

# 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 7/01/2022 - 7/31/2022



141 incidents



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



53% non-fatal

6% fatal

41% at-risk\*

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

## INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY (IAOD)



August 31st is International Overdose Awareness Day, a global event that aims to raise awareness of overdose fatalities, reduce the stigma of drug related deaths and acknowledge the grief felt by the family and loved ones. This is a day to remember and honor those we've lost to overdose. If you or anyone you know could benefit from grief support services during this difficult month, please reach out through any of our social media or our website to be connected with our Peer Grief Support Specialist.

#### **OVERDOSE VIGIL**



The Brockton Area Prevention Collaborative with their partner coaltions: Brockton Mayor's Opioid Overdose Prevention Coalition, Bridging LIVES, EB Hope, Rockland CARES and Whitman Hanson WILL are hosting their Annual Overdose Vigil by Candlelight on Tuesday August 30, 2022 on the Quad at Massasoit Community College in Brockton. Resources will be available beginning at 6PM with the program starting at 7PM. A rain date is scheduled for August 31st at the same time and same place. There will be resources, speakers, music and a memorial slideshow. Come join your community and heal through honoring those we have lost. If you would like to submit a photograph of your loved one to be included in this year's memorial slideshow, please send to photo.vigil@gmail.com by 8/16. You are also welcome to submit your loved one's story 'beyond their addiction' to the same email address in effort to raise awareness to the community, reduce stigma and honor our loved ones.

### **PCO IAOD PROJECTS**



In 2020 and 2021, PCO worked with a group of individuals who had lost loved ones to overdose. Each individual shared the story of their loved one, either through writing or on video. Our hope with these stories was to reduce the stigma around fatal overdoses, share the parts of these individual's lives outside of their use, and honor them. To read or watch these stories, visit our website at www.plymouthcountyoutreach.org