

Community Voices Partner. Listen. Learn.

These dollars are different.

Funds from national opioid settlements are being received by state and local governments throughout the country. These dollars are being awarded for alleged harms, caused by the companies that marketed, manufactured, distributed, and sold, pharmaceutical opioids.

Given the nature of the opioid settlements and an understanding that nearly all families in Michigan have in some way or another, been impacted by substance use, mental health, or involvement in the criminal-legal system, the Opioid Advisory Commission (OAC) believes there is a responsibility to include community voices in conversations around planning and use of state opioid settlement funds.

Community voices matter.



The OAC is interested in hearing from all members of the public who wish to share their experiences or offer input—especially individuals and families who have been directly impacted by Michigan's opioid epidemic—this includes individuals and families with lived experience, and individuals who are actively using substances.

The OAC is also interested in hearing from individuals and families from communities that have been most impacted by Michigan's opioid epidemic.

Individuals and families...

Who have lived experience with substance use disorders (SUD), mental health conditions, and/or co-occurring disorders (COD); individuals who are actively using substances.

Who have lived experience with the criminal-legal system.

Who have experienced the loss of a family member(s) to overdose, suicide, and/or substance-related death.

Who have experience receiving or providing prevention, treatment, recovery and/or health and harm reduction services.



Communities most impacted

This may include but is not limited to...



- Black or African American communities, and Hispanic/Latine communities.
- Communities with high vulnerability to adverse substance use outcomes.
- Tribal communities and Indigenous persons.
- Justice-involved individuals; persons impacted by involvement in the criminal-legal system.

How will the information be used?

Information from the [survey](#) and listening sessions may be discussed in public meetings, referenced in reports written by the OAC, and used to help the OAC develop recommendations to the state legislature for funding and policy.

Please visit the [OAC website](#) or contact oad@legislature.mi.gov for more information. Click [here](#) to take the Michigan Opioid Settlement Funds Community Impact Survey.