Mercer County Overdose Prevention Workgroup



Community Behavior Assessment in Relation to Opioid Use Disorder and Opioid Related Overdoses

Baseline Survey of the Community

The mission of the Mercer County Overdose Prevention Workgroup is to collaborate to reduce overdose deaths in Mercer county. The following survey will help the Mercer County Overdose Prevention Workgroup understand the amount or type of stigma currently reflected in the attitudes and behaviors of members in our county. Your answers from this survey will be kept confidential. We value your input and the information gathered from all completed surveys will be presented as a compilation of data which will assist the workgroup in identifying specific areas of need regarding further education on Opioid Use Disorder and Opioid Related Overdoses.

Website Link:

https://pitt.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV 6nHWNr1cDbxSsPX QR Code:



A. Background

A.1 Please indicate the date of survey:
MM/DD/YYYY
A.2 Please indicate your age: 18-24 25-34 35-44 45-54 55-64 75+
A.3 Please indicate your gender: Male Female Non-binary/third gender Prefer to self-describe: Prefer not to answer
A.4 Please indicate your race: American Indian or Alaskan Native Asian/Pacific Islander Black/African American Hispanic White/Caucasian Other
A.5 Please indicate your highest completed level of education: ☐ Some High School ☐ High school or GED ☐ Some College ☐ Associate's Degree ☐ Bachelor's Degree ☐ Master's Degree ☐ Doctorate Degree
A.6 Please indicate if you currently have or previously had a substance use disorder: ☐ Yes ☐ No
A.7 Please indicate if someone you know currently has or previously had a substance use disorder ☐ Yes ☐ If yes, please indicate your relationship: ☐ No
A.8 Please indicate your occupation:
A.9 Please indicate your zip code:

B. Glossary

Abstinence Based Therapy: A treatment approach that promotes the individual completely refrain from using all substances including Medication Assisted Treatment.¹

Administer: to provide or apply.²

Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT): Treatment for opioid use disorder combining the use of medications (methadone, buprenorphine, or naltrexone) with counseling and behavioral therapies.³

Naloxone (Narcan®): is a medication approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to prevent overdose by opioids such as heroin, morphine, and oxycodone. It blocks opioid receptor sites, reversing the toxic effects of the overdose.⁴

Overdose: Injury to the body that happens when a drug is taken in excessive amounts. An overdose can be fatal or non-fatal.⁵

Prescription Opioid: medications that can be used to treat moderate-to-severe pain and are often prescribed following surgery or injury, or for health conditions such as cancer.⁶

Substance Use Disorder: disorder caused by the recurrent use of alcohol and/or drugs causes clinically and functionally significant impairment, such as health problems, disability, and failure to meet major responsibilities at work, school, or home.⁷

Viable: capable of working, functioning, or developing adequately.8

¹ Mercer County Working Group

² https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/administer

³ https://www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose/opioids/index.html

⁴ https://www.samhsa.gov/medication-assisted-treatment/treatment/naloxone

⁵ https://www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose/opioids/index.html

⁶ https://www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose/opioids/prescribed.html

⁷ https://www.samhsa.gov/disorders/substance-use

⁸ https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/viable

C. Attitudes in the Community

Please indicate the degree to which you agree with the following statements:

	1				5
		2	3	4	_
Attitude	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Uncertain	Agree	Strongly Agree
C.1 If a person is addicted to a	Disagree	Disagree	Officertain	Agree	Agree
prescription opioid*, they can					
stop using it if they really want					
to.					
C.2 An individual with a substance					
use disorder* is irresponsible.					
C.3 Increasing access and utilization					
of naloxone* is a good solution					
to the current opioid epidemic.					
C.4 Increasing access and utilization					
of naloxone* provides					
individuals with a substance					
use disorder* an excuse to					
continue use.					
C.5 Substance use disorder*					
treatment is very effective.					
C.6 Anyone can become addicted to					
pain medications.					
C.7 An individual with a substance					
use disorder* is selfish.					
C.8 I would willingly live in the					
same neighborhood as an					
individual with a substance use					
disorder*.					
C.9 I would willingly administer*					
naloxone* to a stranger in any					
overdose* situation.					
C.10 Naloxone* should be					
administered* to every					
individual who is experiencing					
an overdose*, every time.					
C.11 Substance use disorders* only					
affects individuals with low					
incomes.					
C.12 An overdose* related to					
prescription opioids* is the					
same as an overdose* related to					
heroin.					
C.13 I can easily spot an individual					
in my community with a					
substance use disorder*.					
C.14 Substance use disorders* only					
affect certain races.					

	1				5
	Strongly	2	3	4	Strongly
Attitude	Disagree	Disagree	Uncertain	Agree	Agree
C.15 A substance use disorder* is a					
real illness.					
C.16 I would be embarrassed to tell					
people that someone close to					
me has a substance use					
disorder*.					
C.17 Medication Assisted					
Treatment* (i.e. Methadone,					
Suboxone, Vivitrol) is a viable* form of treatment for substance					
use disorder*.					
C.18 If I thought my friend had a					
substance use disorder* I would					
stay away from them.					
C.19 Individuals with a substance					
use disorder* are likely to be					
dangerous.					
C.20 An individual with a substance					
use disorder* should have the					
same right to a job as anyone					
else.					
C.21 It is important for individuals					
with a substance use disorder*					
to be part of a supportive					
community.					
C.22 Substance use disorders* only					
affect adults.					
C.23 It is more important to spend					
money on treating conditions					
like diabetes and heart disease					
instead of substance use disorders*.					
C.24 Abstinence based therapy* is					
the only successful form of					
treatment for substance use					
disorders*.					
C.25 Using words like 'addict',					
'junkie', and 'abuser' are					
harmless. No one gets hurt.					
C. 26 There should be a limit to how					
many times an individual can					
receive naloxone* for an					
overdose*.					
C.27 If a person is addicted to					
heroin, they can stop using					
whenever they want.					

Attitude	1 Strongly Disagree	2 Disagree	3 Uncertain	4 Agree	5 Strongly Agree
C.28 Individuals who receive rehabilitation or treatment will use or overdose* again.					
C.29 Please provide comments:					

Thank you.