This past Friday The Onondaga Health Department reported that deaths due to opioid overdoses were down in the first quarter of 2018. Nevertheless, what more can be done, N-C-C's Sam Carter has more.

in Onondaga County the number of opioid overdoses deaths is falling. Onondaga Health Department Program Director Mariah Senecal-Reilly says a holistic approach has been key.

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]<" We have a very involved drug task force that involves professionals from many sectors including law enforcement local government, mental health who join together to address prevention efforts as well as treatment."

Although, the number of deaths are down, Senecal-Reilly says Onondaga County is working on a program called Trauma Informed Care to continue, to battle this public health crisis.

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]<" In the case of this we recognize that traumatic experiences can be attributed to higher rates of substance use.">

the program will be put in place in 20-19

Sam Carter..., N-C-C News.