

# Fairfield Opioid Response Team



Fairfield Behavioral Health Services developed the Fairfield Opioid Response Team in December 2020 (FY21) in partnership with the *Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services (DAODAS), Fairfield County Sheriff's Office, Winnsboro Public Safety, Fairfield County EMS, 911 Dispatch, and Fairfield County Coroner Office, to collectively reduce the impact of opioid/stimulant overdoses and deaths in Fairfield County through prevention.* This partnership was forged after several years of single organization partnerships that Fairfield Behavioral Health Services had to begin responding to the opioid epidemic in SC as declared by SC Governor Henry McMaster in 2017. The Team has since added additional members to the partnership for the fight against opioids in Fairfield County. The team now includes *Fairfield County Fire Department, Fairfield Forward Coalition, Fairfield County Detention Center, Fairfield County Council & Administration, and South Carolina Opioid Recovery Fund.* In 2023, on behalf of the Fairfield Opioid Response Team, Fairfield Behavioral Health Services in partnership with Fairfield County Council & Administration was awarded opioid settlement funds through the SC Opioid Recovery Fund for 5 years to continue its work in preventing opioid overdoses and deaths in Fairfield County.

The Fairfield Opioid Response Team meets monthly on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday from 10:00 am – 11:30 am. A Prevention Assistant at Fairfield Behavioral Health Services with the support of the Director of Prevention Services and Executive Director, leads the Team and all of its efforts. Reports are collected from *Fairfield County Sheriff's Office and Winnsboro Public Safety* regarding opioid and stimulant arrest and seizures. The Team uses the **Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program (ODMAP)** along with reports from *Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and Fairfield County Coroner's Office* to map overdose reversals and deaths via location, suspected drug, patient demographics, and Narcan administration. ODMAP is a national program available to jurisdictions at no cost that tracks trends of overdose in real time which allows us to identify hot spots and direct prevention efforts accordingly.

# Progress



## What Can You Do?

- Learn more about the dangers and impact of opioid use at <https://justplainkillers.com> and <http://naloxonesavessc.org>
- Request a Deterra Drug Deactivation Bag for your family, community, church, business, etc.
- Collect all unused prescription medications and place them in the prescription drug drop boxes located at [Fairfield County Sheriff](#), [Winnsboro Public Safety](#), [Hawthorne Pharmacy](#), or [Fairfield Medical Associates](#).
- Request an **Opioid Education and Narcan Distribution** training **TODAY** for your family, church, business, or organization through Fairfield Behavioral Health Services (*receive **FREE NARCAN** to prevent an overdose*)
- Administer NARCAN for someone you *believe in good faith is experiencing an opioid overdose* **without being subject to civil or criminal liability.**
- **Identify** persons in need of substance use treatment and recovery.
- **Refer or accompany** someone to Fairfield Behavioral Health Services for substance use treatment and recovery.

For more information contact

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