Local Response to Public Health Emergencies:
Focus on the Opioid Epidemic

Ware County, Georgia Opioid Prescriptions
212.7 prescriptions per 100 people
12th highest prescribing county in the nation
1st highest prescribing county in Georgia

Accidental Opioid Overdose Deaths

91 Americans die every day due to an opioid overdose from prescription painkillers and heroin.

400% increase in the number of overdose deaths involving opioids since 1999.

Estimated peak death counts by type compared to current drug overdose (OD) death counts:

- Gun (1993): 40,000
- HIV (1995): 48,000
- Car crash (1972): 55,000
- Drug OD (2016): 62,000

15,000

The estimated number of overdose deaths involving commonly prescribed opioids in 2015—nearly half the number of overdose deaths involving any opioid.

The mission of the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) is to be a leader, partner, catalyst, and voice for local health departments.

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CDC
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

NaRCAD
National Resource Center for Academic Detailing