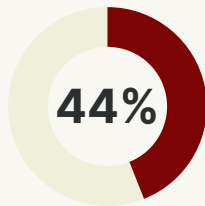
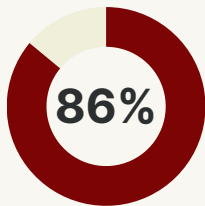




## About Us

We are a national team of African American subject matter experts that have over 100 years of experience in developing African American led Recovery Community Organizations. We are utilizing this combination of experience to develop culturally-congruent Recovery Community Organizations that address substance use and mental health challenges.



### Black Overdose Death Rate Increase (15-24)

Compared to other age groups within racial/ethnic groups, "Black persons aged 15-24 years experienced the largest relative overdose death rate increase from 2019 to 2020 (86%)."

### Black Overdose Death Rate Increase (Overall)

Compared to other racial/ethnic groups, overall "relative overdose death rate increases were highest among Black persons from 2019 to 2020 (44%)."



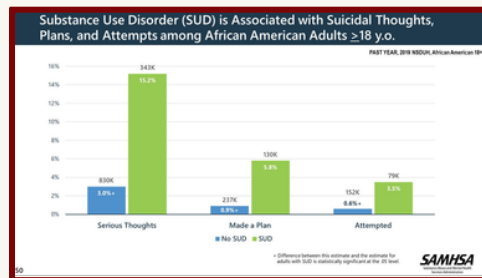
## Our Mission

Our mission is to advance the development and sustainability of African American recovery community organizations through capacity building, education, and advocacy.



## Our Vision

Our vision is for all African Americans across the nation to have equitable access to integrated and culturally-congruent recovery support services.



### Serious Thoughts, Plans, and Attempts of Suicide for Blacks (18 and Older)

African Americans with Substance Use Disorder (SUD) have a significantly higher rate of serious thoughts, plans, and attempts of suicide than African Americans without SUD.



## Why CAARD?

We recognize the great need for strong recovery community organizations across the nation that can reach and serve marginalized communities. We are determined to use our combined experience to address the pressing issues faced by individuals and families struggling to attain equitable health, wellness, substance use, and mental health recovery support services.

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