



Reducing Opiate Abuse in Summit County

In February of 2014, the County of Summit ADM Board convened the [Summit County Opiate Task Force](#), a group of key individuals and organizations committed to reducing the tragic consequences of opiate abuse in Summit County through education, collaboration, and the wise use of available resources. We believe we can all play a role in helping to end this lethal epidemic and are addressing the issue on multiple fronts.

Prevention, Education and Community Outreach	
Opiate Task Force Website	www.summitcountyaddictionhelp.org
Community Education	<i>Participated in community forums, sponsored annual trainings for physicians and the general public, and established Opiate Task Force Speakers Bureau January 2017 ADM Addiction Helpline opens</i>
Media	<i>Worked with media representatives to help educate the community</i>
Teen Outreach	<i>Consulted with Barberton DECA, North High School, Juvenile Court Advisory Team and Youth Led Substance Abuse Prevention: Teen Institute and Project Panda</i>
Syringe Exchange Program	<i>Summit County Public Health began "Summit Safe" syringe exchange services. Walk in clinic each Wednesday between 4:00-6:00 pm.</i>
Project DAWN	<i>Clinics and community settings - started at Summit County Public Health (Feb 2015) & Edwin Shaw Rehab (May 2015). Both agencies also offer clinics in community settings.</i>
Legislative Advocacy	<i>Convening a state-wide meeting of Task Forces to share best practices and collaborate around advocacy issues.</i>
Drug Take Back events	<i>Organized drug take back days and promote safe disposal of unused medications – D.U.M.P.</i>
In school Evidence Based Substance Abuse Prevention	<i>The ADM Board invested approximately \$1.5 million in evidence based prevention including school based prevention, youth-led prevention, community education, policy advocacy and out of school time activities that engage youth and build resiliency. Examples include: LifeSkills, Project Alert, Lead and Seed, and Strengthening Families</i>

Treatment

Police and EMS Naloxone reversals

The majority of Summit County first responders use Naloxone to reverse opiate overdoses.

Residential and Detox access

- 1. Start-up of ambulatory detox at ESR & Oriana for adults as well as an adolescent program at CHC- opened October 2016.*
- 2. Residential treatment beds expanded*
- 3. Expansion of Oriana sub-acute detox beds from 16-28*
- 4. 90 Day Residential Re-Authorization*

Mobile Outreach

January 2015, enabled on-call responses to local ER's by trained counselors
January 2017 Quick Response Teams began in 10 SC communities to attempt to engage person into treatment.

Medication Assisted Treatments (MAT)

Medication-assisted treatment combines behavioral therapy and medications to treat substance use disorders. The existing Methadone program has been augmented with Suboxone and Vivitrol programs, expanding treatment from one agency (CHC) to four (ESR, Oriana, Summa), including a program for teens.

Interim Crisis services

A treatment readiness group holds daily, open meetings Monday through Friday, allowing individuals to be engaged in the recovery process while they await services in their needed level of care.

Recovery Supports

Recovery Coaches

People in recovery trained to serve as personal guides and mentors to others who are seeking or are in recovery. Recovery coaches spend time with individuals they support and are available to help them with all aspects of their recovery.

Peer Support Groups

Peer support groups meet regularly at the ADM Crisis Center to help keep people motivated and on track while waiting to begin residential treatment. Led by trained recovery coaches, these groups help people face challenges by being with others who are going through similar situations and providing information and encouragement.

Recovery Housing

Recovery housing for individuals recovering from drug addiction that provides an alcohol and drug-free living environment, peer support, assistance with obtaining drug addiction services, and other drug addiction recovery assistance."

[Summit County Recovery Housing Providers](#)