioid use disorder in the past year¹



2 million

people used methamphetamine in the past year¹



745,000

people used heroin in the past year¹



50,000

people used heroin for the first time¹



1.6 million

people misused prescription pain relievers for the first time¹



14,480

deaths attributed to overdosing on heroin (in 12-month period ending June 2020)³



48,006

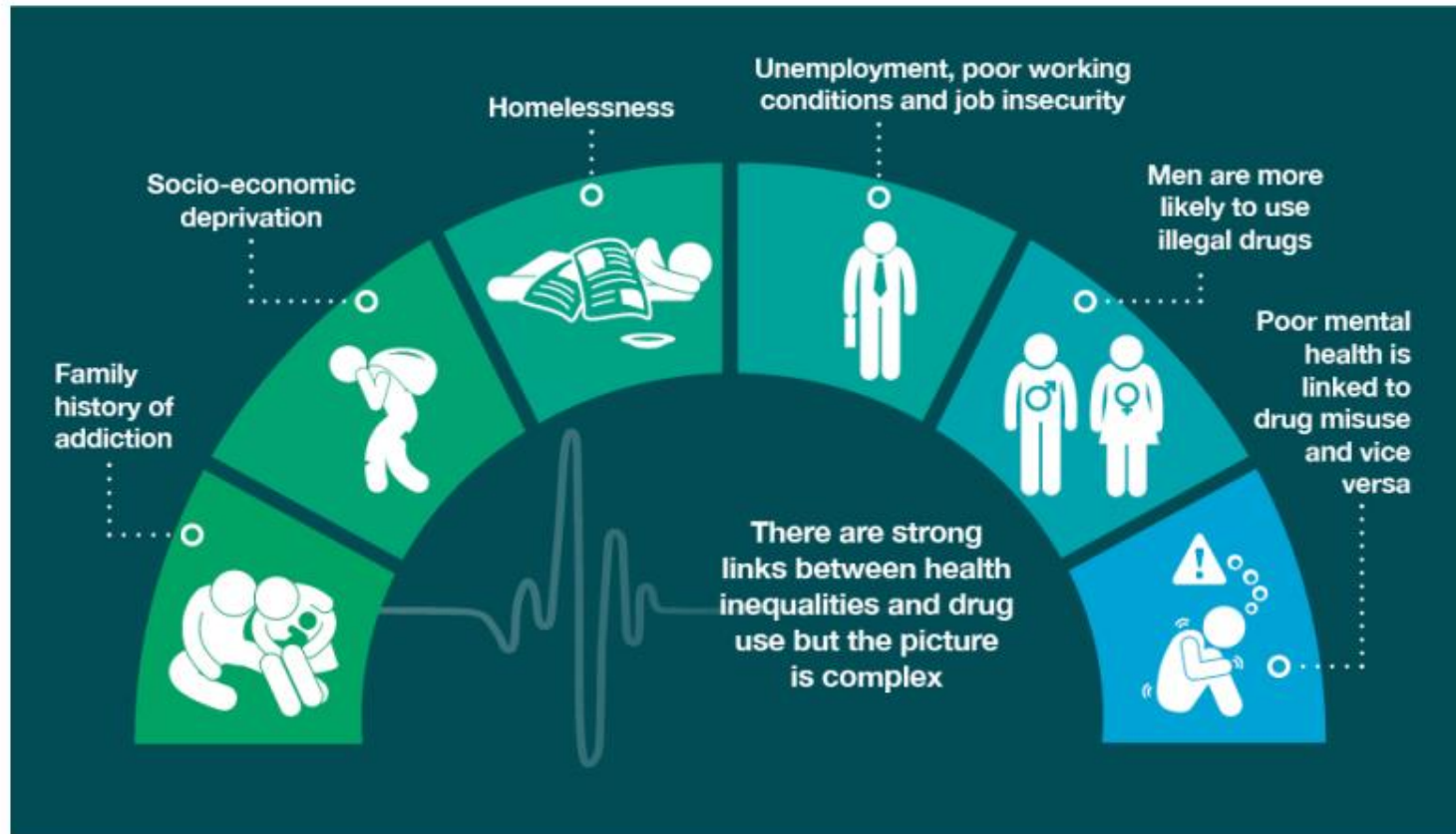
deaths attributed to overdosing on synthetic opioids other than methadone (in 12-month period ending June 2020)³

SOURCES

1. 2019 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2020.
2. NCHS Data Brief No. 394, December 2020.
3. NCHS, National Vital Statistics System. Provisional drug overdose death counts.

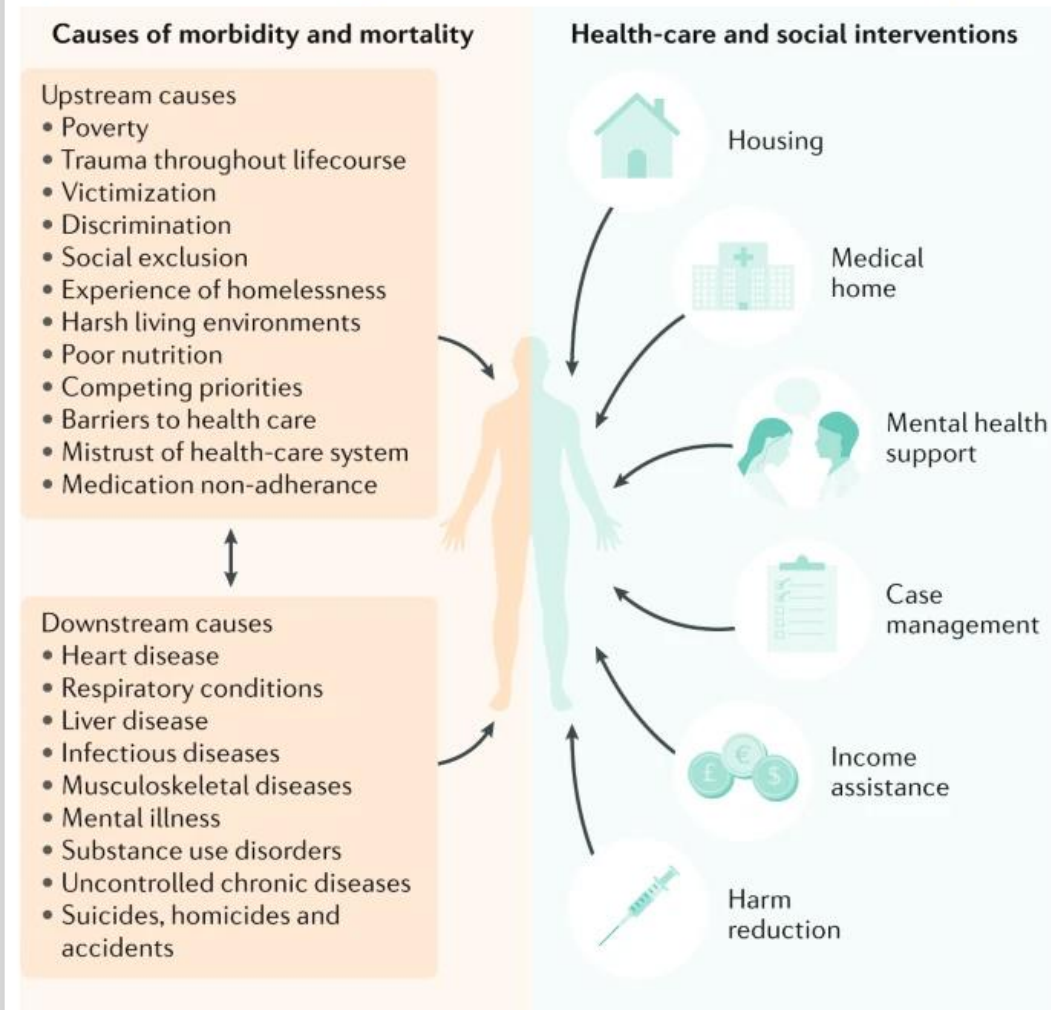
 [HHS.GOV/OPIOIDS](https://www.hhs.gov/opioids)

Risk Factors



Interventions to Improve Health for People Experiencing Homelessness

Fig. 1: Interventions to improve health outcomes among homeless people.



Practical Strategies from the ATTC

Improving access to evidence-based medications

- **Link patients to MAT using the SAMHSA Behavioral Treatment Locator Tool**
- **Partner with providers delivering buprenorphine or naltrexone treatment**
- **Educate and provide patients with naloxone kits**
- **Coordinate with Syringe Exchange Programs**

Improving access to high-quality psychosocial services

- **Integrate comprehensive case management strategies (CSAT TIP 27)**
- **Gain training in evidence-based treatments for co-occurring disorders**
- **Engage peer specialists and community initiatives**
- **Advocate for treatment tailored to at-risk groups**

Leading the field of social work forward

- **Promote ethical and science-based narratives about OUD and treatment**
- **Supervise and teach social work students about substance use**
- **Deliver trainings about substance use**
- **Join community advisory boards and task forces**