

OPIATE ACTION TEAM

Overarching Goal

To reduce the impact of the opioid epidemic in Waukesha County through implementing a collective impact approach by focusing on the following areas:

- Law Enforcement
- Drug Affected Infants & Families
- Prevention
- Harm Reduction
- Treatment & Recovery
- Workplace

Law Enforcement Objectives:

- Reduce barriers to prevent overdose, focusing on the increased utilization of Naloxone.
- Promote the use of Act 33 where applicable and utilize pre-charge diversion to target low-risk offenders with opioid use disorders.
- Promote education and training on the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) for law enforcement, prosecutors, and DOC agents.
- Support ongoing Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training for law enforcement.

Prevention Objectives:

- Identify and promote strategies and interventions to help individuals, families, schools and businesses recognize, avoid and cope with the current opioid epidemic.
- Reduce the number of older adults who are impacted by misuse of medications.

Treatment & Recovery Objective:

- Increase access to and improve quality of Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) services provided in Waukesha County.

Drug Affected Infants & Families Objectives:

- Increase awareness, education, and quality care for pregnant and newly parenting women, infants, and families struggling with substance use disorders and recovery.
- Increase community support services for pregnant and newly parenting women.
- Expand Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) for pregnant women in Waukesha County.
- Increase access to MAT and other services for incarcerated pregnant and newly parenting women.
- Implement a peer coaching program for pregnant and post-partum women.

Harm Reduction Objective:

- Establish a needle exchange program in Waukesha County.

Workplace Objective:

- Increase awareness among key stakeholders related to the opioid epidemic, specifically with employers and the business community.



PROGRESS UPDATES

Law Enforcement Outcomes:

- Trained 29 Waukesha County law enforcement agencies – 825 police officers, deputies, correctional officers, and office personnel on the safe use of Naloxone.
- Improved data collection from law enforcement agencies within Waukesha County; collecting statistics on number of sworn staff, number of departments who deploy Narcan, how departments budget for their use of Narcan, and whether they track Narcan deployments.
- Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) training held in May 2019, and 41 people attended including law enforcement, prosecutors, probation agents and prescribers.
- Through NAMI Waukesha, 356 officers have been trained in Crisis Intervention Team training in Waukesha County between October 2010 and October 2019.
- 42 defendants with opioid use disorders were offered a Deferred Prosecution Agreement (DPA), exceeding federal grant goals.

Prevention Outcomes:

- Surveyed over 700 older adults to understand how opiates are impacting the senior population in Waukesha County. As a result of this survey:
 - Collaborated with pharmacists to produce education materials and hosted a workshop for area professionals who work with seniors in the community.
 - Created an informative flyer, with the help of local pharmacy students, that is attached to opiate prescriptions. This project is currently being piloted by eight area pharmacies.
 - Distributed over 400 Deterra packets to aging adults to assist in safe disposal of unused opiates.
- Engaging a cross sector team to promote the use of existing resources and completing an inventory of substance use initiatives offered through Waukesha County school districts.

Treatment & Recovery Outcome:

- Established a county wide network of Medical Assisted Treatment (MAT) providers and identified which providers are currently using evidence-based best practices.
 - Working with other MAT providers to assist them in improving their practices.
- Holding quarterly meetings for all opioid providers to continue educating and identifying best practices.



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PROGRESS UPDATES

Drug Affected Infants & Families Outcomes:

- Created a social media campaign to reach target groups. Currently have more than 250 Facebook followers.
- Continued outreach to key partners and stakeholders, working to build a united front.
- 45 individuals have been trained in Screening, brief intervention and referral to treatment (SBIRT).
- Working with Waukesha County Jail administrators and other key personnel to increase access to services for incarcerated pregnant and newly parenting women.
- Researching peer coaching program for pregnant and post-partum women.

Harm Reduction Outcomes:

- Continuing to identify key partners, funding, and awareness for needle exchange program.
- Working with Aids Resource Center of Wisconsin to add an extra day to the current mobile program.

Workplace Outcomes:

- Held a training on HR/legal issues related to opioids in the workplace.
- Held a training on how to administer naloxone and identify drugs in the workplace.
- Waukesha County Business Alliance focused quarterly magazine on the opioid epidemic. Magazine is sent to 1200 businesses and shared widely online.

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