Lessons Learned: One Year After Implementation of QRT in Summit County

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What is QRT?

- Quick Response Teams (QRT) rapidly expanded across the state of Ohio in 2017
- In Summit County, each team consists of:
  - Police Officer
  - Medic
  - Counselor/Peer Supporter
- Provide outreach to individuals that experienced an overdose in an effort to engage them in treatment services.
QRT in Summit County

- To date, there are 9 teams:
  - Cuyahoga Falls
  - Barberton/Norton
  - Green
  - Tallmadge
  - Akron
  - Munroe Falls
  - Stow
  - Coventry
  - Hudson
What do the Numbers Say?

• **2016**: 2,431 drug overdoses (361 deaths)
  Akron city had the highest amount in Summit County (1,531)

• **2017**: 2,322 drug overdoses (224 deaths)
  38% less drug overdose deaths compared to previous year
  4.5 % decrease in drug overdoses

• **2018**: 441 drug overdoses
  *As of May 7, 2018*
Hitting the Streets
2017 in Review

• 2,986 total visits by QRT to 907 individuals
  Barberton/Norton had 758 visits
  Cuyahoga Falls had 592 visits
  Akron City had over 800 visits

• 330 (36%) entered treatment through ADM Board Services
Quick Facts for QRT

- 72% of the clients who received treatment were seen for Opiate Use Disorders

- Average number of days for clients to be seen for an assessment was 3.6 days

- 90% of clients that entered treatment received assessments through the ADM Addiction Helpline
Key Components

• Going into city jails to engage individuals into treatment

• Wearing plain clothes while going out into the community
Open Conversation
Continuous Collaboration

- QRT Quarterly Meetings
- Quarterly Meetings with Counselors
Branching Out

- Providing outreach to individuals that may be impacted by other Substance Use Disorders
Providing Resources
Families Impacted

addiction IS A FAMILY AFFAIR
Goals for the Future

• To include mental health resources
• Referrals to be proactive
• Coordinate trainings to provide emerging trends
• Distribute DAWN kits on visits with all teams
Thank You!

Questions?
Comments?
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