

2020 - 2021

recovery, dignity & wholeness

Reversing the devastation
caused to our community by
the opioid epidemic

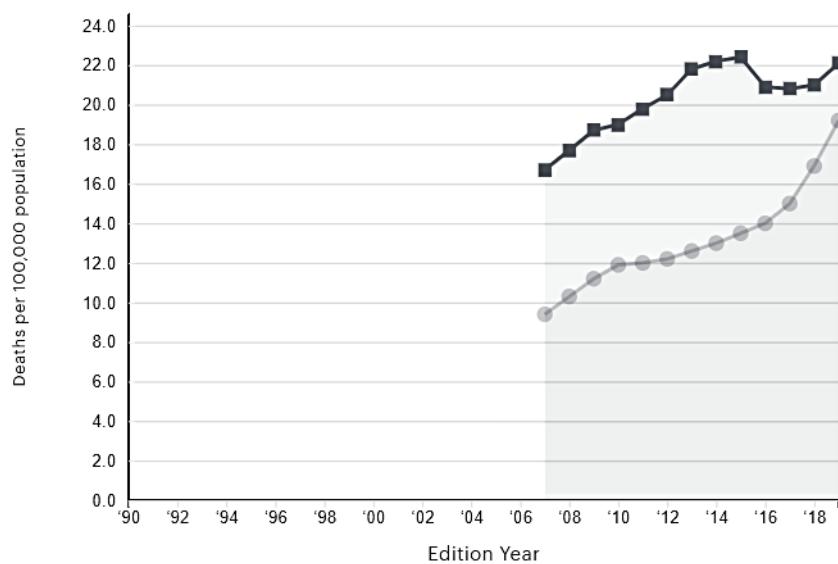


VEGAS STRONGER

OPIODS ARE WREAKING HAVOC ON OUR COMMUNITY

Each day in the United States, over 185 people die as a result of a drug overdose. In 2018, an estimated 2.9 million people (aged 12 or older) reported misuse of opioid pain relievers in the past month. While these numbers continue to decrease yearly, thanks largely to increased awareness, synthetic opioid-involved death rates climbed by 10% last year. Due to the Covid-19 shut down these numbers are set to sky rocket. About 1 in 6 unemployed workers are addicted to alcohol or drugs -- almost twice the rate for full-time workers, according to the government's National Survey on Drug Use and Health.

Trend: Drug Deaths, Nevada, United States



Number of deaths due to drug injury (unintentional, suicide, homicide or undetermined) per 100,000 population (3-year estimate age-adjusted to mid-year)

MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE ABUSE IN THE HOMELESS COMMUNITY

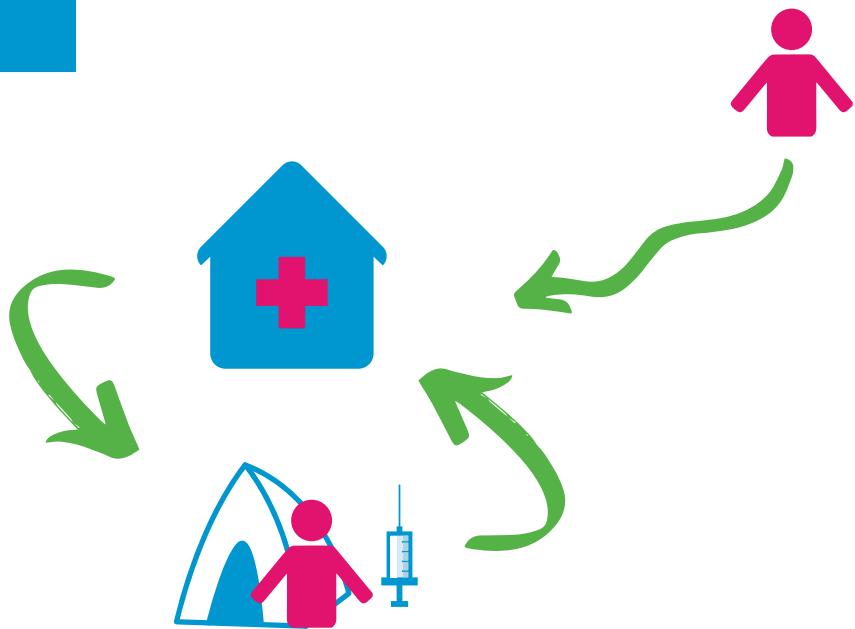
Currently, when a homeless individual is taken to a drug recovery center, the center will place the individual into a detox program. This detox is covered by Medicaid, so the individual's lack of healthcare doesn't keep them from receiving treatment. Unfortunately, we know that detox alone does not lead to recovery. What is needed is a system of Continued Care. For-profit recovery centers cannot afford to offer Continued Care for patients without insurance and thus clients are sent back onto the streets, likely to use again within the next 48 hours. Solving this problem requires an innovative and collaborative approach, one that Vegas Stronger is implementing all over the Las Vegas Valley.

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to unite the spirit of the Las Vegas community around solving one of the root causes of homelessness: substance abuse disorders. We do this by partnering with local shelters who provide safe spaces for continued care after detox treatments and implementing 12 proven strategies for recovery: Medically Assisted Treatment, Counseling, 12 Step Programs, Nutrition and Vitamin Supplements, Fitness Classes, Occupational Therapy, Case Management, Salon Services, Urine Analysis, Access to Primary Care, and Service to Others

THE ENDLESS CYCLE

Individuals with substance abuse disorders enter a recovery center for detoxification. Without the means to pay for continued care, they are forced back onto the streets, to repeat the cycle.



A COLLABORATIVE SOLUTION

After detox, our shelter partners house the individual while Vegas Stronger manages a full menu of proven recovery services inside the shelters, ending the cycle and providing them a new start in life.



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"All labor that uplifts humanity has dignity and importance and should be undertaken with painstaking excellence." - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



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Medication Assisted Treatment

\$145,010 supports 90 patients for 12 months



Counseling

\$7,750 start-up cost - revenue generating afterward



Case Management

\$42,000 provides case management for one year



Access to Medical Care

\$5,000 provides 40 people with monthly outpatient visits



Peer Support Groups

\$12,250 funds 10 locations for 12 months



Vocational Rehabilitation

TBD

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Housing Supports

TBD



Nutrition Sciences

\$1000 - monthly nutrition planning services for 3 locations



Fitness and Yoga

\$14,500 funds 10 locations for 12 months



Salon Services

\$2,000 services 100 clients per month



Urinalysis Testing

\$1,000 funds weekly drug & alcohol testing for 100 clients



Service to Others

\$34,000 provides a Volunteer Coordinator to organize service projects for our clients

RESEARCH

Vegas Stronger is interested in solving this problem at both the micro and macro levels. Doing this requires sophisticated data analysis, scientific research, and Institutional Review Boards, which is why we have partnered with UNLV and Walden University to comprehensively track and analyze our outputs. This will allow us to make sure the dollars you invest in us are working, provide us feedback on how to improve our programming, and allow us to share what we learn with the broader, academic resources needed to solve this problem nationwide.

A black and white photograph of a large, rectangular sign for the University of Nevada Las Vegas (UNLV). The letters "UNLV" are prominently displayed in a large, serif font. Below "UNLV", the words "UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA LAS VEGAS" are written in a smaller, sans-serif font.

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IMAGINE OUR STREETS WITHOUT ADDICTION,

Imagine if solving this problem is what Las Vegas was known for all over the United States.



With your help we CAN solve this problem, save thousands of lives, and make Las Vegas the home it should be for ALL of our citizens.

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