# The Safe and Healthy Neighborhoods Project -January 2022-



The Safe and Healthy Neighborhoods Project aims to prevent and decrease opioid overdose deaths in Jacksonville. The project is funded through a ~\$1.5 million grant awarded to the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department (JFRD) by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The project is funded through September 2022.

#### **PROJECT TEAM**

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#### NARCAN DISTRIBUTION

If you represent a treatment center, community organization, or business and would like to distribute NARCAN, please email Laura Viafora Ray at Ivray @coi.net

## NARCAN TRAINING

If you would like to schedule NARCAN training with your organization, business, or group, please contact Drug Free Duval at

info@drugfreeduval org In-person and virtual training formats are available.

Community trainings are offered twice a month online. Register at <a href="https://detmarcan.">bit.ly/getmarcan</a>.

### **PROJECT GOALS**

- NARCAN Expand community access to NARCAN a nasal spray that can temporarily reverse the life-threatening effects of opioid overdose
- EDUCATION Educate community partners and first responders on recognizing signs of overdose and availability and use of NARCAN
- REFERRAL Connect and refer persons with substance use disorder (SUD) to treatment and recovery services
- DATA Collect and analyze data to develop data-driven strategies to further prevent opioid overdose deaths

#### PROJECT PARTNERS

- Community Outreach and Education Drug Free Duval has contracted with the city to provide "Signs of Overdose and NARCAN Administration" training to community members, organizations, and businesses.
- Treatment Centers Gateway Community Services has contracted with the city to purchase and store the NARCAN, and to distribute to local substance use treatment providers and community-based organizations.

#### **PROJECT ACTIVITIES**

Number of NARCAN Kits Distributed (all partners)	6,680 (+782 since last report)
% of NARCAN Distributed in High-Need Zip Codes*	67%
Drug Free Duval	.131.5
Number of Trainings Completed	116 (including 62 virtual)
Number of Participants	2,132
Critical Awareness Security Academy	
Number of Trainings Completed	73
Number of Participants	662

\*Determined by analysis of JFRD overdose call data: 32204, 32205, 32208, 32209, 32210, 32211, 32216, 32218, 32220, 32244, 32246, 32254

### **USE OF NARCAN & LIVES SAVED**

Reported use of the NARCAN provided under this project is encouraged, but not required. In an effort to not discourage individuals from receiving NARCAN, no identifiable information is collected. However, thus far we have received **fifty-four (54) reports of use of the NARCAN to save a person** who may have otherwise died from an overdose. This is an additional fifteen (15) lives reported saved since the Nov. 2021 report. Although there is no way to know for sure, we suspect that the actual number of NARCAN kits used is much greater. JFRD call data shows that the instances in which NARCAN was administered by a layperson prior to JFRD arrival rose significantly after the SHN Project began.