PROJECT Renew
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WHAT TO EXPECT:

- HRSA (ROOR) Grant
- Partnerships
- “Lay Person” Referral to Treatment
HRSA (ROOR) Grant
FOCUS

• Law Enforcement and other First Responder Training and State Certification with Narcan Distribution

• Nursing Education

• Lay Person Certification and Community Narcan Distribution
WHY APPLY?

• West Virginia lead the nation in accidental overdose deaths (current stats say otherwise).

• (3) Focus counties – Mercer, McDowell and Wyoming Counties are all ranked in the top 6 of 55 counties.

• McDowell County overdose rates were 13x the national average.
Overdose death rates by county
West Virginia, 2015

Drug overdose deaths per 100,000 people

- 0–15
- 15–28
- 28–43
- 43–63
- 63–80
- 80–131

Cabell County: 80
Huntington

Wyoming County: 108

McDowell County: 131

Source: West Virginia Health Statistics Center, U.S. Census Bureau
Partnerships
West Virginia DOJ // WV State Police & U.S. States Attorney Southern District

Media Event – promoting WVSP Partnership and BBHHF 1-844-HELP4WV treatment number.

U.S. States Attorney Award between CCI and Princeton Detachment of WVSP.
“Outstanding Community-Police Partnership.”
Ensured that local law enforcement would follow suit with implementing training.

Set the pace for Sheriff Departments and City Police in each county served to become trained and certified.
STEP ONE: Become a certified naloxone trainer as well as “train the trainer” for the state of West Virginia.

- Cabell-Huntington Health Department and the WV Office of Emergency Services
- “Train the Trainer” naloxone program
- Gave officers initiative to be on board with certification.
BLUEFIELD STATE COLLEGE

• Added to ADN Program Curriculum

• Trained/Certified 200+ RN graduates on overdose reversal, the importance of patient teaching and treatment referral

• Wrote a campus-wide overdose protocol.
Revamped coalition – indirect result of HRSA (ROOR) Grant.

Allowed the capacity to engage the community in a new way.
Partnerships to aid in referral
• The West Virginia Bureau for Behavioral Health and Health Facilities is the federally designated State Authority for mental health and substance abuse, as well as the lead agency for intellectual and developmental disabilities and provides planning, direction, training and funding for prevention, treatment and recovery services throughout the state.
Ensured that a bed would be made available with each call.

• Calling Card left with every overdose call.

• Went with out with every Narcan Kit
Are you at risk for an opioid overdose?

- History of, or potential for, substance abuse dependence and/or addiction
- Potential for accidental exposure and/or unintentional opioid misuse
- Prescribed a high-morning equivalent dose (NED) of opioids
- Switching to a different opioid or changing opioid dose
- Chronic pulmonary disease
- Deep sleep
- Severe cough
- Clinically significant kidney and/or liver impairment
- Use of certain medications known to interact with opioids (e.g., benzodiazepines or alcohol)
- Use of certain medications known to interact with opioids (e.g., Cytotec, H2 blockers or antibiotics)

Are you at risk for an opioid overdose?

If you checked any of the boxes, talk to your doctor about prescribing Narcan (naloxone) along with your opioid. It may save your life or the life of someone else.

1-844-HELP4WV

What are opioids?

Opioids are a class of drugs that include illegal drugs such as heroin, as well as prescription medications used to treat pain such as morphine, codeine, methadone, oxycodone, hydrocodone, fentanyl, hydromorphone, and buprenorphine.

What is an opioid overdose?

In the case of prescription medications, an opioid overdose occurs when the substance is ingested (whether deliberately or unintentionally) and the person takes more than the intended, safe amount. This leads to depressed breathing, decreased heart rate, and suppression of other functions of the central nervous system. Opioid overdoses can cause respiratory arrest, seizures, consequences, and death.

What is Narcan (naloxone)?

Opioid overdose-related deaths can be prevented when Narcan (naloxone injection) is administered in a timely manner. As a narcotic antagonist, Narcan displaces opioids from receptor sites in the brain and reverses respiratory depression that usually is the cause of overdose deaths. During the period of time when an overdose can become fatal, respiratory depression can be reversed by giving the individual Narcan.

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REFERRAL

- “Are you at risk for opioid overdose?”
- Resources to reach out for Narcan Info
- Treatment # (1-844-HELP4WV) on all advertising.
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