

# The Safe and Healthy Neighborhoods Project

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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 [lvray@coj.net](mailto:lvray@coj.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](mailto:info@drugfreeduval.org). In-person and virtual training formats are available.

Community trainings are offered twice a month online. Register at [bit.ly/getnarcn](https://bit.ly/getnarcn).

## 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

<i>Number of NARCAN Kits Distributed (all partners)</i>	<b>7,310</b> (+630 since last report)
<i>% of NARCAN Distributed in High-Need Zip Codes*</i>	<b>75%</b>
<b>Drug Free Duval</b> <i>Number of Trainings Completed</i> <i>Number of Participants</i>	<b>126 (including 69 virtual)</b> <b>2,299</b>
<b>Critical Awareness Security Academy</b> <i>Number of Trainings Completed</i> <i>Number of Participants</i>	<b>81</b> <b>766</b>

\*Determined by analysis of JFRD overdose call data

## 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-nine (59) reports of use of the NARCAN to save a person** who may have otherwise died from an overdose. This is an additional five (5) lives reported saved since the Jan. 2022 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 incidents in which NARCAN was administered to an overdose victim prior to JFRD arrival **increased 413%** from 2018 to 2021.

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### DISTRIBUTION OF NARCAN BY DISTRIBUTION STRATEGY

Treatment Centers		Community-Based Organizations	
<i>Ace Medical</i>	392	<i>Critical Awareness Security Academy</i>	804
<i>Beaches Recovery/Tides Edge</i>	174	<i>Dept. of Children &amp; Families</i>	10
<i>CleanSlate</i>	139	<i>Drug Free Duval</i>	2,020
<i>Gateway (8 departments)</i>	990	<i>Healthy Start (Market St/ROSE Project)</i>	20
<i>Greenfield Center</i>	4	<i>Inspire to Rise &amp; Mental Health FA Training</i>	860
<i>Lakeview/Stepping Stone</i>	595	<i>Jacksonville Area Sexual Minority Youth Network</i>	120
<i>River Region</i>	96	<i>JFRD (outreach work)</i>	911
		<i>Street Outreach Partners</i>	175
<b>TOTAL (Treatment Centers)</b>	<b>2,390</b>	<b>TOTAL (Community-Based)</b>	<b>4,920</b>

### NARCAN TRAINING PRE-AND POST-TEST ANALYSIS

<b>KNOWLEDGE</b>	% Reporting "Very" or "Extremely" Knowledgeable	
	Pre-Test	Post-Test
Knowledge about NARCAN	8%	71%
Knowledge about Good Samaritan Law	7%	73%
Knowledge about NARCAN Standing Order	5%	69%

<b>CONFIDENCE</b>	% Reporting "Very" or "Extremely" Confident	
	Pre-Test	Post-Test
Confidence in Recognizing Signs of Overdose	24%	75%
Confidence in Administering NARCAN Properly	22%	83%

### ADDRESSING STIGMA & INFLUENCING BEHAVIORS

The Narcan training Pre-Test shows that **12%** of participants believe access to NARCAN encourages drug use. In the Post-Test, **only 3%** of participants report this. In the Post-Test, **80%** of participants report that they are "Very" or "Extremely Likely" to carry their NARCAN kit with them most of the time when in public, and **89%** report that they are "Very" or "Extremely Likely" to administer the NARCAN if they witness a known or suspected overdose.