



2024-2025 MARION COUNTY OPIOID ABATEMENT PLAN

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Executive Summary

Opioid Abatement Funds for Marion County, Florida

In Marion County, Florida, we stand at a critical juncture in our ongoing battle against the opioid crisis - a challenge that has deeply affected our communities, families, and individuals across various walks of life. Recognizing the complexity and the devastating impact of Opioid Use Disorder (OUD), our Opioid Abatement Plan is a comprehensive, strategic response designed to address this epidemic holistically. This plan, tailored to the unique needs and circumstances of Marion County, aims to implement a multifaceted approach, focusing on treatment, prevention, and continuous research and education.

Our commitment is to provide effective, evidence-based strategies that encompass a broad spectrum of interventions. We understand that the path toward healing and recovery is not uniform; hence, our plan is inclusive, considering the diverse needs of our population.

This plan is not just a document; it's a pledge to our community. It's a pledge to employ every resource at our disposal, to collaborate across sectors, and to innovate continuously to ensure that we are doing the utmost to combat this crisis. We are dedicated to creating a future for Marion County where the shadow of opioid addiction is replaced with hope, health, and a renewed sense of community resilience.

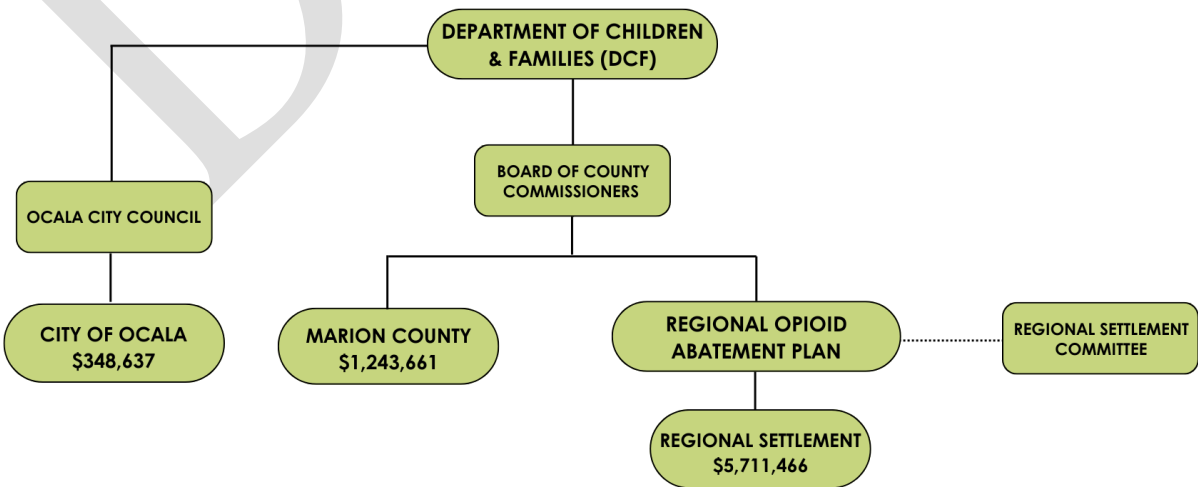
Background

In collaboration with various cities and counties in Florida, Marion County has entered into the Florida Opioid Allocation and Statewide Response Agreement (referred to as the "Florida Plan") with the State of Florida.

Under the provisions of this plan, the State has inaugurated separate funds for the city of Ocala, Marion County, as well as a Regional Opioid Settlement fund.

Marion County/ City of Ocala Opioid Settlement Funding

*Funding totals include approximate disbursements from 2022 - 2025



Priority List

This priority list will be reviewed annually by the Marion County Board of County Commissioners and updated to reflect the county's needs.

Core Strategy	Allowable Use	Objectives	Service Provider/Vendor	Projected Allocation Amount
Mental Health Provider for county employees who are experiencing co-occurring behavioral health related to opioid and substance abuse	Please refer to Schedule A & Exhibit B of the Statewide Council on Opioid Abatement 2023 Annual Report	To hire a licensed clinician	TBD	\$200,000
Emergency Medical Personnel (EMS) & Law Enforcement		To expand the county's paramedicine program and coordination with law enforcement	TBD	\$513,028
Discretionary fund to assist Marion County citizens with OUD-related conditions		Research and develop a plan	TBD	\$150,000
Admin	5% of \$908,451		Marion County BOCC	\$45,423
			Total	\$908,451

*Approximately \$335,210 expected in 2025. Funding amounts outlined in the priority list may be reallocated to one of the three priorities based on need.