2023 Rutherford Opioid Board Impact:

The Rutherford Opioid Board's (ROB) mission is to combat the opioid crisis through awareness, education, and recovery. In 2023, the ROB began investing opioid abatement funding locally to strengthen the community.

Types of ROB Local Investments:

- 10 Local Organizations Awarded Funding
- $798K Invested Locally
- 1,373 Community Members Served

- $112K Primary Prevention
- $144.43K Treatment
- $261.69K Recovery Support
- $15K Education & Training
- $100K Research & Evaluation
The ROB established the MTSU Office of Prevention Science and Recovery (OPSR) to assist the county in evidence-based utilization of these settlement dollars. The MTSU OPSR tracks the outcomes of ROB funded projects to promote successful strategies that other local organizations can utilize in Rutherford County. Below are the stories of five organizations grant funded by the ROB that have positively impacted the community.

INTERFAITH DENTAL:
Interfaith Dental of Rutherford County offers services to prevent opioid misuse, support recovery, and address root causes of addiction through screening each of their patients for opioid use disorder. In 2023, Interfaith Dental screened 472 individuals for opioid use disorder and identified 8 individuals with opioid use disorder. Each of these patients received referral advisement and on-site oral health treatment to enhance their well-being.

DOORS OF HOPE:
Doors of Hope provides transitional and long-term supportive housing to women experiencing addiction. In 2023, they were able to hire an additional LPN, two LADACs, a mental health counselor, and a CPRS to open a new Recovery Center offering a 45-day stabilization program. This Recovery Center expands their capacity to serve an additional 55 women a year in Rutherford County.

H.U.S.T.L.E. RECOVERY:
H.U.S.T.L.E. Recovery provides respite housing for community members voluntarily seeking treatment while they await admission to a treatment program. In 2023, they provided respite housing and transportation to treatment to 105 individuals, with over 57% of individuals placed in a treatment facility within 72 hours of contacting H.U.S.T.L.E.

PREVENTION COALITION FOR SUCCESS:
The Prevention Coalition for Success, along with multiple community organizations, hosted the 7th annual Recovery Fest in Rutherford County with an attendance of over 600 individuals and over 70 community vendors. In addition to live music and entertainment, attendees had the opportunity to partake in a Narcan training and receive resources from recovery organizations within the region.

MTSU OSPR:
The MTSU Office of Prevention Science and Recovery (OPSR) was established to oversee evidence-based utilization of Rutherford County opioid abatement resources, as well as serve as a resource to neighboring counties. In 2023, OPSR increased community knowledge of the ROB grant application and provided extensive opioid abatement technical assistance to five neighboring counties.