

PREVENTION. TREATMENT. RECOVERY.

2,282 people in Maryland died from an overdose in 2017.

35 people in Wicomico County died from an overdose in 2017.

Overdoses have become the leading cause of accidental death in people younger than 50.

In 2016, **20.1%** of 9th graders in Wicomico County were offered, sold, or given an illegal drug on school property.

WHAT DO I DO IF MY CHILD IS USING DRUGS?

First, sit down and take a deep breath. You do not need to assume the worst but you do need to act. Prepare for a conversation with your child - there are many valuable tips online at www.drugfree.org

It may also help to reach out to a trained professional or support group. The Wicomico County Health Department is a great place to start. Call 410-749-1244

A MESSAGE FROM OUR HEALTH OFFICER:

The opioid epidemic continues to impact our community in many ways, from increased crime to increased health care costs. Our community, as well as all communities across the state and the nation, continue to experience overdose deaths related to opioids.

We as a community have been doing a better job educating individuals on the use of Narcan® to prevent overdoses. We have been conducting community forums throughout the county to begin to hear from community members how to best respond to this crisis. Education is expanding in the school system to better equip our youth in combating this crisis.

Our community needs to keep this crisis in the forefront of our community. We need to continue to educate everyone that this epidemic impacts each and everyone of us, some more than others. This campaign will assist everyone in getting the information, becoming involved in the conversation and helping our community move forward.

- Lori Brewster

Want more information regarding Wicomico Goes Purple?

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Wicomico Goes Purple is a substance abuse awareness program that will engage our community to stand up against substance abuse.

The project encourages our youth and community to "Go Purple" as a sign of taking a stand against substance abuse.

The purpose of the project is to promote conversations about substance abuse - ones that include prescription drugs.

Treatment is also a significant focus of Wicomico Goes Purple.

Treatment resources will be shared with the community in hopes that those struggling with addiction will know where to seek help and support.

Wicomico Goes Purple supports the National Recovery Month movement by celebrating and providing encouragement to those who have chosen a life of recovery.

Wicomico Goes Purple is an initiative of The Wicomico County Opioid Intervention Team, The Salisbury Area Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with The Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore.



4 out of 5 people who use heroin started with recreational use of prescription drugs.

For more information visit our website:

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LOCAL RESOURCES
Life Crisis Center - Dial 211

Treatment

Wicomico County Health Department
410-749-1244
Hudson Health Services
410-219-9000

Peer Support

Community Outreach Addictions Team
(COAT)
443-783-6875

Family Peer Support

Angel Timmons - Maryland Coalition of
Families
443-878-9603

Recovery Support Services

Recovery Resource Center
410-749-9482

*****Please visit our website for a
complete list of treatment and recovery
resources*****

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SAVE THE DATE!!!

**WICOMICO GOES PURPLE
KICK OFF EVENT**

08.31.19 @ 6:30PM

Arthur W. Perdue Stadium

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How Can I Help?

Talk to your kids.
Lock up prescription medications.
Dispose of any expired or unwanted
medications at one of the ten locations
in Wicomico County.
Share our educational messages.
Get trained on how to administer Naloxone.

Make a donation to:

Wicomico Goes Purple Fund
Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore
1324 Belmont Avenue - Ste 401
Salisbury, MD 21804
www.cfes.org

Good Samaritan Law

Educate your kids on Maryland's Good
Samaritan Law, which protects people who
call 911 when someone has overdosed.
Save a Life... Call 911!

Get Narcan® Trained

Narcan® (Naloxone) is a life-saving
prescription drug that reverses the effects
of an opioid overdose. Call the Wicomico
County Health Department to learn more
about **FREE** trainings at 410-543-6981

Maryland has a standing order for Narcan®,
which means you no longer need a
prescription for this medication. Contact
your local pharmacy for more details.



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**Get the Facts.
Get Involved.
Start Talking.**