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Wilmington Outreach Walks

The Delaware Community Response Team (CRT) had the opportunity to partner with the Wilmington Police Department and Porter State Service Center CPSU IMPACT Team to conduct weekly outreach walks in the City of Wilmington. The first walk was conducted on Thursday, Oct. 27, 2022, in the blocks of West 7th St. and North Washington Street in Wilmington. The Wilmington Police Department sector captains have identified locations in need of social services and public health support. “The Delaware Community Response Team is pleased to partner with the City of Wilmington and the Mayor’s Office to educate community members on harm reduction strategies, including Narcan training and distribution to Wilmington residents,” said Amy Kevis, co-chair of the New Castle County Community Response Team. The CRTs trained and distributed 80 Narcan kits to the community through this effort in October-December. This includes the steps taken to recognize and respond to an opioid overdose and training on how to use the included Fentanyl testing strips.

Since its inception, there have been additional community agencies and FQHCs joining each week which includes Westside Family Healthcare, Henrietta Johnson Medical Center, Delaware Children’s Department and WPD Youth Response Unit. More walks have been approved to continue in 2023. For more information on the community walks and locations you may view them on the Wilmington Police Department website at Wilmington Community Outreach Walks | Wilmington, DE (wilmingtonde.gov) and you may also visit the Delaware Community Response Team Facebook page [@DelCRTs](https://www.facebook.com/DelCRTs).



OFFICE OF HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE (OHCR) MISSION STATEMENT

OHCR’s mission is “to effectively and efficiently respond to an identified public health crisis by establishing processes and programs to prevent, manage and neutralize the crisis in collaboration with federal, state and private entities”



Community Response Team Recap of Team Efforts

by Allenet Dessuit



The Delaware Community Response Team (CRT) completed its last monthly meeting of the year on Thursday, December 15, discussing the progress of 2022 on the set goals that were put into place in 2021. The CRTs were to increase the number of new trainers and volunteers to support Point of Distribution (POD) events, by recruiting 18 new CRT members. In 2022, the CRTs were able to recruit 41 new members into the CRT family, which included not only community members but also police officers, nurses, social workers, and school staff members. Another goal was to host 36 POD events in Delaware, 12 per county. CRTs hosted 84 events: 29 in New Castle County, 16 in Kent, 38 in Sussex - and engaged with at least three Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs). CRTs completed this by partnering with Henrietta Johnson Medical Center, Westside Family Health Care, LA Red Health Center, and SUN Behavioral Delaware. Another goal was to engage with at least two hospitals and treatment facilities. This goal was completed by partnering with Beebe Healthcare, MeadowWood Behavioral Health, and The Rockford Center.

Delaware CRTs have continued to improve each year in the number of services they provide to the community and in Narcan distribution. Since its inception in the fall of 2019, the CRTs have continued each year to increase the number of kits handed out in the community, equivalent to the number of Delawareans trained on how to save a life. Even with the risk of overdoses in the state of Delaware continuing to increase, the CRTs have shown each year the willingness to make sure Narcan is getting into the hands of all Delawareans.



Narcan Kits Distributed By CRTs In Communities	
2020	1,139
2021	1,472
2022	1,982





DELAWARE UPCOMING EVENTS

Community Response Team

Wilmington Community Outreach Walks



DELAWARE
Community Response Team



Thursday, February 9, 2023, 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. W 7th Street and Tatnall Street Wilmington, DE 19805

Thursday, February 16, 2023, 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Front Street and Poplar Street Wilmington, DE 19801

Thursday, February 23, 2013, 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Maryland Avenue and

Linden Street Wilmington, DE 19804 (Underneath I-95)

OVERDOSE PREVENTION TRAINING

The Sussex County Community Response Team with Beebe Healthcare and Epworth United Methodist Church will provide overdose prevention training during the free drive through food pantry.

Join us:

Thursday, February 28, 2023
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

19285 Holland Glade Road
Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971



DELAWARE
Community Response Team

MONTHLY NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Become a member of the Delaware Community Response Team. Our goal is to help end overdose and addiction related deaths and eliminate barriers to care and support while reducing addiction related stigma in the State of Delaware. We also look to address the increase of Opioid use within the state.

Hosted By:

Allenet Dessuit, BSW, CHW

1st Wednesday of each month

Via Microsoft Teams

11:00 a.m. to Noon

[CLICK HERE TO JOIN THE MEETING](#)

Registration is not needed

OHCR Resources

Office Number (302) 223-2990

O	Kate Brookins	Public Health Administrator, Director OHCR
H	Candice Brady	Naloxone Program Coordinator
C	Emily Brown	Fiscal Support
R	Katie Capelli	Epidemiologist II
A	Anne Carr	Community Outreach Coordinator
M	Azure DeShields	Management Analyst III
	Allenet Dessuit	Community Response Team Coordinator
	Heather Duffy	Administrative Assistant II
	Danielle Evins	Provider Outreach & Education Coordinator
T	Chris Foster	Deterra Bags Coordinator
E	Jennifer Lynch	Communications & Marketing Coordinator
A	Michele Owens	Harm Reduction Support Coordinator
M	Joe Spagnolo	Law Enforcement Naloxone Coordinator
	Rachelle Swanson	Executive Assistant
	Tyler Wolfenden	Contract & Vendor Oversight
	Stephen Woods	Management Analyst III

New Danger



There was a 94% increase in overdose deaths from 2019 to 2020 among middle school and high school aged youth and a 20% increase from 2020 to 2021, according to the [CDC report](#). From July-December 2019 to July-December 2021, the median monthly overdose deaths increased 109%.

Despite reporting less illicit drug use among this population overall, the CDC points to the potency of the drugs as a major contributing factor to the increase in overdose deaths among youth. During the same time period, deaths involving illicitly manufactured fentanyl increased 182%. Approximately 90% of overdose deaths involved opioids, and 83.9% involved illicit manufactured fentanyl.

Interested in Narcan training?

[Click here!](#)



Download the **FREE** OpiRescue Delaware app for step-by-step instructions to reverse an opioid overdose.

DETERRA BAGS

are the only products independently tested and scientifically proven to destroy drugs for good!

[Safe Storage & Disposal Information here](#)



Fentanyl Test Strips

HELP
is here.
PREVENT • TREAT • RECOVER

Addiction Resources:

HelpsHereDE.com

1-833-9HOPEDE

OHCR@delaware.gov



Scan to order
Help is Here materials

December

100 Fentanyl Test Strip Kits (10 strips in each kit) were mailed out

42 Deterra bags

97 Narcan Kits

37 apps installed

OHCR 2022 Year-End Summary

CRTs

84 POD events in 2022
1,982 Narcan kits distributed

Thanks to our partners:

OASIS, Diamond State Counseling, CORAS Wellness and Behavioral Health, SUN Behavioral Health, United Church, the City of Georgetown, Ocean View Cheer Center, Epworth United Methodist Church, Beebe Healthcare, Brightview Addiction and Treatment Center, atTACK Addiction, Wilmington Police Dept., MeadowWood Behavioral Health Hospital, Henrietta Johnson Medical Center



Faith
Forward
Collaborative
Healing
Substance
Addiction

Faith Forward Collaborative Conference
Engaging Faith in Recovery – May 11, 2022
68 attendees
Held three PODs, distributed 93 Narcan kits

Industry Specific

Construction

held 9 training events
distributed 211 Narcan kits

Restaurant Accolade Program

70 restaurants were trained and
achieved Bronze Fork Accolade
15 achieved Silver Fork Accolades
Totaling: 298 trained staff and
413 Narcan kits distributed



Wellness Programs Spring Conference
Strategies for Law Enforcement and Partners
May 17 with 51 attendees

Wellness Programs Fall Conference:
Strategies for Fire and Emergency Medical
Services Partners
October 25 & 26 with 43 attendees

Harm Reduction Efforts

Fentanyl Test Strips

114 FTS kits mailed
46 New Castle Cty
40 Kent Cty
28 Sussex Cty

Since the FTS program launched, **3,810 Fentanyl test strips have been mailed out.**

Harm Reduction Next Distro:

989 Narcan kits mailed
506 New Castle Cty
225 Kent Cty
258 Sussex Cty



First Responders (Law Enforcement)

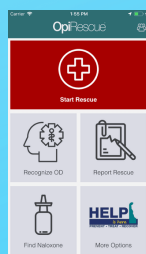
179 Narcan Kits distributed

Pharmacy Narcan

945 kits

Community Narcan

9,479 kits distributed
8,232 people trained
2,052 training events



OPI Rescue DE app

476 installs
33 total reversals reported
989 Narcan kits mailed
10 New Castle Cty
10 Kent Cty
13 Sussex Cty



Deterra Bags
32 events
750 bags distributed