C.A.A.R.E.
Cops Assisting Addiction Recovery
Greenfield Police Department

"As a nation, we are losing far too many lives due to the current opioid abuse crisis. This is a situation that demands immediate and persistent action." — National Heroin Task Force Final Report and Recommendations.

Greenfield Prior to C.A.A.R.E
The Greenfield Police Department strives to reflect the community it serves, and is one of the most progressive and innovative law enforcement agencies in Milwaukee County. Our Department continually works to efficiently deliver service, develop new programs, and effectively combat crime and disorder in our city.

Greenfield Prior to C.A.A.R.E

- 2009 a Police Detective assigned to investigate/monitor second hand dealers
- Began solving a high volume of thefts and burglaries
- Common theme was the offender was known to the victim
- The offender was struggling with addiction
- He then started an informal deferred prosecution program with our MJC
- Relied on family and friends to make arrangements for treatment

Greenfield Prior to C.A.A.R.E

Numerous Issues
- Very informal
- No follow up with treatment providers
- Relied on the family for updates on status
- ONLY ONE OFFICER INVOLVED IN PROGRAM = MANY MISSED OPPORTUNITIES
Why Change Our Approach?

Milwaukee County Opiate Related Deaths

- 2012

144
Milwaukee County Opiate Related Deaths

181

Milwaukee County Opiate Related Deaths

220

Milwaukee County Opiate Related Deaths

231
Why Change Our Approach?

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Scope of the Problem
- Nearly half the counties in Wisconsin are at or over the national average
- In Milwaukee County, the death rate for heroin and opiate overdose is 26 per 100,000 – nearly twice the national average
- In Greenfield, the death rate is 14 per 100,000.
- Contact with 400 - 500 known addicts each year

Impact
Treatment Through Incarceration?

- Approximately 90% of individuals that struggle with addiction relapse within 30 days of release
- Those 90% are twice as likely to overdose
- Most are released to a lack of social support and have difficulty getting into treatment

Why Law Enforcement?

- We are closest to the problem
- We are problem solvers
- We got into this job to help people
- Saves lives
- Reduces crime
C.A.A.R.E. Program

- Cops Assisting Addiction Recovery.
- Assignment of a C.A.A.R.E. Officer to:
  - Assist in selection of treatment program
  - Liaison with treatment partner
  - Liaison with family
  - Assist with obtaining insurance
  - Assist with transport

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C.A.A.R.E. Program

- Formalized January 1st, 2016
- Partnership with the P.A.A.R.I. program in Gloucester, MA

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Goals of C.A.A.R.E. Program

- Save lives
- Reduce crime
- Connect those struggling with addiction with treatment providers
- Path to recovery without fear of arrest/prosecution
- Build community trust & legitimacy
C.A.A.R.E. Program

- NO COST to the participant
- Established relationships with treatment providers
  - “Front of the line” access
  - Reduced pricing
  - Funding through asset forfeiture and donations

No Excuses!

- Local treatment providers
- Transportation
- Financial
- Insurance

Entry Into C.A.A.R.E. Program

- Voluntary admission
- Referral
- Law Enforcement contact
- Arrest
Voluntary Admission

- Individual contacts PD looking for help.
- PD reaches out to known users.
  - Option of turning in heroin/opiates (no arrest)
  - Screened into C.A.A.R.E program
  - Taken to detox/hospital
  - Given referral date

Referral

- Individual contacts PD looking for assistance for friend/family member.
- On-line anonymous referral option.
- Municipal Court
- Probation and Parole
- Currently limited to residents & prior school attendees (per policy)
- C.A.A.R.E officer reaches out to individual

Law Enforcement Contact

- Officers have contact with an individual and learn of opiate use.
  - Calls for service
  - Traffic stops
  - Investigations (no PC for arrest)
  - Overdose (no evidence of crime)
Criminal Incident

- Subject is arrested for or suspected of a non-violent crime.
  - Or
- Response to an overdose event.

Arrest

- Municipal Offense
  - Arrest/Booking
  - Screening into CAARE
  - Charges withheld pending program completion.
- Criminal Offense
  - Arrest/Booking
  - Screened into CAARE
  - Victim consent
  - Charges withheld / DPA or Diversion

Financial Assistance

- Free or reduced cost treatment from CAARE providers
- Affordable Care Act (parental coverage to age 26/27)
- Assistance with sign-up for ACA
Not Just A Greenfield Problem?

- 64,000 drug overdose deaths in 2016
- At least 382 drug overdose deaths in Mil. Co. in 2017
- 44 overdoses in Greenfield in 2017
- 3 overdose deaths in Greenfield in 2017
- Of the 3 deaths, 1 pills, 1 heroin, and 1 from fentanyl.

Treatment Reduces Crime

- CAARE Participant
  - Addicted to prescription opiates.
  - 22 - 30mg Percocet DAILY
  - Needed to commit three burglaries a day to support his addiction.
  - 30 days inpatient X zero burglaries
  - 30 days sober X zero burglaries
Treatment Reduces Crime

- CAARE Participant
  - 20 yoa - addicted six years
  - Best friend O.D. (death)
  - Addicted to heroin
  - HS friend’s mother sold pills
  - Multiple rehab attempts
  - Thefts from friends & family

Is Our Approach Working?

- Graph showing Total U.S. Drug Deaths over time.

Is C.A.A.R.E Working?

- Bar chart showing Greenfield Stats with years and data.

WCPA/WPLF 2016 Winter Conference

4/5/2018
Why Change Our Approach?
C.A.A.R.E. Statistics
- 47 Entered the program.
- 78 Additional referrals for treatment for individuals that did not qualify.
- 7 Successes!
- Numerous other police agencies in the state have begun to change the way that they are dealing with this epidemic and modeling programs after ours/PAARI.
- $68 spent on giving people a chance!

Lessons Learned
- Initially too soft - must be direct
- Users can be master manipulators
- Managing family can be more difficult than managing addicted individuals
- Families are enablers
2018 GOALS FOR C.A.A.R.E

- Continue to help as many people as possible.
- Stay in contact with those that have participated.
- Encourage families of those struggling to join support groups.
- Add drug counselors to Greenfield and Whitnall School Districts.
- Promote our program in the community.
- Partnered up with ARC and now able to provide Narcan to those in the program.

They Key To Our Success

Greenfield During C.A.A.R.E
CARS
Community Access To Recovery Services
Supportive community-based services for persons with a severe and persistent mental illness and/or who have been affected by alcohol or other drug abuse. Approximately 7,000 are being people served at any given time.

Eligibility
- Milwaukee county resident
- Age 18-59

Target populations/priority status
- Substance Use Disorder
- Pregnant women
- IV drug user
CARS

Serves individuals and families whose lives have been affected by alcohol or other drug use. Goal is to eliminate barriers to successful treatment and recovery.

Provider Network Services include:
- Outpatient and Day Treatment
- Residential Treatment
- Care Coordination
- Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)
- Detoxification
- Recovery Support Services

Access for treatment and recovery support services starts with a comprehensive alcohol and drug abuse screen.

- IMPACT
- 6737 W. Washington Street
- Suite 2225
- 414-649-4380

First come, first serve Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 4:30 pm.
Screenings may take approximately 2 hours

After the screen...
- Client chooses a service provider that suit the needs and preferences of the individual
- IMPACT staff schedule 1st appointment and authorize services
- Client leaves with 1st appointment for clinical, recovery support services and/or recovery support coordination