Reducing the Opioid Epidemic: A Community Approach



What are we doing on a community level?

 Continuum of services at the Charleston Center
MUSC/Charleston Center Buprenorphine Fast Track Program

Narcan Trainings

Image: Medication Assisted Treatment in Specialty Courts

Community Overdose Response Initiative





Programs & Services

- Inpatient Services
 - Withdrawal Management, Transitional Care Unit, New Life Unit
- Outpatient Services
 - Intensive Outpatient, Adolescent Services
- Medication Assisted Treatment
- Prevention/Education Services
- ADSAP
- Therapeutic Child Treatment Services
- Prescription Drop Off

(843) 722-0100

24- Hour Helpline

CCHELP@CHARLESTONCOUNTY.ORG

MUSC / Charleston Center Fast Track Program





S.C. Overdose Prevention Project

Increasing the access to Narcan by training law enforcement officers and patients/caregivers to decrease the overdose deaths in South Carolina.

• LEON Program:

• Law enforcement officers are trained provided Narcan

Lay first responders

 Patients/caregivers/community members trained and provided Narcan despite ability to pay



The last Saturday of every month, The Mt. Pleasant Police Department, Charleston Center, and Wake Up Carolina host an Overdose Prevention and Education event, which includes RX take back. The training includes:

- Understanding the state and community level of the opioid epidemic
- Signs/symptoms of an overdose
- Information on Narcan and how to administer it
- Narcan kits provided to all those that participate





MAT Specialty Treatment Courts



According to the National Drug Court Institute, 56% of drug courts offer MAT, but 98% of drug courts reported participants with an opiate use disorders.

MAT currently in Charleston County's:

- □ Veterans Treatment Court
- Mental Health Court
- □ Adult Drug Court

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FOCUS:



- •Identifying those with substance use disorders or at risk
- •Helping the patient realize the signs of addiction and overdose and provide Narcan
- •Peer Support Specialist and Community Paramedic meet the individual in their home to facilitate, as seamlessly as possible, a path to rehabilitation services for the individual

Other Initiatives/ Collaborations

- •First Step initiative with Mt. Pleasant Police Department
- •Grant collaboration with City of Charleston Police Department
- •Member of Federal Drug Court ACT Force
- •SOR funding with State DAODAS for expanded medical services, peer support specialists, and medication coverage
- •ECHO Coordinator for Prevention Services- coalition building (SOR funding)
- •AmeriCorps VISTA member for data collection and mapping
- •ODMAP Level Two access to monitor trends/spikes/locations



Quicker access to treatment

Increased number of people admitted/retained in treatment

More identified treatment providers

Patient Advocacy

Community Collaboration and Education-Telehealth, ECHO, MAT work groups

"I have my life back"

"I'm now the mother my children deserve"

"I finally know what respect feels like"

"For the first time in 10 years, I know what happiness is"

"My kids trust me to watch my grandchildren now"

"Today I have hope"

"People look me in the eyes now when they talk to me"

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