

Mission of The the Hancock County Opiate Task Force is to respond to the needs of our community related to the opioid crisis by: Increasing public awareness; Engaging the education, legislative, medical, and general communities; Working collaboratively to develop and implement solutions that reduce opioid-related deaths, overdoses, and individuals in treatment; and, Provide support for prevention, treatment and recovery strategies.

Hancock County Opiate Task Force

138 Carnahan Avenue, Findlay, Ohio 45840





"All have their worth and each contributes to the worth of others." JRR Tolkein

No person is expendable.

Addiction is a chronic disease of the brain.

Each member of our family serves as the best hope for ending this crisis.

Prevention and treatment work, and recovery is real.

from "A Position on the Value of Life in Hancock County (February 2017)"



The Task Force

In 2010, a group of concerned citizens rallied together to create The Task Force in an effort to address the opioid crisis our community was beginning to face as more and more of our families, friends, and neighbors were struggling with opioid addiction.

The Task Force is comprised of four subcommittees:

- **Community Awareness Committee**: Inform, educate, and advance the work of The Task Force and foster community engagement.
- Education Committee: Provide professional development opportunities for the education system and promote opioid addiction prevention strategies.
- Legislative Committee: Advance issues related to opioid addiction prevention, treatment, and recovery that can be addressed through legislative action.
- **Medical Committee**: Address issues concerning the entire medical system related to opioid addiction prevention, treatment, and recovery.

Community Engagement

Every facet of our community is represented on The Task Force. Members of The Task Force believe the opioid crisis must be addressed by all segments of our community in order to effectively create meaningful and lasting change.

The Task Force has implemented an aggressive plan to reduce opioid-related health issues and its success can only be achieved with persistent community involvement and mobilization.

Members actively:

- Champion the work of The Task Force and promote its mission throughout the community.
- Learn about addiction, recovery, and how simple steps can reduce the likelihood that someone will develop an addiction.
- Have conversations with their families and neighbors about how to prevent drug use.
- Offer their insight, expertise, and talents to advance the work of The Task Force.

The Task Force focuses on prevention, treatment, and recovery at all levels of need and employs an evidence-based, comprehensive approach.

Tangible Outcomes

Since 2010, The Task Force has implemented results-oriented strategies and provided the community with resources that help lead toward a healthier and safer community.

Community Medication Collection Community-Based Prevention Education *We All Know Someone* Campaign Recovery Resources Guides Quick Response Team

Become Involved

There are numerous ways to become a Community Advocate and support the work of The Task Force.

You are valued and we welcome you to share your time and talent with The Task Force.

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