

# PLYMOUTH COUNTY OUTREACH

The latest news and updates on overdose related incidents in Plymouth County, MA and how law enforcement and public health officials are tackling this opioid epidemic in real-time.

### OVERDOSE STATISTICS 1/1/19 - 1/31/19:



105 incidents



36 successful home visits\* he outreach team made contact with a SUD, family/friend or both.



84% non-fatal

10% fatal

6% at-risk\*

\*A loved one reported this individual due to concern of potential overdose.

56% of the individuals PCO followed up with accepted some form of treatment

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

## **CARVER Substance Use Prevention Training for Trade Workers**





If you specialize in a trade and are interested or willing to learn more about overdose prevention and Narcan, join The Brockton Area Prevention Collaborative for a FREE one hour training in Carver this month. RSVP at https://trades-training-carver.eventbrite.com

#### **PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE:**

## HIV Statewide Advisory Alert



The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) has detected an increase in newly diagnosed HIV infections among persons who inject drugs (PWID) in multiple areas across the Commonwealth. Recent HIV transmission is evidenced by several new cases diagnosed during the acute stage of HIV infection. The primary risk factor reported among identified cases is injection drug use (IDU). Injectable substances linked to this outbreak include heroin, fentanyl, and methamphetamine.

Find your local Syringe Program: https://www.mass.gov/syringe-service-programs

#### **PCO SPOTLIGHT:**

Starting March 1st, Wareham District Court will be opening the County's fourth Drug Court. This Drug Court will be overseen by the Honorable Therese M. Wright. Drug courts provide intensive, supervised probation and mandatory treatment, as well as random drug testing with progress monitored by a supervising probation officer. The court works with treatment providers, which provide clinical assessments, develop and monitor treatment placements, and identify ancillary counseling, case management and outreach services.