



# DRUG USER LIBERATION FRONT COMPASSION CLUB AND FULFILLMENT CENTRE

Over the course of a year, the Drug User Liberation Front (DULF) has undertaken the operation of a Cocaine, Heroin, Methamphetamine Compassion Club (CC) pilot program. This initiative allows People Who Use Drugs (PWUD) to enroll as members, granting them the ability to procure up to fourteen grams of each substance per week. Eligibility requirements include prior usage of the club's provided substances, affiliation with established drug user networks (to verify existing substance use), and a minimum age of nineteen. Substances are tested and labeled prior to sale to prevent harm to the clubs members. The club's operation spans four days per week, totalling twenty four hours, and includes an on-site Overdose Prevention Site accessible to all members.

As part of the ongoing pilot, DULF has been diligently tracking program participants. Data has been systematically collected at three-month intervals for periods ranging from three to six months prior to membership, as well as during timeframes spanning three months to one year with access to the club. This report presents preliminary descriptive findings from the one-year mark, shedding light on critical aspects such as overdose incidents, criminal engagement, housing conditions, and participant perspectives.



The ongoing study conducted by DULF encompasses a group of 43 active participants. Demographically, the participants are categorized as follows: White (n = 24), Indigenous (n = 20), and other (n = 4). Within this cohort, there are 26 men, 11 women, and 6 individuals with other genders.

### At the most recent follow up interview (August 2023):

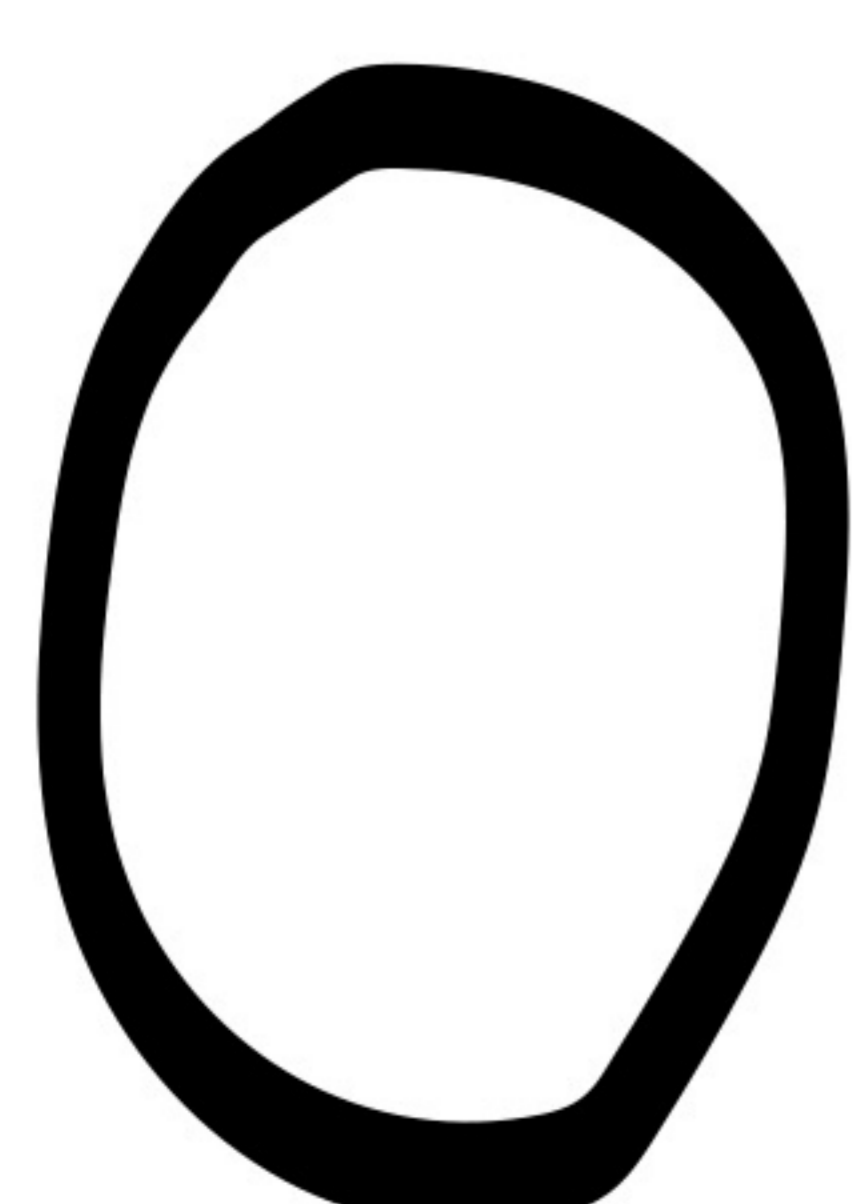
32/43 participants had used illegal drugs the same day. **74%**

29/43 participants have previously experienced an overdose. **68%**

7/43 participants overdosed in the last 3 months. **16%**

6/7 of these overdoses were suspected to involve fentanyl. **85%**

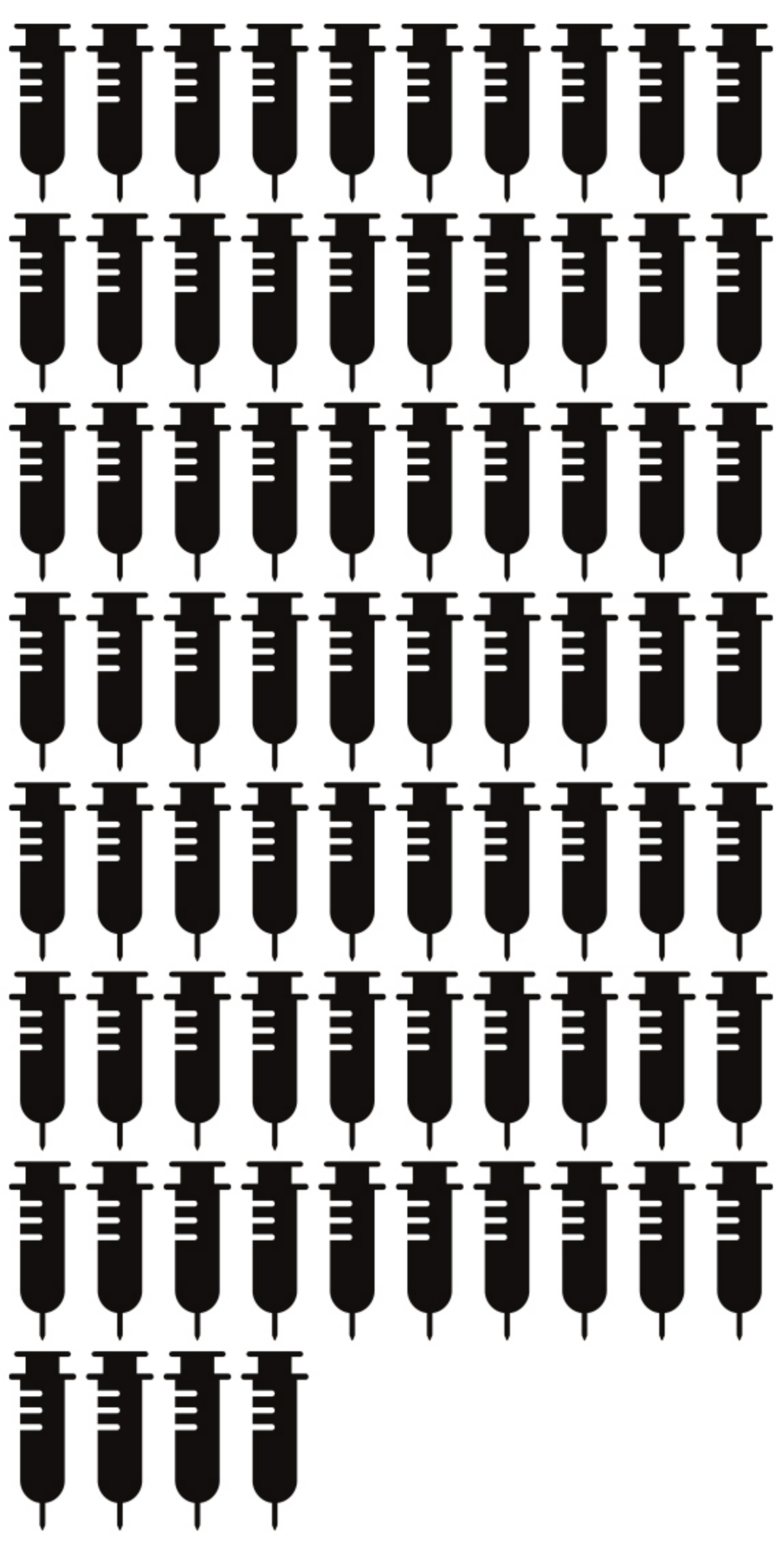
TO DATE DULF HAS PROVIDED OVER 3 KILOGRAMS OF SUBSTANCES TO ITS MEMBERSHIP. BY USING THE PRINCIPLE OF ECONOMY OF SCALE, AND PROVING SUBSTANCE AT-COST, DULF PREVENTED APPROXIMATELY \$100,634.80 OF PROFIT FROM GOING INTO THE HANDS OF ORGANIZED CRIMINAL GANGS.



**ZERO OVERDOSE DEATHS ARE KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY DULF'S SUBSTANCES**

**ZERO OVERDOSES WITH NALOXONE ADMINISTERED HAVE OCCURRED FROM THE SOLE USE OF DULF'S SUBSTANCES.**

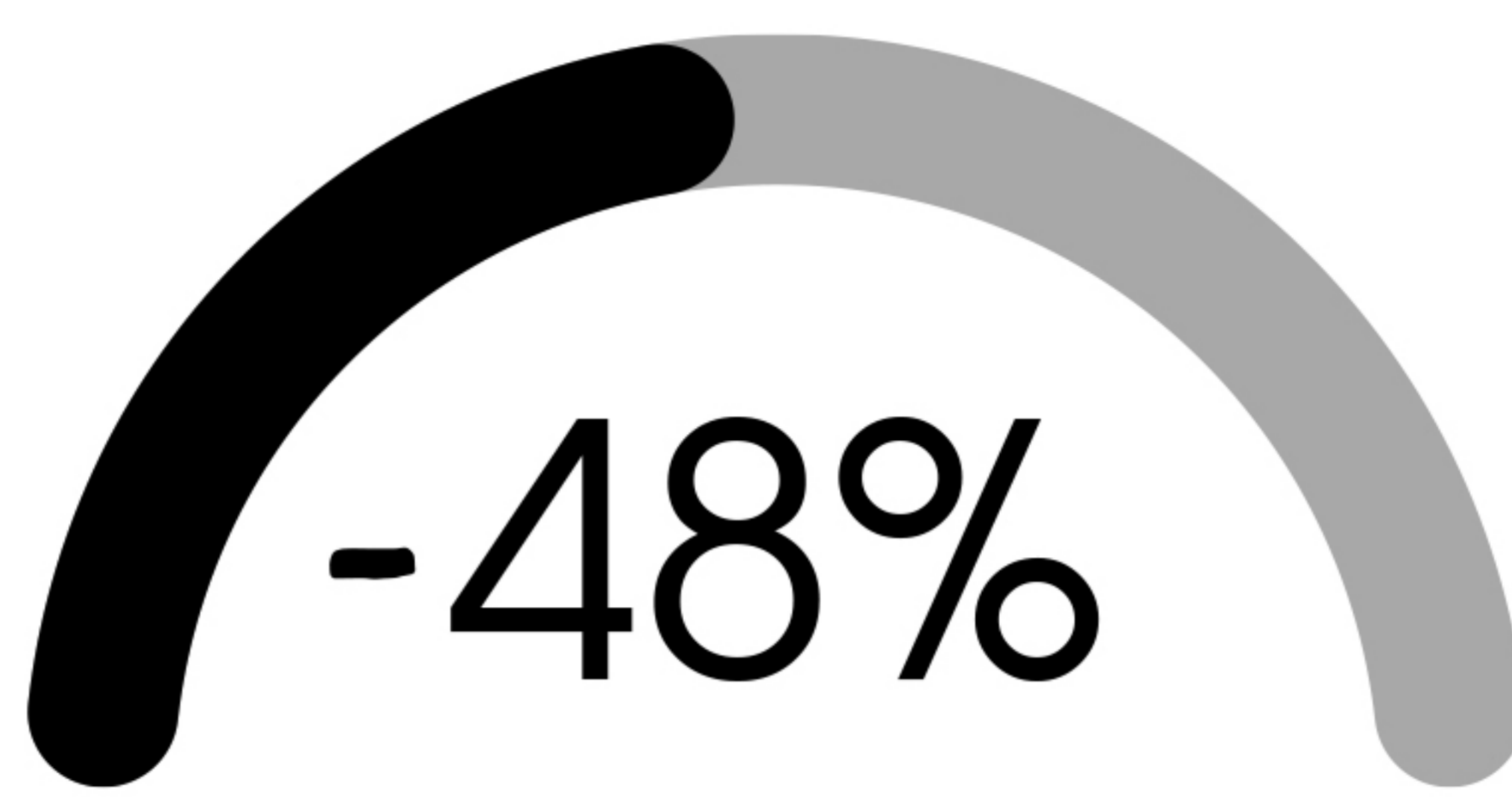
Within the entire study group, there was a 32% decrease in overdoses requiring naloxone administration (ODN) and 35% reduction in all overdoses. Notably, within the sub-population of people who had ever injected drugs there was a 68% reduction in ODN and a 57% reduction in overdoses overall.



Further, there have been zero overdoses observed at DULF's overdose prevention site with 741 uses. When comparing to 2017 Insite overdose rates per injection of 9.5 overdoses per 1000 uses, the DULF rate is notably lower. There have been:

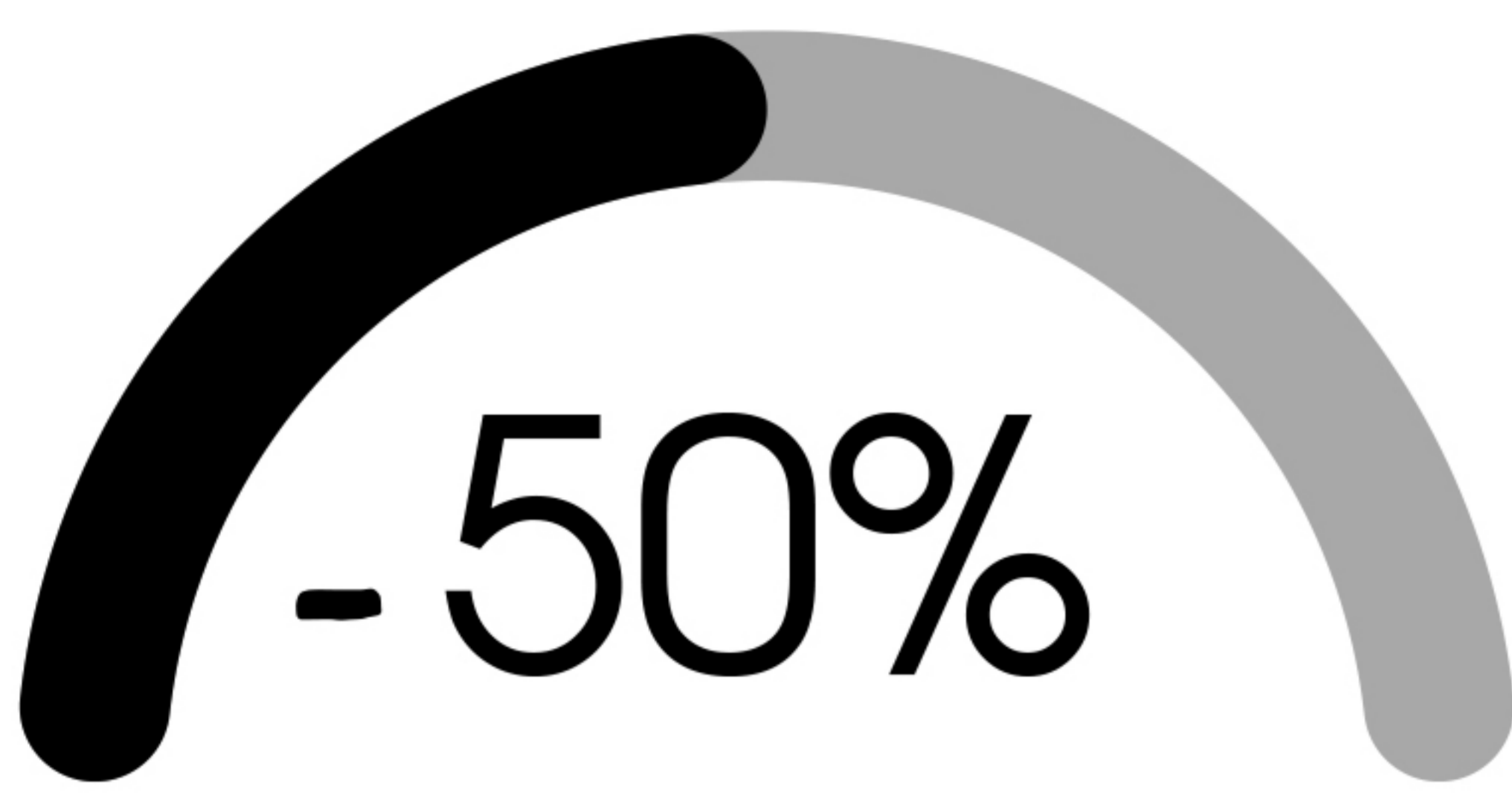
- 219 uses of DULF Heroin, 188 without concurrent use of street drugs, and no overdoses.
- 278 uses of DULF Cocaine, 143 without concurrent use of street drugs, and no overdoses.
- 414 uses of DULF Methamphetamine, 268 without concurrent use of street drugs, and no overdoses.

At the most recent follow up, we observed the following trends in Program Participant's housing, rate of hospitalization, experiences of drug related violence, and police interactions:



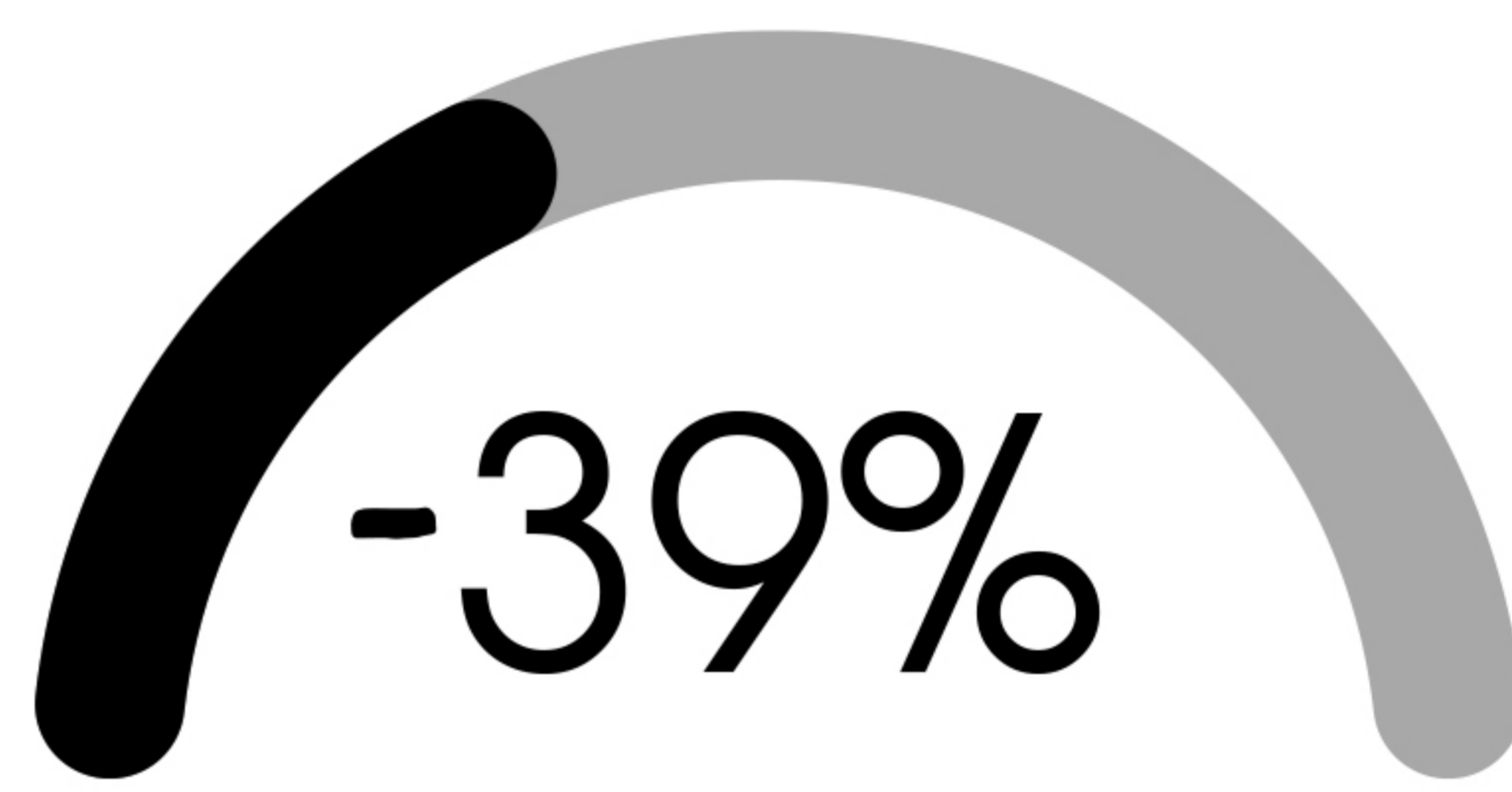
**POLICE**

48% decrease in negative police interactions per three month period, since gaining access.



**HOSPITALIZATIONS**

50% decrease in hospitalizations per three month period, since gaining access.



**VIOLENCE**

39% decrease in drug-related violence per three month period, since gaining access.

Participants reported that having access to DULF's Compassion Club:

