HEALing Communities in Kentucky

The Communities

- **16 counties** in Kentucky:

The Goals

- To reduce opioid-related overdose deaths by 40% over 3 years and treat opioid use disorder in highly affected counties
- To collaborate with state and community partners to implement evidence-based interventions to save lives, help people achieve recovery, reduce harms, and inform the nation on what strategies will help us heal from the opioid crisis

County Selection Process

120 Kentucky counties

- 48 counties with ≥ 25 opioid overdose deaths per 100,000 in 2017
- 35 counties without supressed overdose data ≥ 5 opioid overdose deaths
- 28 counties with needed justice infrastructure
- 25 counties with needed treatment infrastructure
- 19 counties with needed public health infrastructure
- 16 counties not already involved in major UK intervention projects

The UK Team

- **20 researchers** from **7 UK Colleges** make up the team on the HEALing Communities project
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  - Dr. Laura Fanucchi, Medicine
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  - Dr. Svetla Slavova, Public Health
  - Dr. Michele Staton, Medicine
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The Grant

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- **4 states** funded: University of Kentucky, Ohio State University, Boston Medical Center and Columbia University
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**Consortium Members**
- Boston Medical Center
- Emory University
- New York University
- Oak Ridge Associated Universities
- RTI International
- The University of Miami

**Federal Partners**
- SAMHSA funded Providers Clinical Support System
- SAMHSA funded State Targeted Response-Technical Assistance

**Commonwealth Partners**
- Kentucky Agency for Substance Abuse Policy
- Local Agency for Substance Abuse Policy boards
- Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services
- Kentucky Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities
- Kentucky Department for Public Health
- Kentucky Department of Corrections
- Kentucky Department of Medicaid Services
- Kentucky Health Information Exchange
- Kentucky Justice and Safety Cabinet
- Kentucky Office of the Chief Medical Examiner
- Kentucky Office of Drug Control Policy
- Kentucky Office of the Inspector General
- Kentucky State Police
- Local and District Health Departments

**Treatment Delivery Partners**
- Bluegrass Care Navigators
- Kentucky Treatment Programs
- Voices of Hope