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In January of this year, Governor Roy Cooper announced the next wave of funding to combat the opioid crisis in NC. Since May of 2017, 3,200 individuals have benefited from programs funded by the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act. The next wave of funding will:

- Support Peer Recovery Specialist in Opioid treatment programs
- Increase the capacity of Opioid treatment programs to provide services such as medication to treat opioid use disorders, individual and group counseling, as well as other outpatient treatment services
- Expand access to medication assisted treatment for uninsured people

A data system is now in place to give clinicians access to patients opioid prescription histories in order to reduce the oversupply of prescription opioids. For additional information on other efforts to combat N.C. opioid crisis go to: [www.ncdhhs.gov/opioids](http://www.ncdhhs.gov/opioids)

### Did you know?

The annual NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) walk is April 7 at 9am. This year's location will be Finlay Park in Columbia SC. The annual event is held to raise funds to assist families in the Carolina's affected by mental illness. To donate or register to walk, go to: [info.namimidcarolina@gmail.com](mailto:info.namimidcarolina@gmail.com)