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
- 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

• Patient navigators complete DAST-10 / SBIRT
• Communicates with MD and nursing for appropriateness for services
• Or Provides patient w Naloxone Education
• Patient provided once time dose of Buprenorphine 8mg
• Follow-up with patient within 48 hours to assess compliance

MUSC ED Screening and Referral

• Receives MUSC Referral form from Patient Navigator
• Completes Admission into services to continue MAT dosing

Charleston Center Receiving Clinic

• Patient will complete assessment and treatment plan within 30 days of admission
• Patient will be scheduled for ITs as recommended in assessment and monitored for possible higher level of care

Continuity of Care
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

- Enhance current services in Specialty Courts by expanding services to support medication assisted treatment. Encourage treatment vs. criminal prosecution.

- 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
Community Overdose Response Initiative

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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