Massachusetts Department of Public Health

Overdose Education and Naloxone Distribution

Information Sheet

Overdose Education and Naloxone Distribution (OEND) Program

Opioid Overdose is the leading cause of injury death in Massachusetts. Some examples of opioids include heroin, oxycodone, hydrocodone, fentanyl, codeine, and morphine. In order to save lives, the Department of Public Health operates a pilot program to distribute a medication called naloxone that can reverse an opioid overdose.

Naloxone (also known as Narcan®)

In an overdose, opioids can slow breathing to the point of death. Naloxone blocks the opioids and restores normal breathing when it is sprayed into the nose of someone who has overdosed. It is safe, easy to administer, and has no potential for abuse.

Program Overview

These programs train individuals who are likely to experience or witness an overdose due to using opioids themselves or living with someone who does. Training covers how to prevent and recognize an opioid overdose, what to do if one occurs, the importance of calling 911, how to perform rescue breathing, and how to administer naloxone.

This pilot project is possible under Massachusetts General Law - MGL c. 94C and DPH Drug Control Program regulations at 105 CMR 700.000.



For More Information

- Naloxone rescue kits are also available at the majority of pharmacies across the state, with and without a prescription. Call or visit your local pharmacy to find out more. <u>Click here</u> for the list of pharmacies with a standing order for naloxone.
- For free information on naloxone programs and treatment referrals call the Massachusetts Substance Abuse Information and Education Helpline at 800-327-5050 or visit <u>helpline-online.org</u>
- Free educational materials are available at <u>http://massclearinghouse.ehs.state.ma.us/</u>
- Learn to Cope: Naloxone is available at support groups for family members dealing with a loved one suffering from addiction. Go to www.learn2cope.org for meeting locations and times.
- If you have questions about the DPH Overdose Education and Naloxone Distribution pilot contact: Brittni Reilly at 617-624-5362 or via e-mail at <u>Brittni.Reilly@state.ma.us</u>

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Where to Get Naloxone in Massachusetts		
Boston Boston Public Health Commission, AHOPE 774 Albany Street 617-534-3967 or 617-534-3976	Boston (continued) AIDS Action Committee 75 Amory Street, Jamaica Plain 617-437-6200 Victory Programs, Drug User Health Project 29 Stanhope Street 617-927-0836	Brockton Brockton Area Multi-Services, Inc. The COPE Center 81 Pleasant Street 508-583-3405
Cambridge AIDS Action Committee 359 Green Street 617-599-0246	Fall River Seven Hills Behavioral Health 310 South Main Street 508-235-1012	Falmouth AIDS Support Group of Cape Cod 65 Town Hall Square, 2nd floor 774-763-6656 or 774-763-6657
Framingham Justice Resource Institute, Program RISE 1 Grant Street, Suite 100 508-935-2963	Greenfield Tapestry Health 277 Main Street, Ste. 404A 413-773-8888	Holyoke Tapestry 15A Main Street 413-315-3732 x1 Holyoke Health Center 230 Maple Street, lower level 413-420-2276
Hyannis AIDS Support Group of Cape Cod 428 South Street 508-778-1954	Lawrence Greater Lawrence Family Health Center, Prevention & Education Dept 100 Water Street 978-685-7663	Lowell Lowell Community Health Center 161 Jackson Street 978-937-9700 Lowell House 555 Merrimack Street 978-459-8656
Lynn Health Innovations, Inc Healthy Streets Outreach Program 100 Willow Street, 2nd floor 339-440-5633	New Bedford Seven Hills Behavioral Health 1173 Acushnet Avenue 508-996-0546	North Adams Tapestry By appointment 413-443-2844 or 413-387-8676
Northampton Tapestry 16 Center Street, Suite 423 413-586-0310 x2	Pittsfield Tapestry 100 Wendell Avenue 413-443-2844	Plymouth Brockton Area Multi-Services, Inc. 7 Scobee Circle 508-746-3610
Provincetown AIDS Support Group of Cape Cod 336 Commercial Street, Unit #10 866-668-6448 or 508-487-8311	Quincy Manet Community Health Center Various locations in: Braintree, Hull, Norwell, Quincy, and Weymouth Call for more information 857-939-4108	Revere North Suffolk Mental Health 265 Beach Street 617-912-7554
Springfield Tapestry, La Voz 130 Maple Street, lower level 413-363-9472	Worcester AIDS Project Worcester 85 Green Street (Entrance in rear at 12 Plymouth Street) 508-755-3773 x27	Learn to Cope Please go to <u>www.learn2cope.org</u> or call 508-738-5148 for meeting locations and times.

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