

Stepping Up: A National Initiative to Reduce the Number of People with Mental Illnesses in Jails

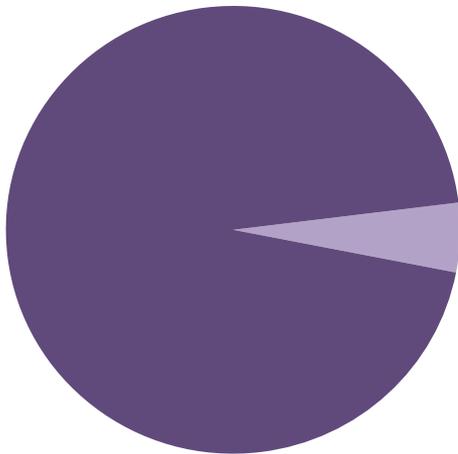
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REDUCING MENTAL ILLNESS IN JAILS | The Problem

General Population

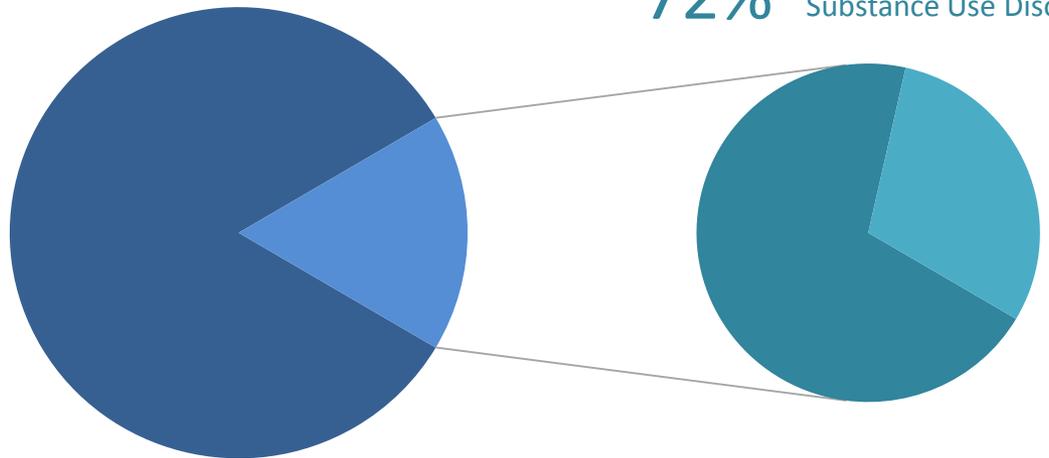
5% Serious Mental Illness



Jail Population

17% Serious Mental Illness

72% Co-Occurring Substance Use Disorder



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Disproportionately higher rates of arrest



Longer stays in jail and prison



Limited access to health care



Disproportionality higher recidivism rates



Low utilization of EBPs

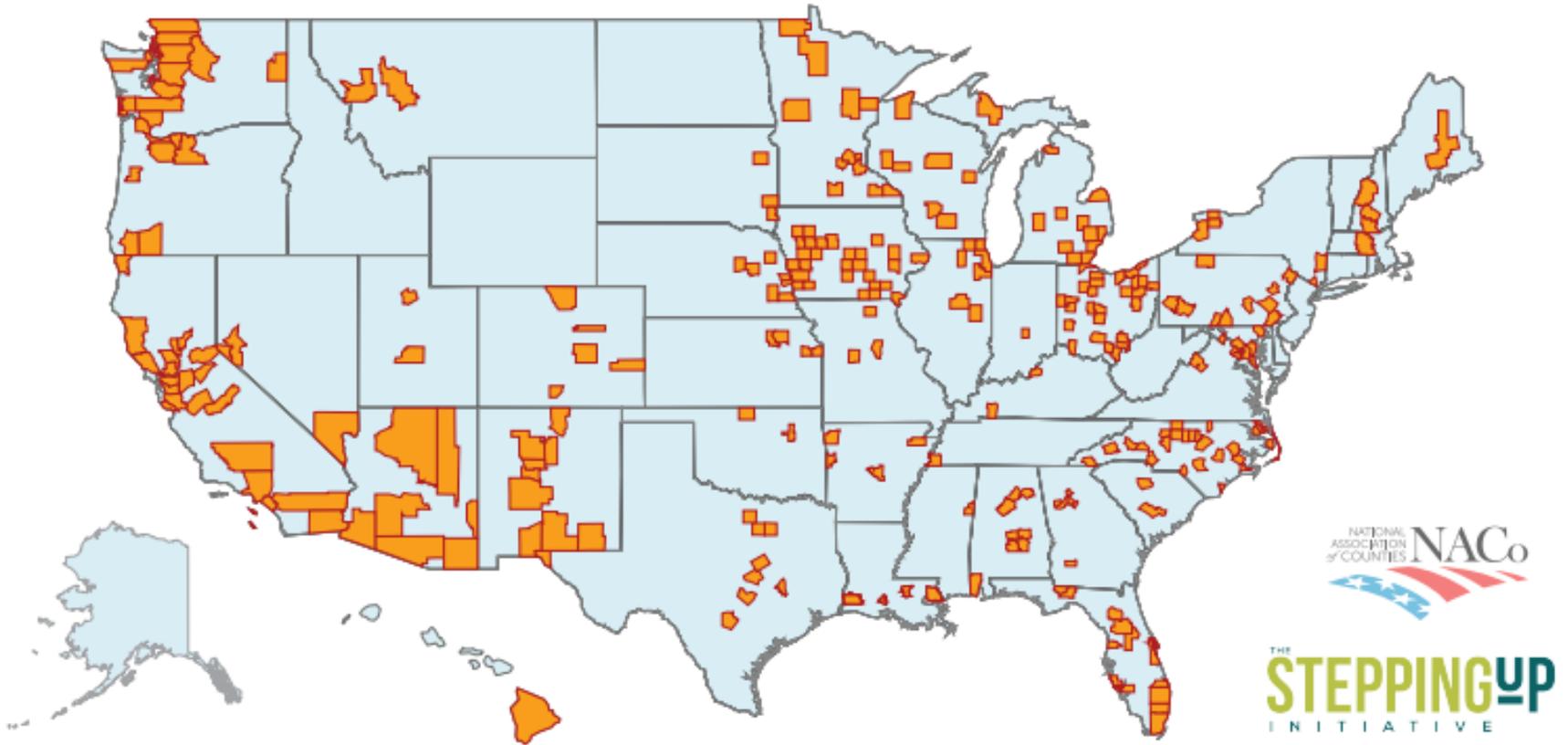


More criminogenic risk factors

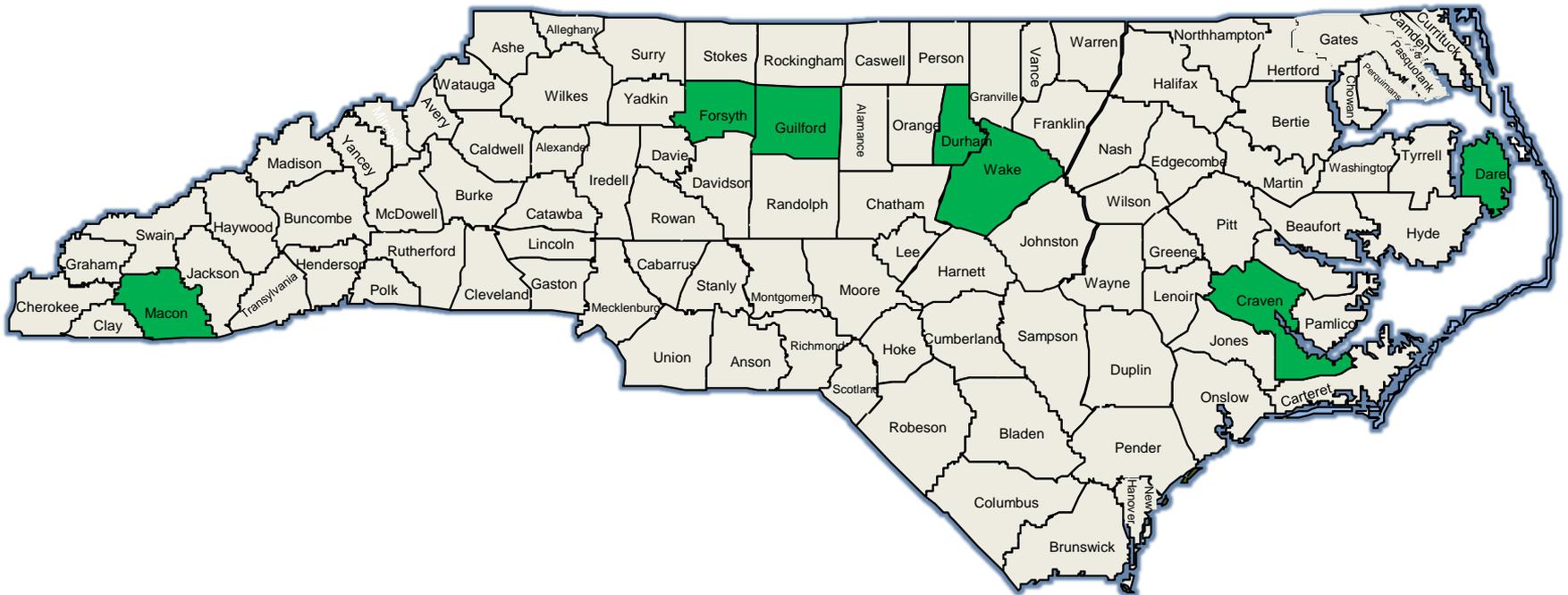
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THE STEPPING UP INITIATIVE

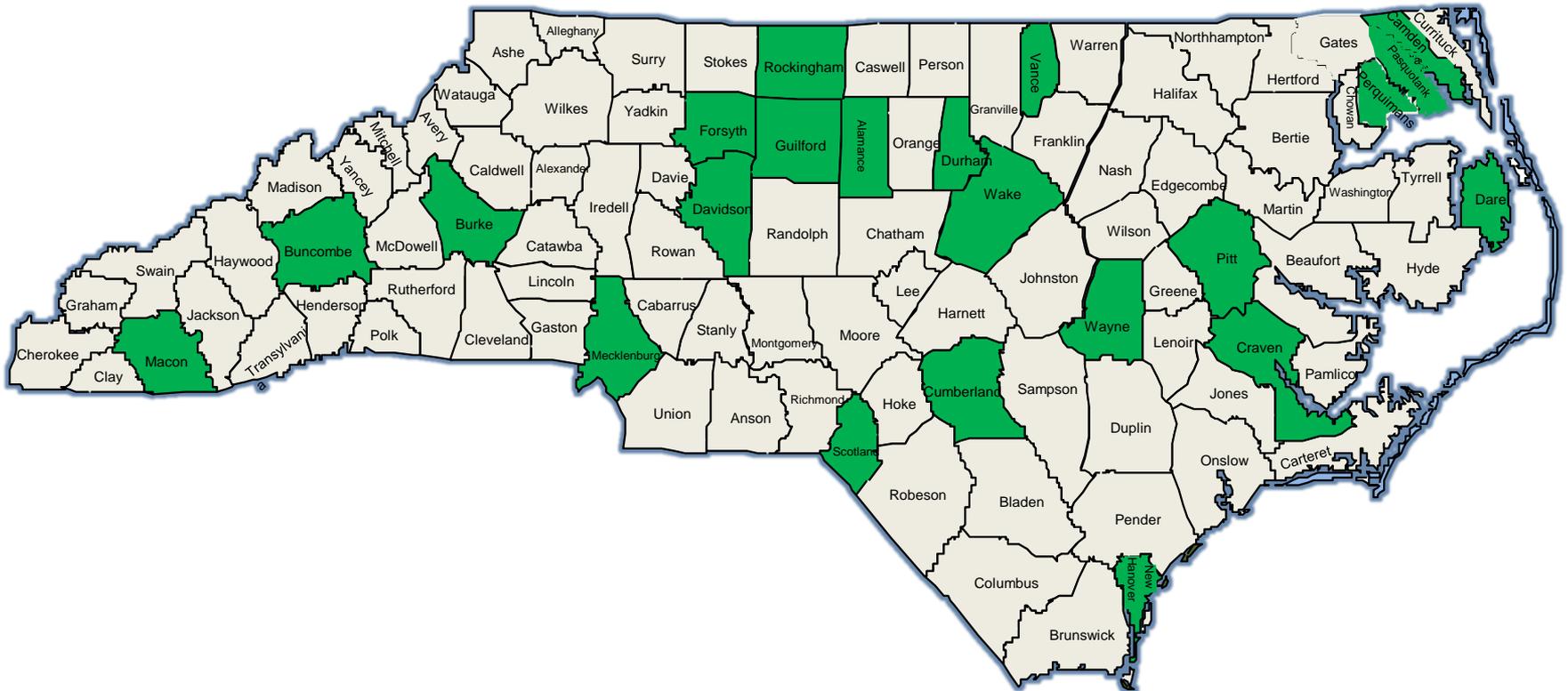
County and Parish Resolutions Received by July 1, 2016



August 2015: 7 Counties



August 2016: 24 Counties





TOOLKIT

NEWS & UPDATES

EVENTS

THE PROBLEM

THE PEOPLE

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Take Action Now



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County Teams Work to Make Stepping Up Initiative 'a Movement, Not a Moment' at National Summit

Teams of behavioral health and criminal justice professionals gathered in Washington, DC, this week to address the "human consequences of an inhumane system" in which 2 million adults with serious mental illnesses are admitted to county jails every year.

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- We want to hear from you!
- Release of “Six Questions” Technical Assistance Document

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