

# Childhood Trauma Task Force

March 9th

1pm – 3pm

# Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Approval of Minutes from February Meeting
- Presentation & Discussion: Edward Jacoubs, Plymouth County DA's Office
- 2020 Work Plan
- Cont'd Discussion on TIR Framework
- Next Meeting

# The Drug-Endangered Children Initiative

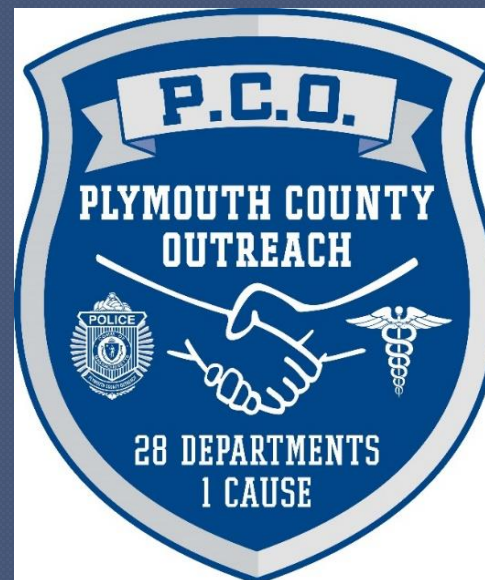


**Building and Sustaining Effective Partnerships  
to Address Childhood Trauma**



United Way of  
Greater Plymouth County

## The Family Center & Community Connections of Brockton



## AIM

Prevent negative outcomes for children experiencing trauma due to caregiver substance misuse by identifying and providing direct services to drug-endangered children in Plymouth County.

## GOALS

Enhance the capacity of the Plymouth County Drug Abuse Task Force to address drug-endangered children.

Increase awareness about drug-endangered children in Plymouth County.

Provide direct services and advocacy to Plymouth County drug-endangered children.

## OBJECTIVES

Create multi-sector Drug Endangered Children Subcommittee.

Provide training and professional development to OVC project staff: Clinical Advocate and Advocate.

Provide Drug Endangered Children training to 20 public schools systems.

Provide Drug Endangered Children training to 20 police departments.

Provide Drug Endangered Children training to 200 community providers, including healthcare, treatment, and court personnel.

Create holistic community-based service program at Family Resource Center.

Enhance school-based and community-based services.

Provide programming for caregivers.

## ACTIVITIES

- Appoint Subcommittee Co-chairs and invite agencies to be Subcommittee members.
- Host quarterly meetings.
- Create and sign MOUs with members.
- Send staff to trainings and conferences.

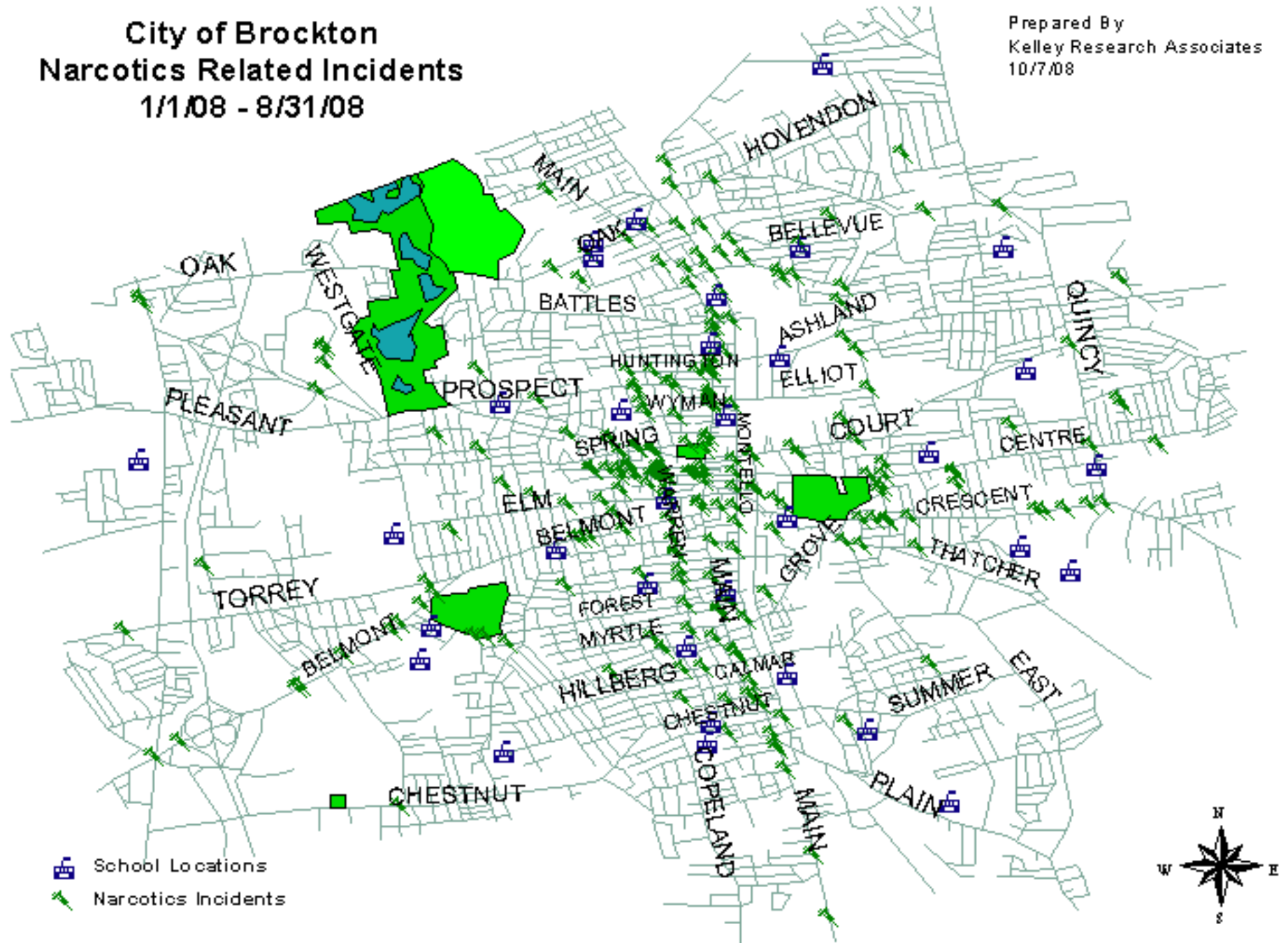
- Plan, fund, and host Helping Traumatized children learn trainings for schools.
- OJJDP Enhancing Police Responses to Children Exposed to Violence Toolkit training for police departments.
- Present about the Task Force and DEC initiative at conferences.

- Hire and train a Clinical Advocate and Program Advocate.
- Link families to existing community resources.
- Offer trainings to community partners to increase service capacity.
- Offer parenting/caregiver classes and support groups



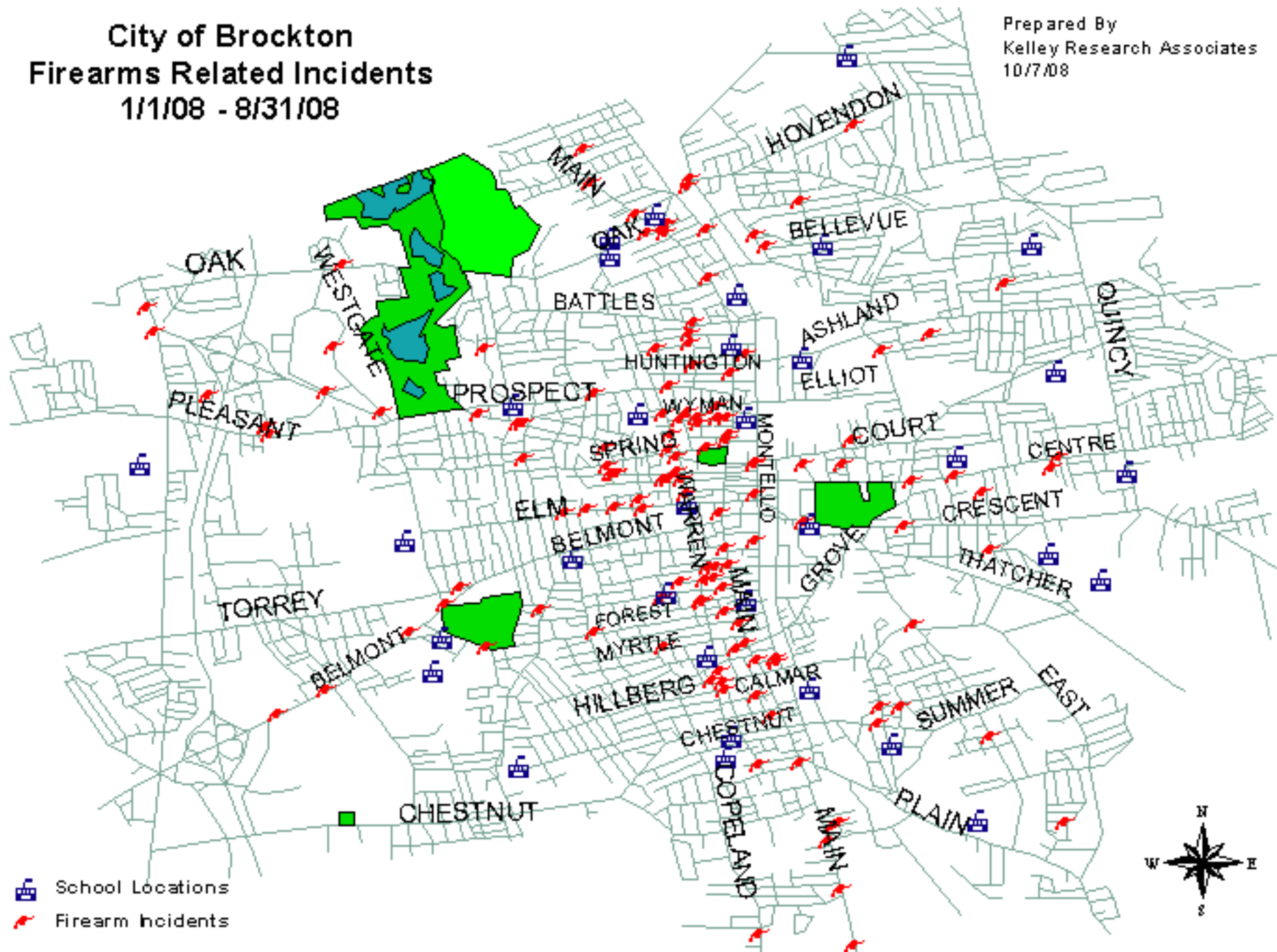
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**Narcotics Related Incidents**  
**1/1/08 - 8/31/08**

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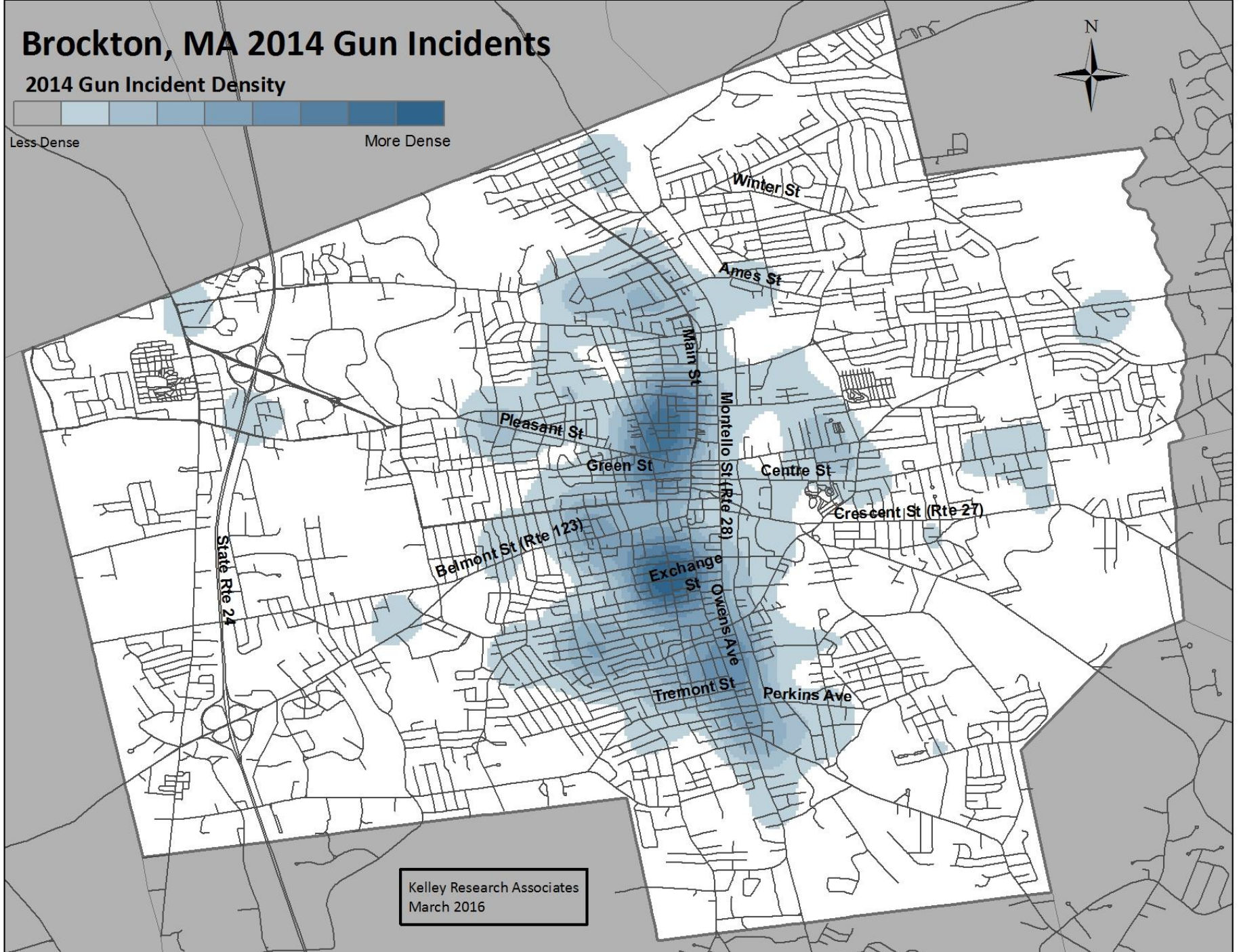
**City of Brockton**  
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# Brockton, MA 2014 Gun Incidents

## 2014 Gun Incident Density

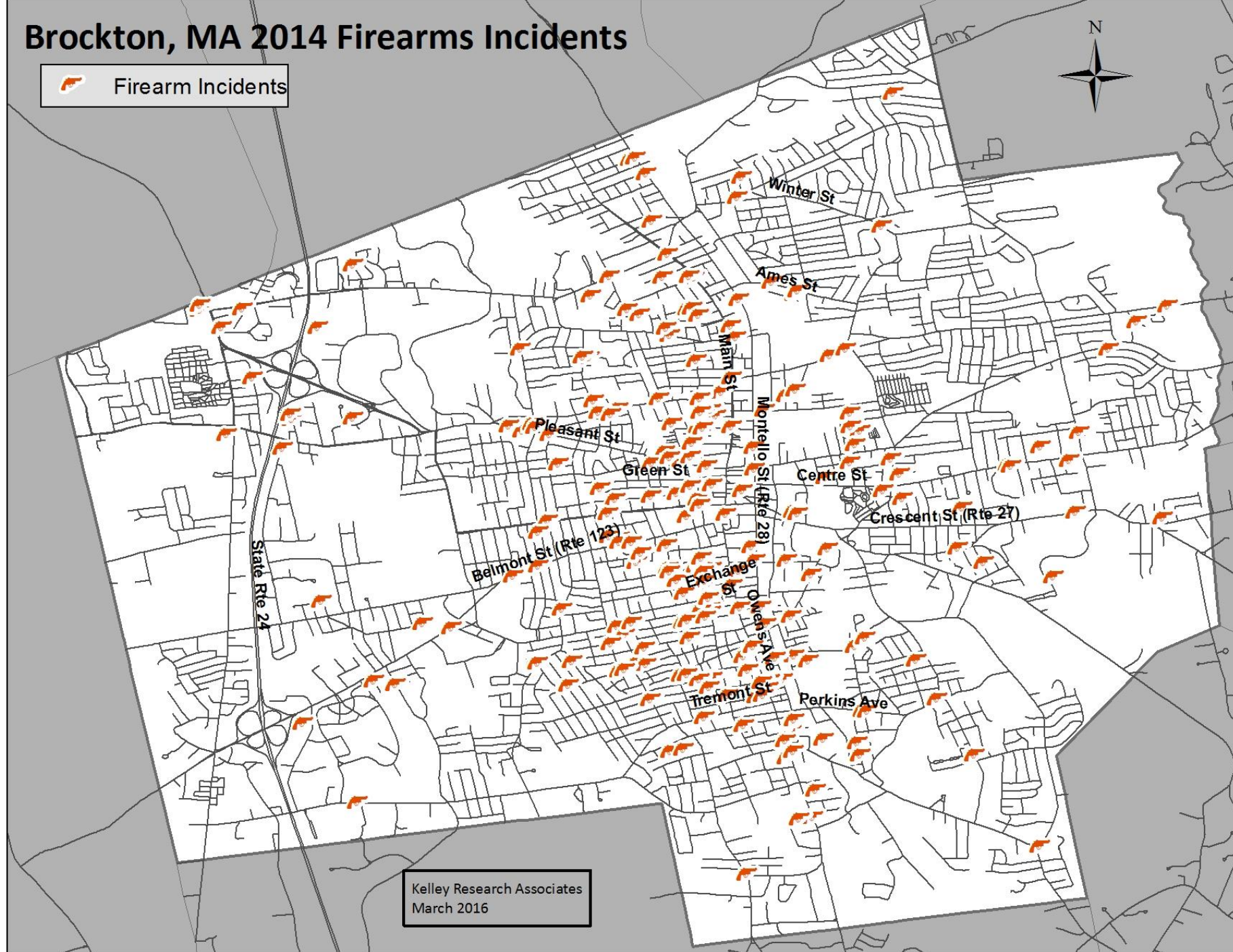


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# Brockton, MA 2014 Firearms Incidents

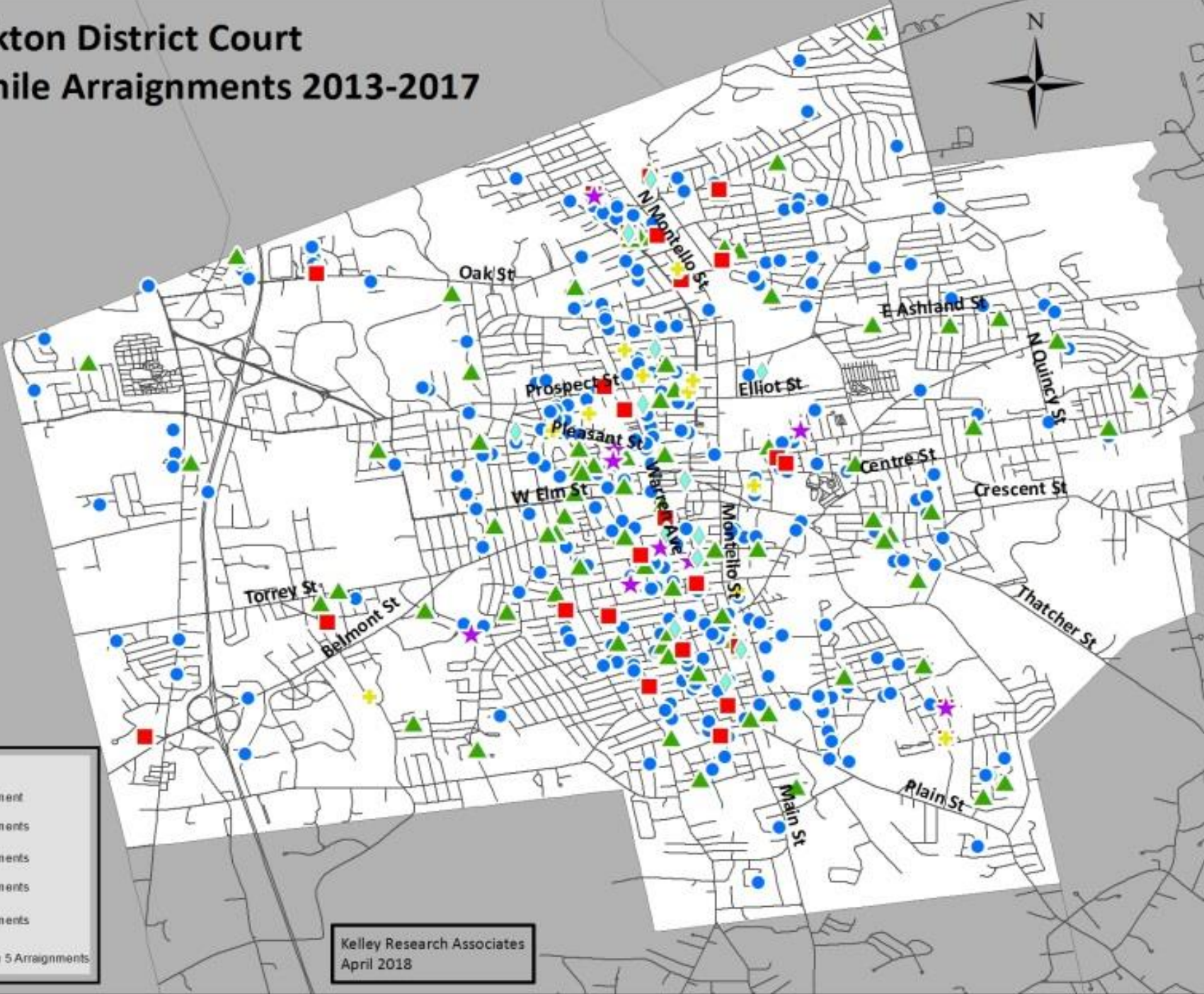
 Firearm Incidents



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March 2016



# Brockton District Court Juvenile Arraignments 2013-2017



## Legend

- 1 Arraignment
- ▲ 2 Arraignments
- 3 Arraignments
- ◆ 4 Arraignments
- ★ 5 Arraignments
- ◆ More than 5 Arraignments

Kelley Research Associates  
April 2018

# What we have done thus far:

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- Enhancing Law Enforcement Response to Children Exposed to Violence and Childhood Trauma (training for police departments)
- Handle With Care (communication protocol for police and schools)
- Helping Traumatized Children Learn (training for schools)
- Mental Health First Aid (for adults and law enforcement)
- National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children: Building a Coordinated Response

# What we have done thus far:

Balance facilitator training (trauma informed yoga workshops for children):  
Training Provided to 24 facilitators Across the County. Children pictured below took Balance for Kids with one of community Partners SABURA Youth Programs Inc and at The Family Center!





# Plymouth County Children's Advocacy Center

Word on the Street facilitator training  
trained 34 facilitators in Plymouth County  
(CSEC prevention workshops for teens)



The Plymouth County District Attorney's  
Office & Children's Advocacy Center  
would like to invite you to

## Word on the Street:

*Educating and Empowering Young Girls  
CSEC Prevention Curriculum Facilitation Training*

Hosted by the Family Center

**Saturday, December 7, 2019  
10am-12pm**

**The Fellowship Hall at The Family Center  
1367 Main St. Brockton, MA 02301**

This 90-minute workshop is an opportunity for girls and  
women to build healthy relationships. It will focus on  
positive self esteem, girls empowerment and preventing  
exploitation.

This workshop is facilitated by a partnership between the  
Family Center and The Plymouth County District Attorney's  
Office!

### Trainers

**Kathleen Gately**, CSEC Coordinator  
Plymouth County District Attorney's Office

**Hillary Smith**, Forensic Interviewer  
Plymouth County District Attorney's Office

**Marissa Varrasso**, Prevention and Youth Service Manager  
Health Imperatives



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# Helping Traumatized Children Learn

*supportive school environments*

*for children traumatized by family violence*



<http://traumasensitiveschools.org>



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## Handle With Care Notice

From Law Enforcement to the School

To: \_\_\_\_\_ From: \_\_\_\_\_  
(School) (Law Enforcement Agency)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Incident Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The child referenced below was on the scene of a police action in the last 24 hours and could exhibit academic, emotional and/or behavioral problems as a result of exposure to a traumatic event. Please handle him/her with care. For more information go to [www.handlewithcarewv.org](http://www.handlewithcarewv.org)

Childs Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

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To: \_\_\_\_\_ From: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Teacher) (Principle/Counselor)

## Handle With Care

Student \_\_\_\_\_

Incident Date \_\_\_\_\_

FRAGILE





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**HANDLE WITH CARE MASSACHUSETTS**  
**PROTECT • HEAL • THRIVE**

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## The “Handle With Care” Model:

If a law enforcement officer encounters a child during a call, that child's information is forwarded to the school before the school bell rings the next day. The school implements individual, class and whole school trauma-sensitive curricula so that traumatized children are “Handled With Care”. If a child needs more intervention, on-site trauma-focused mental healthcare is available at the school.



Upcoming Events

- Plymouth County DECI Training Opportunities
- November 6, 2019-Plymouth County DECI Conference:



Handle With Care Model



Partners



<http://hwc.plymouthda.com>





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# ACEs Connection

ACEs=Adverse Childhood Experiences

Join the movement to prevent ACEs, heal trauma & build resilience.

HOME COMMUNITIES MAP THE MOVEMENT SPEAKERS/TRAINERS VIDEO CALENDAR BLOG ASK COMMUNITY ABOUT + JOIN SIGN IN

HOME

## Blog Entries

### San Diego Trauma-Informed Guide Team Meeting November 1, 2019

PAM HANSEN · 1 HOUR AGO

Wonderful to see so many new and familiar faces at our November meeting! See attached for meeting minutes, flyers and handouts.

[READ STORY](#)

0 COMMENTS



Post

## WELCOME TO ACES CONNECTION

....the most active, influential **ACEs community** in the world. Connect with people using trauma-informed/resilience-building practices. Stay current with news, research, events. [Click HERE to learn how to get started!](#)

ACEs = Adverse Childhood Experiences

## MAPPING THE MOVEMENT

Mapping the Movement | Resources | ACEs Connection Map | Blog | Sign Up

<http://acesconnection.com>



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# Enhancing Police Responses to **CHILDREN EXPOSED** to **VIOLENCE**



A **Toolkit**  
for **Law Enforcement**



Yale Medicine  
CHILD STUDY CENTER



Office of Juvenile Justice  
and Delinquency Prevention  
Office of Justice Programs • U.S. Department of Justice



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# Past Response

- **Child Witnesses Violence**

**Police Respond**

**Police Leave**

- File 51A
- Police write report

- **Child attends school the following day**

**Behaviors Interrupt Learning**





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# Current Response

- Child Witnesses Violence

Police Response

Police Follow-up

- 51A filed
- Report written to include names of children

- Police screen reports
- Contact schools
- SW Ridealong

Child Connected to Services





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# Partnership History and Timeline

2008: Brockton Public  
Schools, Brockton  
Police, and Trauma  
and Learning Policy  
Initiative

2015: District  
Attorney and Sheriff  
create the Plymouth  
County Drug Abuse  
Taskforce

2013-2015: Opioid  
Crisis worsens,  
unattended deaths due  
to opioids triple

2015: East Bridgewater  
Police and EB Hope  
begin offering drop-in  
centers to bring  
information about  
treatment to the  
community



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# Applying the Childhood Trauma Initiative to the Opioid Crisis

## Identifying and Serving Drug- Endangered Children in Plymouth County

## Heslam: Victims of opioid epidemic seek solutions

Jessica Heslam Friday, February 09, 2018



# WASTED YOUTH

## DEADLY SURGE

## HERALD COLUMNIST



HILLARY C  
Chabot  
jackpot  
vacuun



JOE FITZGERALD  
Fitzgerald  
commo  
base



HOWIE CARR: *Police trooper picture*



RAY FLYNN  
Flynn: I  
visit a n  
human

## TRENDING NOW

## The growing toll of opiate addiction



Our children were dying. **1** That's what our report "Wasted Youth" exposed in March 2007, when we revealed the toll OxyContin and heroin addiction had taken on this region.

† Dozens had died, many under the age of 25, and thousands had endured nonfatal overdoses. For that series, we examined death certificates from Jan. 2004-Aug. 2006 in the 28 communities we cover. † The work revealed a time of untold tragedy

## Report: Bay State logs second-most fentanyl cases nationwide

Brian Dowling Thursday, October 26, 2017



Credit: Courtesy

## HERALD COLUMNISTS



HILLARY CHABOT  
Chabot: Senators win  
jackpot with power  
vacuum



**Fitzgerald:** John Henry's common sense is way off base



HOWIE CARR  
Carr: Polito's silence on trooper photos is just picture perfect



RAY FLYNN  
Flynn: Prudential Center  
visit a reminder of  
humanity

## TRENDING NOW

### Destroyer in Yemen attack to visit Boston

Solange Knowles accepts Harvard Foundation's Artist of the Year: I'm 'humbled and beyond grateful'

## Elizabeth Warren seeks to neutralize 'Pocahontas' barbs

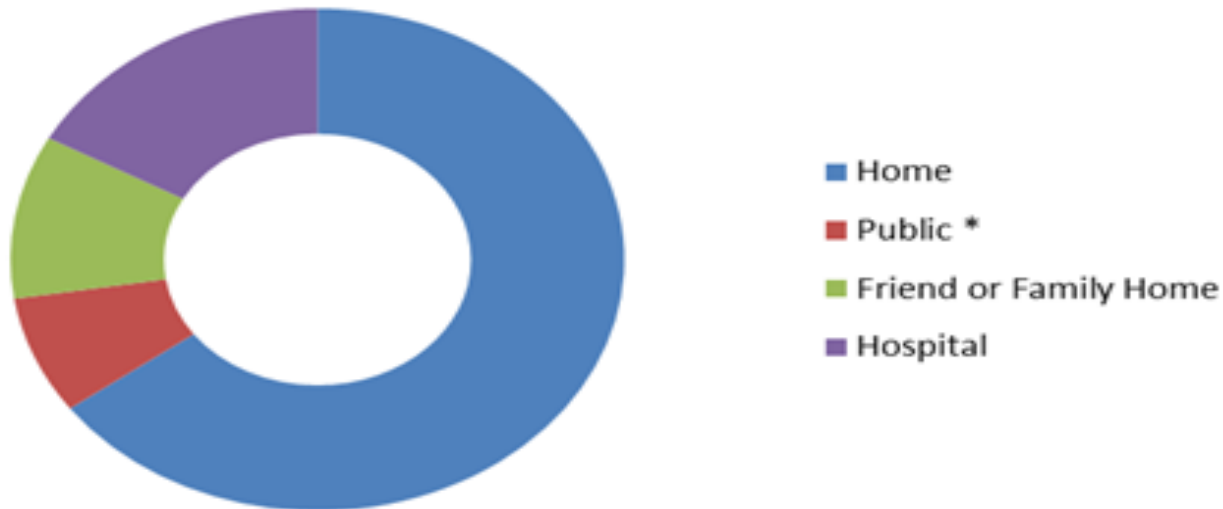
For Gloucester girl, a memory washes ashore



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# What Kids Witness at Home

## Place of Death 2015



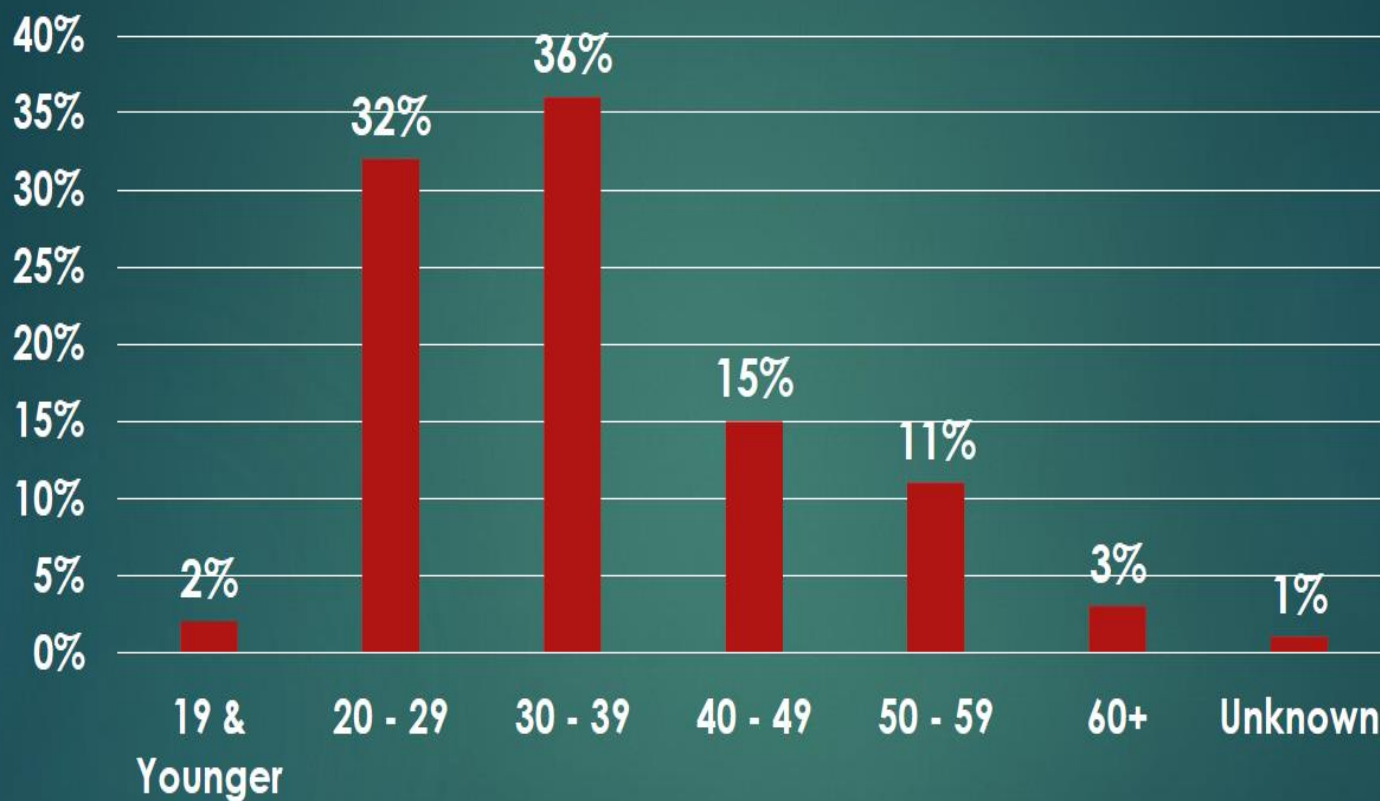
<u>Home</u>	<u>Public *</u>	<u>Friend or Family Home</u>	<u>Hospital</u>
111	13	18	29
64.90%	7.60%	10.53%	16.96%

MA State Police, Unattended Death Reports, 2015  
Signature Healthcare, Brockton Hospital Overdose Statistics, 2015



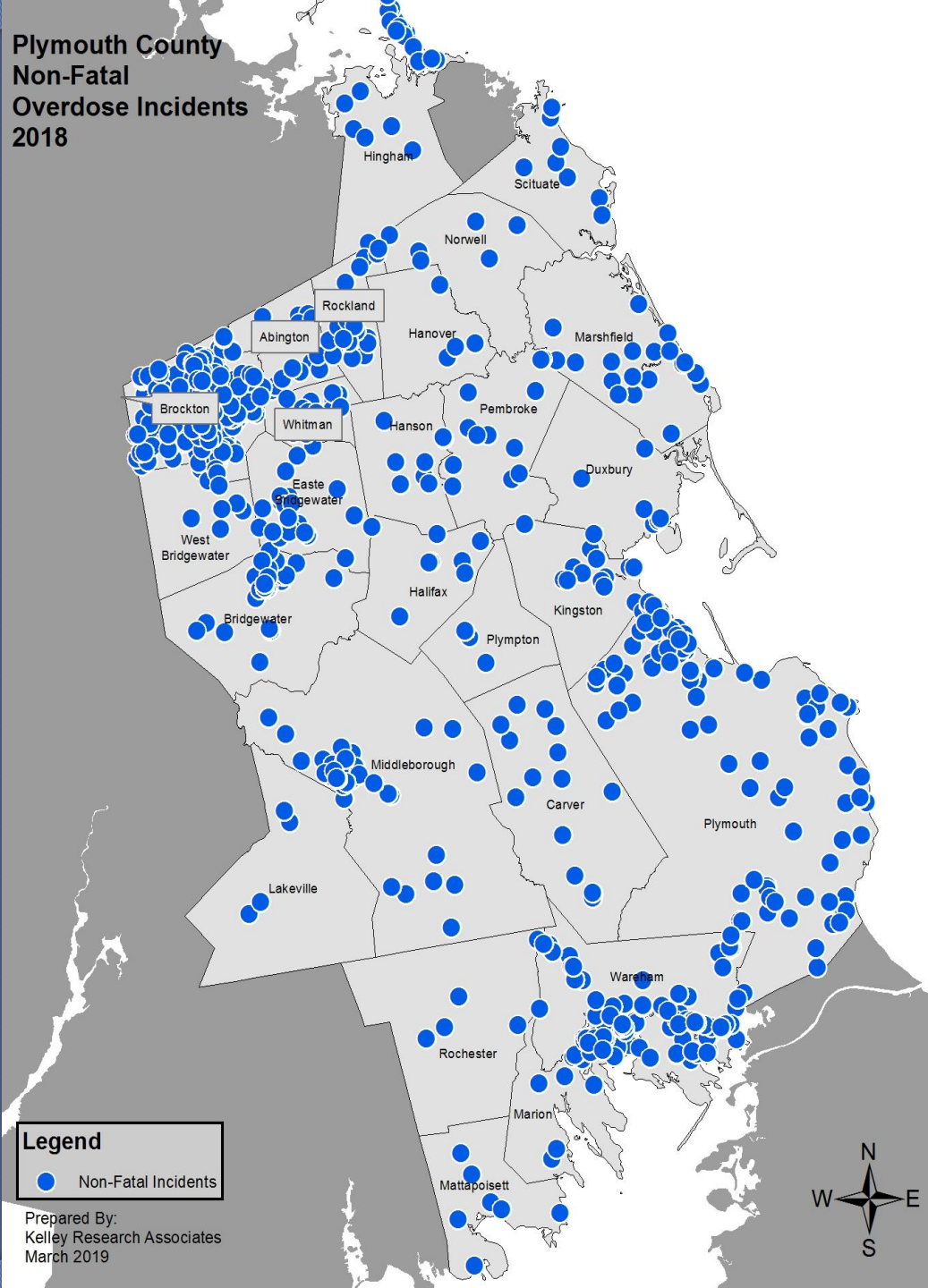
# Age Range

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**Sixty-eight percent (918)** of the individuals who overdosed in 2017 were between the ages of 20 and 39. The majority of Fatal overdoses **(33%, n=48)** and Non-Fatal overdoses **(37%, n=418)** involved people between the age of 30 and 39. The youngest fatality was 19 years old and the oldest was 64 years old.

# Plymouth County Non-Fatal Overdose Incidents 2018



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# Care & Protection Filings

	<u>Mass.</u>	<u>Bristol</u>	<u>Plymouth</u>
<b>FY 2012</b>	2459	269	110
<b>FY 2013</b>	2655	314	131
<b>FY 2014</b>	3663	469	201
<b>FY 2015</b>	3383	426	175
<b>FY 2016</b>	3855	443	188
<b>FY 2017</b>	3463	388	165

Judge John Spinale, Bristol County Juvenile Court



**Since 2012**

**12,000 children  
raised by  
grandparents  
because of  
parental opioid  
addiction**

**MA Trial Court-**

**60% of care and  
protections w/  
parental opioid  
use do not end in  
child  
reunification**

**2010-2017**

**284%  
increase in  
relatives  
taking over  
caregiving**

**Since 2012**

**56%  
increase in  
care &  
protection  
cases**

# ACEs in Massachusetts Juvenile Courts: 2016, Statewide

Adverse Childhood Experience	Percent of Total Cases with ACE Present
Emotional Abuse	42.6%
Physical Abuse	32.7%
Sexual Abuse	15.3%
Emotional Neglect	53.1%
Physical Neglect	34.2%
Mother Treated Violently	43.9%
Household Substance Abuse	49.7%
Household Mental Illness	59.2%
Parental Separation or Divorce	83.1%
Incarcerated Household Member	25.5%

Average number of ACEs per case = 4.4

# ACEs in Massachusetts Juvenile Courts: 2016, Plymouth County, Honorable Jay Spinale

Adverse Childhood Experience	Percent of Boys with ACE Present	Percent of Girls with ACE Present	Percent of Total Cases with ACE Present
Emotional Abuse	51.9%	66.7%	57.8%
Physical Abuse	48.1%	27.8%	40.0%
Sexual Abuse	7.4%	27.8%	15.6%
Emotional Neglect	63.0%	66.7%	64.4%
Physical Neglect	37.0%	44.4%	40.0%
Mother Treated Violently	55.6%	55.6%	55.6%
Household Substance Abuse	51.9%	61.1%	55.6%
Household Mental Illness	66.7%	50.0%	60.0%
Parental Separation or Divorce	85.2%	88.9%	86.7%
Incarcerated Household Member	29.6%	11.1%	22.2%

	Average Age	Average # ACEs Present
<b>Boys</b>	14.7	5.0
<b>Girls</b>	14.6	5.0
<b>Total</b>	14.7	5.0





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**JOHNNY HAS A DRUG PROBLEM...**

**JOHNNY DOESN'T DO DRUGS.**





## DRUG ENDANGERED CHILDREN INITIATIVE

ENHANCING SERVICE PROVISION  
FOR VULNERABLE CHILDREN IN  
PLYMOUTH COUNTY



OFFICE FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME



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The Family Center  
&

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“

THROUGH TRAINING, DIRECT  
SERVICES, AND BUILDING  
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS, WE  
CAN HELP [KIDS] BUILD UP THE  
RESILIENCE TO OVERCOME THIS  
ADVERSITY.”

DISTRICT ATTORNEY TIM CRUZ





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# Partnership History and Timeline

2015: Plymouth PD  
and BID-Plymouth  
Hospital begin post-  
overdose follow-up  
visits

2018: Plymouth  
County is awarded an  
OVC grant to create  
the Drug Endangered  
Children Initiative

2016: East Bridgewater  
Police, Plymouth  
Police, BID-Plymouth  
Hospital team up and  
create Plymouth  
County Outreach

2019: Inaugural  
Meeting of the  
Plymouth County  
Drug Endangered  
Children  
Subcommittee





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# Building Collaborative Partnerships



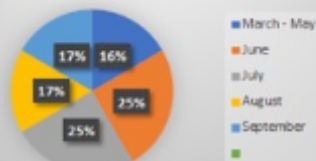


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## Drug Endangered Children's Initiative September 2019 Update

Referrals are coming in: Two additional referrals in September brought us to twelve, total, as of September 30th.

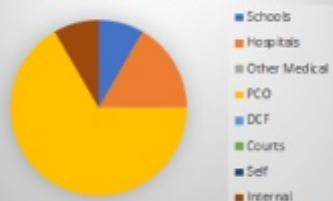
### Drug Endangered Children's Initiative Number of Referrals 2019



[www.uwgpc.org/frc/drug-endangered-children-initiative](http://www.uwgpc.org/frc/drug-endangered-children-initiative)

In September, both referrals came from Plymouth County Outreach. As of September 30th, we have received one referral from a school, two from hospitals, eight from Plymouth County Outreach and one internal.

### Referral Sources 2019



Referrals are coming from throughout Plymouth County: September saw referrals from Middleboro and Pembroke. As of September 30th there have been referrals from Brockton(1), Carver (1), East Bridgewater (2), Halifax (2), Middleboro (2), Pembroke (2), Plymouth (1), and Plympton (1).

### Referring Towns 2019



## National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children Training "Building a Coordinated Response"

November 6, 2019 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM at Stonehill College

<https://olp.plymouthda.com/drug-endangered-children-building-a-coordinated-response/>



Helping Traumatized  
Children Learn

We are currently accepting



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# **2020 WORK PLAN**

# JJPAD Board 2020 Proposed Objectives

## CBI Subcommittee

- Prepare for Launch of Statewide Diversion Coordination Learning Lab

## Data Subcommittee

- Improve Data Reporting Quality and Availability

## Childhood Trauma Task Force

- Establish Statewide Framework for Trauma-Informed and Responsive Practice

## Full Board

- Oversight/Direction of Subcommittee Work
- Conduct JJ System “SWOT+” Analysis

# Year 2 Objective: Prepare for Launch Statewide Diversion Coordination Learning Lab

February – July

- Develop Program Design Plan

July – December

- Pending FY21 Budget Funding,  
Monitor Launch of Diversion  
Coordination Learning Lab

## Year 2 Objective: Improve Data Reporting Quality and Availability

### 1. Launch JJ Data Website

February -  
June

- Finalize and launch JJ Data Website

July –  
December

- Work on next iterations of JJ Data website

### 2. Standardize Reporting & Produce FY20 Data Trends Report

February  
- July

- Develop Data Reporting Standards (e.g. race/ethnicity, gender)

July -  
October

- Produce Data Trends Report (w/ FY20 Data)



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## Year 2 Objective: Establish Statewide Framework for Trauma-Informed and Responsive Practice

### 1. Develop Trauma Informed and Responsive (TIR) Practice Framework

January – April

- Develop and Publish Draft TIR Framework

April - June

- Solicit Feedback on Draft Framework

July – September

- Finalize and Publish TIR Framework

### 2. Develop Recommendations for Implementation of TIR Framework

January – July

- Solicit Feedback on Implementation Needs/Gaps
- Develop and Refine Recommendations for Implementation Support

July – Sept

- Finalize & Publish Implementation Recommendations

# Full Board

## Year 2 Objective: Conduct JJ System SWOT+ Analysis

### Commonly Cited Systemwide Concerns:

Human Service  
Staffing/Capacity

Data System  
Interoperability/Sharing

Regional CPCS Attorney  
Shortages

Persistent Racial &  
Ethnic Disparities

Service Availability  
Tracking

Ability of “Upstream”  
Systems to Address  
Adolescent Behavioral  
Needs/Challenges

### **Year 2 Objective:** Conduct JJ System SWOT+ Analysis

- What's next: where do we want to go as a system?
- What are potential opportunities we could collectively take advantage of?
- What are the gaps/challenges/threats we can work on as a group?
- Where can/should we provide input/support to larger efforts?

# **FRAMEWORK FOR TRAUMA – INFORMED AND RESPONSIVE PRACTICE**





# Next Meeting

April 1

10am – 12pm

Ashburton – 10<sup>th</sup> Floor

Charles River Conference Room