Combating the Opiate Epidemic in Summit County, OH
Pathways HUB Community Action

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**Heroin spiked with elephant sedative linked to Akron overdoses**

AKRON, Ohio - Officials responding to a recent spike in opioid overdoses around the northeast Ohio city of Akron suspect some users are trying to increase the potency of heroin and other drugs by mixing it in a powerful anesthetic that's used to sedate elephants and other large animals.

Authorities say the drug carfentanil has been found in syringes used by some of the individuals who died. Akron Police Lt. Rick Edwards says there have been 91 overdoses and eight deaths in the city from July 5 through early Thursday.

By Akron Beacon Journal Staff

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Summit County needs mobile morgue due to spike in drug overdoses

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The presence of the mobile morgue unit doubles the number of bodies the medical examiner’s office can hold at one time. The refrigerated trailer will remain parked outside the office through the Fourth of July, medical examiner’s chief investigator Gary Swimmer said.

The office requested the trailer, which is owned by the Ohio

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By Amanda Garrett

Preliminary estimates of the Summit County Medical Examiner’s Office show that 158 residents died from presumed drug overdoses during the first 10 months of 2017, a new report said.

That’s 99 fewer drug overdose deaths during the same period in 2016 when the area was coping with an epidemic.

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Opiate Epidemic: Data and Statistics in Summit County

![Graph showing deaths due to unintentional drug poisoning from 2000 to 2016](image)

Figure 8: Drug Poisoning Deaths, 2000-2016 (primary underlying cause of death X40 - X44), Source: Ohio Department of Health Death Records, SCPH. Note: ODH OD death figures for Summit County from 2015 have been revised from 131 to 178.
Role of Community Action: Aftercare and Treatment Services for Opiate Addiction in Summit County, Ohio

• **Addiction Help Line**: Scheduling assessment, treatment (inpatient, outpatient, and intensive outpatient) and aftercare appointments for individuals needing or completing residential care and detox; monitoring client appointments to compare successful outcomes

• **Recovery Housing**: Coordinating sober housing for individuals completing residential treatment or outpatient level of care

• **Pregnancy Pathways Program for addicted women**: Connecting pregnant and postpartum women in treatment to necessary services: education, employment, housing, medical home, and medical referrals
Referrals from the community

- AOD Screening
- Demographic Info
- Schedule AOD appointments
- Link with AOD Agency
- Data input into CCS
- Data sharing with ADM

Re-designed system

Referral to AOD Treatment Services

AOD treatment providers

Follow up calls completed by HUB

Referrals from Crisis Center, detox, residential providers

Community Action Akron Summit
2017-2018 Help Line Outcomes

• Total calls from 1/16/2017 - 8/15/18: > 3,600 calls
• Appointments made: 2,424 appointments
• 93% of eligible callers have had an appointment scheduled
• Treatment assessment days reduced from 42-52 days to 8 days
• Percent not completed (did not attend appointment) overall 44.8%
• Almost 52 % of substance abuse assessment (first) appointments successfully completed
• 8 callers that called the Help Line have overdose deaths
Community Action Sober Housing Outcomes

Length of time to get housing (Social Service Referral Pathway)

• On average, the process to obtain sober housing takes about 21 days from referral to placement.

• On average, median duration in female sober housing is 105 days and 136 for males in sober housing.

• About 300 referrals have been processed since 11/2017
What is a Pathways Community HUB?

• Evidenced-based Model co-designed by Drs. Sarah and Mark Redding (began in Mansfield, OH)

• Community care coordination model that connects agencies, hospital systems, FQHCs, non-profit and government organizations

• Uses Community Health Workers to work with families, identify risk factors, provide evidence-based interventions and track outcomes using pathways

• Model uses 20 Pathways that address the social determinants of health to improve health outcomes

• Objectives: FIND, TREAT, MEASURE
Addressing the Social Determinants of Health

Economic Stability
- Lack of Poverty
- Employment Opportunities
- Affordable / Nutritious Food
- Adequate Housing

Education
- High School Graduation
- Enrollment in Higher Education
- Language and Literacy
- Early Childhood Education and Development

Social and Community Support
- Social Interactions
- Civic Participation
- Equal Treatment / Opportunity
- Successful Re-entry after Incarceration

Health and Health Care
- Access to Health Care
- Access to Primary Care
- Health Literacy

Neighborhood Environment
- Access to Foods that Support Healthy Eating Patterns
- Control of Crime and Violence
- Humane Environmental Conditions
- Access to Transportation
- Access to Technology
Community Action is the foundation for the HUB model: Our Opportunity is Now

• Become the HUB in your county
• Connect with a Pathways HUB in your area and inquire about being a Care Coordination Agency (CCA)/contracted partner
• Addiction Help Line as a potential program
• Outcome based performance connects with CSBG standards
• Use of CHWs and community organizers-
  • History and legacy of Community Action Agencies
• Impact on community health and health disparities
Community Action HUB and the Social Determinants of Health

**20 Core Pathways – National Certification**

- Adult Education
- Employment
- Health Insurance
- Housing
- Medical Home
- Medical Referral
- Medication Assessment
- Medication Management
- Smoking Cessation
- Social Service Referral

- Behavioral Referral
- Developmental Screening
- Developmental Referral
- Education
- Family Planning
- Immunization Screening
- Immunization Referral
- Lead Screening
- Pregnancy
- Postpartum
Community Health Workers

Class of 2016

Class of 2017

Class of 2017 - 2

Class of 2018
National Certification for Pathways HUB

- Community Action Akron Summit is 1 of 10 certified HUBs in the country
- Community Action Akron Summit’s HUB participates in National Learning Collaborative to address opiates using this model
“The future depends on what you do today.”
— Mahatma Gandhi
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