

Prescription Drug Abuse Task Force Action Plan 2016-2019 Highlights 2016-2017



Goal: Decrease opioid abuse

Objective: Decrease mortality from opioid overdoses in Knox County. *OA 1**

Progress/Highlights

- Task Force partners formed Naloxone Collaborative with first responders to expand number of organizations carrying and administering the overdose antidote naloxone (*OA.2*)
- Task Force partners organized five drug take-back events in 2016, collecting and destroying 1,056 pounds of medications (*OA.6*)
- Task Force partners are helping support a statewide campaign for safe drug storage and disposal

Objective: Decrease the amount of legally dispensed opioid drugs in Knox County. *OA 2*

Progress/Highlights

- Metro Drug Coalition trained 149 medical providers in 2016 on using simple screening tools for substance abuse with patients (*OA.10*)
- Task Force partners trained 244 medical providers in 2016 on required reporting of opioid prescriptions, and implementing official guidelines for chronic pain management (*OA.11*)

Objective: Decrease the number of babies born with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) in Knox County. *OA 3*

Progress/Highlights

- Metro Drug Coalition is part of the statewide Born Drug Free Tennessee campaign to raise awareness of NAS (*OA.16*)
- Task Force partners successfully advocated the state legislature to allow 2016 sunset of law allowing addicted mothers to be charged with assault if their baby was born with NAS (*OA.18*)

*Letters and numbers in italics refer to an internal performance metric system.

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