Community Overdose Action Team

Working Together To Combat Overdoses and Drug Abuse

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Unintentional Drug Overdose Deaths Occurring in Montgomery County 2010 - 2017

- Bar chart showing overdose deaths per year from 2012 to 2017.
- Total deaths from 2010 to 2017 is 566.
- Peaks in 2016 and 2017 with 349 and 566 respectively.

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In 2016, there were many centers of excellence in the community BUT we were struggling to align countywide efforts to change the trend

- Existing coalitions
- Hospital systems
- 30+ treatment providers
- Recovery support providers
- Prevention providers
- Harm reduction programs
- Business community
- Other community agencies
Goal
Reduce the number of fatal drug overdoses.

Response
Collective Impact Framework & Incident Command System Structure
Accomplishments

- Developed, enhanced or expanded over 60 programs & services
- Enhanced funding opportunities
- Improved data sharing
- Increased community education
- Expanded outreach efforts
- Increased naloxone distribution
- Expanded syringe services
- Increased coordination of law enforcement and fire/EMS
- Increased training opportunities
- CDC prescribing guidelines implemented in hospitals
- Increased Peer Recovery Supporters
- Increased treatment services
- Developed school prevention curriculum
- Aligned recovery club organizations
Unintentional Overdose Deaths
Montgomery County, Ohio

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### Decreases in Overdoses and Deaths from 2017 to 2018

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Key Components of a Strong Coalition
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- A common agenda
- Shared measurement for data & results
- Mutually reinforcing activities
- Open and continuous communication
- A ‘backbone’ coordinating organizations

Community Engagement
Guiding Principles

We agree to:

- Establish a common agenda
- Share measurement data
- Adopt mutually reinforcing activities
- Assure continuous communication
- Serve the whole community through a systems-based approach
- Promote shared values
- Trust each other
- Use results-based planning
- Share responsibility
- Value diverse perspectives
- Promote inclusion
- Assure respectful communication
- Be transparent
- Commit to excellence
- Commit to empowering our community
Common Agenda

• Does everyone understand the problem at hand?
• Are we committed to a unified, coordinated response? Do we have a “shared vision for change?”
  • Collective Impact Training for all key stakeholders / community partners
  • Multiple planning sessions to determine priorities of the coalition

Reduce the number of fatal drug overdoses in Montgomery County
Shared Measurement for Data & Results

- Bring together key data sets to provide a comprehensive picture of the problem:
  - Public Health
  - ADAMHS
  - Law Enforcement
  - Coroner’s Office & Crime Lab
  - Montgomery County Criminal Justice
  - Hospitals
- Progress Reports developed every 6 months
  - Track our progress using consistent indicators
- Develop data-driven action items

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Dayton & Montgomery County
Alcohol Drug Addiction & Mental Health Services

Public Health
Montgomery County
Mutually Reinforcing Activities

- Different areas of focus...
  - Education & Information
  - Prescription
  - Harm Reduction
  - Treatment & Recovery
  - Response
  - Drug Supply Control
  - Criminal Justice
  - Prevention

- ...but activities are coordinated through regularly-developed action plans

- Eliminates duplication of services and breaks down silos, ultimately maximizing the outcome
Open & Continuous Communication

- Open communication is key to building trust amongst stakeholders and community partners
- Ensures you’re still working towards the common agenda and mutually reinforcing activities
- Both top-down and bottom-up communication is necessary
- Communication must not only be internal, but external as well
  - Joint Information Center (JIC) coordinates common messaging for the community

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‘Backbone’ Coordinating Organizations

- Serve as the ‘backbone’ of your coalition/initiative
- Backbone Support should include those dedicated individuals representing key partner agencies, with the ability to do the following:
  - Guide vision and strategies
  - Support aligned activities
  - Advance policies
  - Mobilize resources
  - Identify gaps in services

Backbone Support

- Barbara Marsh
  Public Health - Dayton & Montgomery County
- Jodi Long
  ADAMHS
- Brian Johns
  Dayton Police Department
- Marty Larson
  Greater Dayton Area Hospital Association
- Mary Kay Stirling
  Mont. Co. Common Pleas Court
- Tom Marquis
  Mont. Co. Common Pleas Court
- Daryl Wilson
  Mont. Co. Sheriff’s Office
- Jeff Jordan
  Mont. Co. Office of Emergency Management
- Joe Spitler
  Mont. Co. Criminal Justice Council
- Janine Howard
  Public Health - Dayton & Montgomery County
- Brooke Ehlers
  Mont. Co. Coroner’s Office
- Steve Stein
  Greater Miami Valley EMS Council
Community Engagement

• Community engagement is “the process of working collaboratively with and through groups of people affiliated by geographic proximity, special interest, or similar situations to address issues affecting the well-being of those people.”

• Goals of community engagement:
  • Build trust
  • Enlist new resources and allies
  • Create better communication
  • Improve overall health outcomes

• We (as professionals) shouldn’t be making decisions for those who are living with addiction without their input

• Make members feel heard and their opinions valued

• Power of the collective

Community Engagement

Coalition membership should represent all sectors within your community:

- Businesses
- Private non-profits
- Governmental agencies
- Faith-based organizations
- Grassroots organizations & efforts
- Healthcare
- Schools
- Media
- Citizens of all ages
- Individuals in recovery
- Friends and family members affected
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