

# **NNCC AmeriCorps State Program Application:**

Opioid Use Disorder Education  
and Community Outreach



# Overview

What we will cover today:

- What is AmeriCorps?
- Opioids in Pennsylvania
- Member Conditions and Prohibited Activities
- AmeriCorps members at health centers and COEs
- How NNCC can support you in this process
- Next steps in member recruitment



# National Service Network



AmeriCorps  
NCCC

AmeriCorps  
State/National  
Grants

AmeriCorps  
VISTA





- Encourages, develops, and facilitates volunteerism and service, which builds upon the talents, strengths, opportunities, and challenges of people and communities in ways which enhance the quality of life for all Pennsylvanians
- Federal agency helps millions of Americans improve the lives of their fellow citizens through service
- Provides federal funding stream to intermediary sponsors by state
- Intermediary sponsor supports host sites



# AmeriCorps State and National

Engages in strategic grant-making to support organizations that see service as a solution to local and national challenges, and create powerful member experiences that result in lifelong civic engagement.

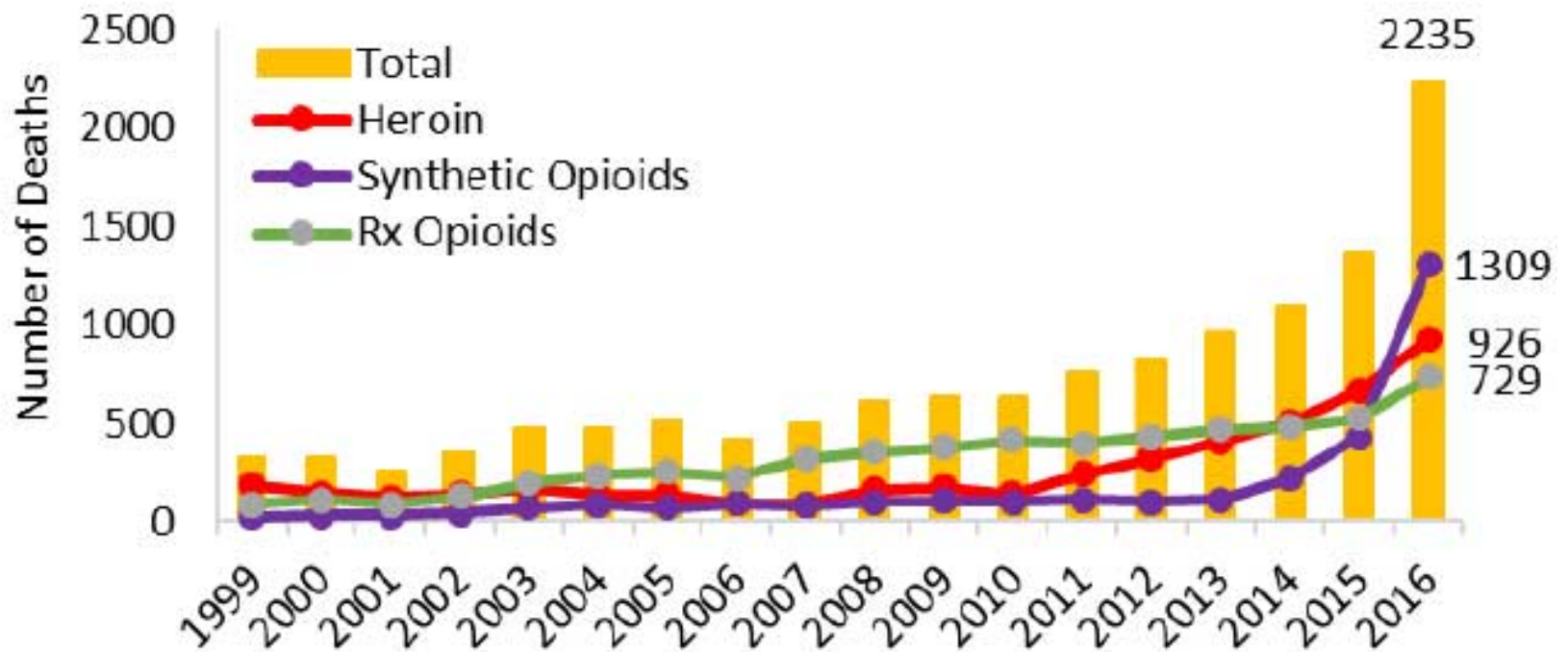
Funded programs—at state service commissions, tribes, and local, regional, and national organizations—use national service to address critical community needs across a range of [focus areas](#):

- Economic and Workforce Development
- Energy and Conservation
- Faith-Based and Community Initiatives
- Native American Affairs
- **Healthy Futures – addressing the opioid crisis**



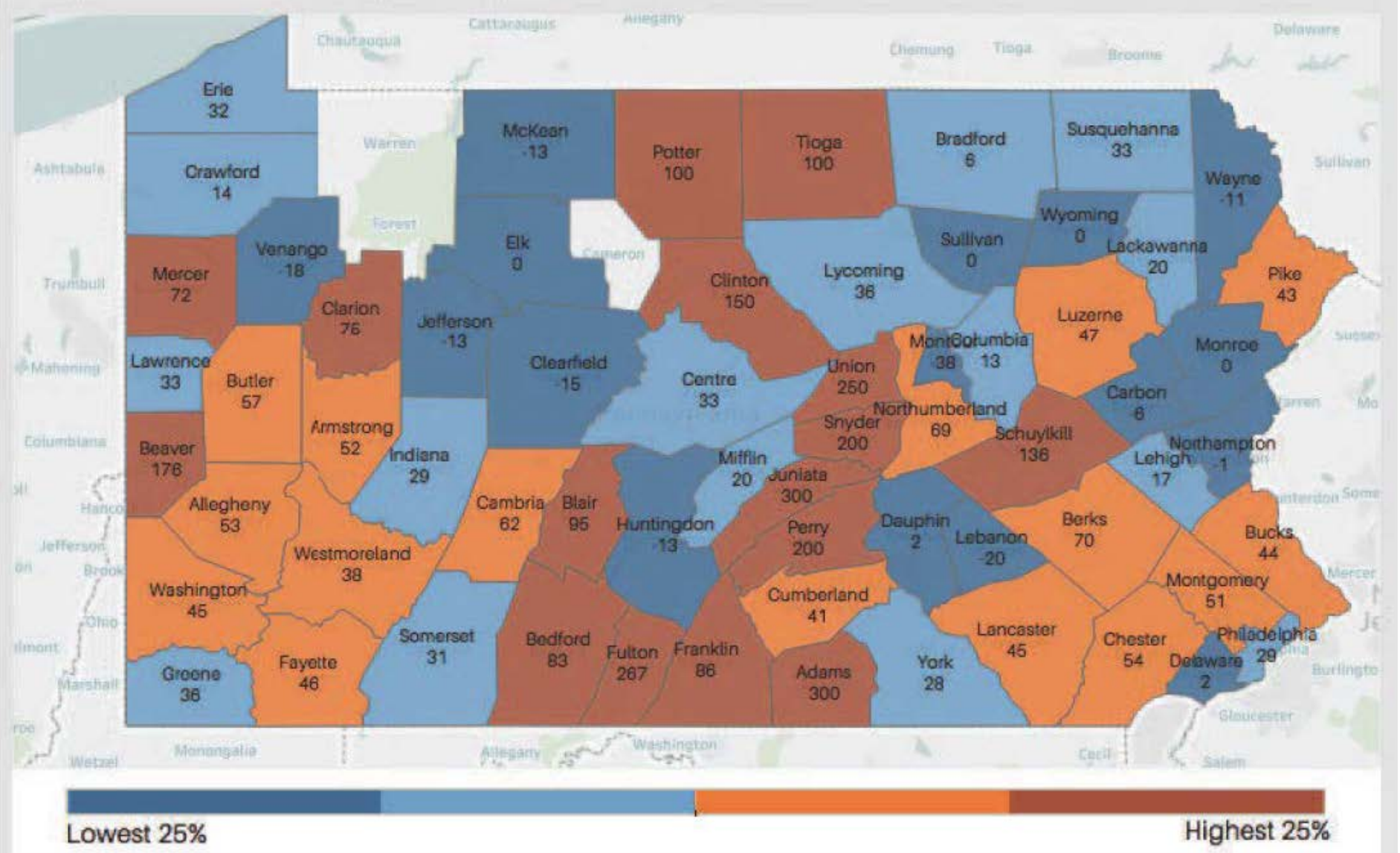
# AmeriCorps State and Opioids

Number of Opioid Related Overdose Deaths in Pennsylvania





(U) Figure 3: Percent Change in Drug-Related Overdose Deaths in Pennsylvania Counties, 2015-2016



Source: Pennsylvania Coroner/Medical Examiner Data



# NNCC AmeriCorps Program – Opioids

- How sites can utilize AmeriCorps – Member Position:
  - Provide new patients with initial outreach and orientation
  - Provide outreach to patients at treatment facilities and in the community to support engagement throughout participation
  - Identify community linkages to support recovery efforts, i.e., job readiness, education, housing, and family support
  - Identify opportunities for partnership and development of relationships which could be mutually beneficial to families and community members
  - Maintain appropriate records of outreach activities





# Member Recruitment

- Qualifications from health centers for recruitment of members
- Skills/Experience:
  - Excellent time management skills and attention to detail to attend to program target goals and to ensure timely documentation
  - At least two years of experience with vulnerable populations, including incarcerated, substance use and/or mental health disorders
  - Ability to adapt and demonstrate flexibility in operating within different work and community settings
  - Strong community outreach skills
  - Ability to collaborate in a team environment
  - Familiarity with project's the target area and population



# NNCC AmeriCorps Support

- How NNCC can support you and your AmeriCorps members
  - Ensure each member provides appropriate documentation of US citizenship or US national or lawful resident status
  - Conduct appropriate criminal background checks and screening on all members and staff, per National Service Criminal History Checks
  - Ensure that each member has an appropriate service position description that does not violate prohibited activities
  - Ensure members receive benefits for term, i.e. living allowance
  - Conduct AmeriCorps orientation and provide training for each member and distribute all resource materials necessary



# Orientation and Training

- NNCC will conduct member orientation to AmeriCorps
  - National service, objectives, activities, evaluation
  - Prohibited activities, rights, benefits, responsibilities
- NNCC will offer trainings for members
  - Opioid Education; Overdose Prevention Training
  - Mental Health First Aid
  - Diversity and Inclusion Training
  - Emergency Response Training



# Site Supervisors and Cost-Share

- Designated supervisor for AmeriCorps members at each site
  - Onboard member to the health center, introduce to staff
  - Schedule weekly/bi-weekly meetings with member
  - Provide guidance and feedback on project deliverables
  - Approve timesheets on regular basis
  - Report updates/concerns to NNCC Project Manager
- Cost associated per AmeriCorps member for each site
  - \$15,000 for the year



# AmeriCorps Prohibited Activities

- Attempting to influence legislation
- Participating in, or endorsing, events or activities that are likely to include advocacy for or against political parties, political platforms, candidates, proposed legislation, or elected officials
- Engaging in religious instruction, conducting workshop services, providing instruction as part of a program that includes mandatory religious instruction or worship
- Providing abortion services or referrals for receipt of such services



# Timekeeping and Evaluations

- OnCorps – tracking timesheets electronically
  - Full time members

Service Term	Minimum # Hours
Full Time	1,700

- Evaluations and Reporting
  - Six month evaluations for members and supervisors
  - End of the year evaluations
  - Performance measures to track deliverables





# Data Collection and Quality Improvement

- Data collection tools for AmeriCorps performance measures
- How to evaluate the AmeriCorps members' progress throughout the year
- Google Sheets/Smartsheet
- Monthly conference calls to discuss strategies for improvement and/or highlight success
- Annual site visits to provide insight and feedback



# NNCC AmeriCorps State Program

- What NNCC will need from you
  - Role of the AmeriCorps member at your site
  - Skills, experience, education required for recruitment of qualified candidates
  - Data collection tools
- Commitment to the program
  - Contracts re cost-share for members



# Program Timeline

- Recruitment: June – August 2019
- Criminal History Checks: August 2019
- Training & Onboarding: September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019
- Site Placement: September 9<sup>th</sup> 2019



# Thank you!



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