

First Responders Breakfast

Friday, September 16, 2022, 9:00 am – 11:00 am
Fairfield County School District Auditorium

4 out of 5 heroin users started with Rx pain pills

1 in 4 people who are prescribed opioids struggle with addiction



In **Just 3 Days** Opioid dependency can develop

1 in 4 teens has misused or abused a prescription drug at least once

“Bridging the Gap”

AGENDA

Welcome & Purpose

Vernon Kennedy, Sr, *Executive Director*, Fairfield Behavioral Health Services (FBHS)
9:00 - 9:05 am

Acknowledgements

Veronica Dadzie-Edmonds, *Director of Prevention Services*, FBHS
9:00 - 9:10 am

Blessing of the Food

Brian Bonds, *Board of Directors-Chair*, FBHS
9:10 - 9:30 am

Recovery Testimony

Sean Maxwell, *Certified Peer Support Specialist*, FBHS
9:30 - 9:45 am

Fairfield Opioid Response Team Successes

Samantha Roland, *Prevention Assistant & Coordinator*, FBHS
9:45 - 10:00 am

Keynote Address from the State Authority

Michelle Nienhius, *Manager of Prevention and Intervention Services*
South Carolina Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Services
10:00 - 10:20 am

Awards Ceremony & Photos

Veronica Dadzie-Edmonds & Sheriff Will Montgomery, Fairfield County Sheriff’s Office
10:20 - 10:50 am

Closing Remarks

The Honorable Senator Mike Fanning, *District 17*
10:50-11:00 am

Fairfield Opioid Response Team



In recognition of the 33rd Annual National Recovery Month held in September, Fairfield Behavioral Health Services (FBHS) wanted to honor first responders and others who teamed up with us and has played a significant role in prevention opioid overdoses and deaths in Fairfield County. FBHS

partnered with Fairfield County Sheriff Department, Winnsboro Public Safety, Fairfield County EMS, Emergency Management/911, and Fairfield County Coroner Office in 2020 to form the **Fairfield Opioid Response Team** thanks to two \$50,000 grants from the South Carolina Department of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services (DAODAS). This year's grant that set to expire September 16, 2022, was made possible by the State Opioid Response (SOR) Grant 2.0 of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration under award # H79TI083300. Aimed at *collectively reducing the impact of opioid/stimulant overdoses and deaths in Fairfield County*, the **Fairfield Opioid Response Team** with the contributions of others have achieved tremendous success that is worthy of celebrating.

October 2021 – August 2022, The Fairfield Opioid Response Team:

- ✓ participated in drug awareness and Rosetta Stone Hispanic Language training; installed 1 RX Drug Drop Box at Fairfield Medical Associates;
- ✓ purchased gloves, masks, and sanitizer for first responders;
- ✓ held **12** RX drug take back events across the county;
- ✓ provided an overview of FBHS services aimed at increasing referrals for treatment to people **141** (77 first responders plus 9 magistrate court judges, and 55 residents);
- ✓ distributed **1160** Detera bags to residents, implemented the Life Skills Training program to **61** 9th -12th graders;
- ✓ hosted 1 **Summer Kickoff event: "Kickball for a Cause"** reaching **143** people;
- ✓ seized **493.5** dosage units of pills;
- ✓ distributed **52,789** opioid/stimulant literature;
- ✓ published various articles, billboards, and social ads;
- ✓ started monitoring alcohol use under a new partnership with the Fairfield Forward Coalition; and
- ✓ tracked the number of referrals for treatment/recovery to FBHS from the new Community Outreach Paramedicine Education (COPE) Program resulting in **117** expected home visits of opioid overdose survivors, **75** actual visits with opioid overdose survivors and **21 (28%)** referrals to FBHS;

What's Next: Secure DAODAS and SC Opioid Settlement Funds to continue and expand efforts (increase treatment/recovery referrals to FBHS, increase Medication Assisted Treatment providers for opioid use disorder, establish more Community Outreach by Paramedicine Education (COPE) teams, increase Narcan distribution, increase first responder involvement, engage local detention center, coordinate RX drug take backs with businesses, schools, bus drivers, etc.)

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