United We Stand
Responding to America’s Opioid Crisis

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Considering Children and Families in Law Enforcement/First Responder Diversion

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After this session, participants will be able to:

• Recognize the diverse needs of children of addicted parents.

• Role of first responders when they encounter children impacted by addiction.

• Identify when interventions are appropriate.
First Responders: An Early Warning Workforce
Turning Encounters Into Opportunities

56 MM Encounters (DOJ, 2015)

12 MM Move In/Out Jails (Not our focus for our youngest victims)

44 MM Encounters Creating
44 MM Opportunities

Early warning of…
- Families and children in need
- Children who are victims of the impact of drug use
25% of American kids grow up in households where substance abuse is present

National Institute on Drug Abuse
First Responder “Early Warning” Training

- Neuroscience of addiction (all ages) – a problem not (re)solved quickly
- How drug treatment works – justice systems mostly see failures
- Mental health – co-occurring
- Trauma – ACE is real
- How and what to report – remember, this is pre-crisis so outside of normal channels
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The Trends No One Likes to See

58% Increase in Child Victimization in Last Five Years

Abuse and Neglect Cases
The Opioid Epidemic
Children of Addicted Parents

The brain architecture has been forever altered.
Often law enforcement officers are the first people to interact with children prior to their involvement in the juvenile justice or child welfare systems.
If we strengthen these 5 Protective Factors, we decrease child victimization rates which lowers generational issues and changes crime rates in communities.
One Solution: Our Approach

- Increase officer awareness and identification of children exposed to trauma associated with the opioid crisis.
- Increase clinical assessment and coordinated services to targeted children and families.
Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion

LEAD uses police diversion and community-based, trauma-informed care systems, with the goals of improving public safety and public order, and reducing law violations by people who participate in the program.
Solutions in Action
Questions and Answers
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COAP Conference 2020
Project Beginnings
Helping Traumatized Children Learn Brockton Pilot
A whole-school approach.

Trauma and Learning Policy Initiative (TLPI) is a nationally recognized collaboration between Massachusetts Advocates for Children and Harvard Law School. Our mission is to ensure that children impacted by family violence and other adverse childhood experiences succeed in school. To achieve this mission, TLPI advocates for “trauma-sensitive schools” where school-wide trauma sensitivity is a regular part of how a safe and supportive school is run. TLPI works directly in schools to help them become trauma sensitive, providing training or technical assistance. At its Harvard Education Law Clinic, TLPI also represents individual families in the special education process on behalf of children with disabilities who are struggling in schools and who have experienced adversity.

Using MAC’s signature multiple strategic approach, TLPI brings the voices of educators from its work in schools and the voices of parents from its cases to work for laws and policies that provide schools with the knowledge and resources they need to meet the needs of all children. TLPI’s advocacy is based on interdisciplinary research and collaboration across a wide array of professional disciplines, including education, law, and mental health.
The growing toll of opiate addiction

Our children were dying. 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 26 communities we cover. The work revealed a tide of untold tragedy.

Report: Bay State logs second-most fentanyl cases nationwide

Brian Dowling Thursday, October 26, 2017

Our kids are dying.”

Herald Columnists

Hillary Chabot

Joe Fitzgerald

H. G. Carr

Kevin Carolan

Ray Flynn

Herald's Opinion

Chabot: Senators win jetport with power vacuum

Fitzgerald: John Henry’s common sense is way off base

Carr: Pull the silence on transgender photos in just picture perfect

Carolan: Flynn: Prudential Center visit a reminder of humanity

Trending Now

Destroyer in Yemen attack to visit Boston

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

Elizabeth Warren seeks to neutralize ‘Pollack’ barbs

Pit to Gloucester girl, a memory washes ashore
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.
Johnny has a drug problem...

Johnny doesn't do drugs.
HEROIN IS THE WORST THING THAT EVER HAPPENED TO ME & I'VE NEVER TOUCHED IT.

WWW.OPIOIDOVERDOSEPREVENTION.ORG
Innovation in Substance Misuse Prevention: The Role of Childhood Trauma in the Opioid Crisis

About the Conference
Drugs are effective coping mechanisms for youth seeking relief from trauma caused by Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs). Research stemming from Dr. Vincent Felitti and the original ACEs Study shows that as ACEs increase, so does the risk youth have in misusing substances, such as intravenous drugs. Dr. Felitti explains that after youth experience trauma, coping devices, like alcohol, tobacco, and opioids, are effective means for short-term emotional healing, but lead to long-term risks like addiction.

Conference Details
Hosted by:
The Plymouth County Drug Abuse Task Force
District Attorney Timothy J Cruz, Chair
Sheriff Joseph D. McDonald, Jr., Chair

November 8, 2017
Hotel 1620
Plymouth, MA
8:30 AM – 5:00PM

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Calendar of Events

Handle With Care Massachusetts

- **Wednesday, May 1**
  - Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
- **Thursday, May 2**
  - Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
- **Friday, May 3**
  - Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
- **Thursday, May 30**
  - 2:00pm Webinar: Trauma Informed Law En
  - Thursday, June 13
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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.

Handle With Care Partners

Handle With Care Partners include:
- Law Enforcement Agencies
- Schools and School Districts
- Mental Health Providers
- Community Partners
PCO Outreach Model

911 Overdose Calls for Service

Fatal

No Follow-up

Outreach team may follow up with family several weeks later or refer family to PCO partner Grief Support Groups

Non-Fatal Overdoses

Communicate with Hospitals

If SUD not in Rx, Follow-Up Visit Scheduled

IF SUD in RX, No Follow-up

24-72 Hour Home Visit with Non-Uniformed Officer and Recovery Coach
Goal: Intro SUD to Treatment/Recovery Operations, get SUD into Treatment

DECI Referral
Drug Endangered Children Initiative

Training
• ACEs Training for Police & Schools

Communication
• Handle with Care
• PCO Referral to The Family Center

Services
• Trauma Sensitive School Response
• Navigating Direct Services
“THROUGH TRAINING, DIRECT SERVICES, AND BUILDING COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS, WE CAN HELP [KIDS] BUILD UP THE RESILIENCE TO OVERCOME THIS ADVERSITY.”
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Questions and Answers