

VISION

What we aspire to be

We aspire to be the primary partner for coordinating, implementing and promoting opiate prevention, treatment, harm reduction, education and recovery resources in Stark County communities.

MISSION

What we intend to accomplish

We strive to save lives and promote community recovery through the sustainable reduction of opiate misuse and abuse.

VALUES

How we will work together

- Believe in recovery
- Act with respect and compassion toward all
- Encourage collaboration, innovation and alignment of efforts
- Value the diverse perspectives of our members
- Focus on community efforts and stigma reduction
- Emphasize the importance of prevention and education
- Advocate for addiction awareness and resource access

PURPOSE

Our impact on the community

To maximize and coordinate resources and encourage a cohesive approach to community recovery

The Stark County Opiate Task Force was created in December 2011 to address the increasing public health concern regarding opiates. Comprised of individuals from a variety of community organizations, the Task Force is designed to bring people and resources together from all sectors of the community to develop and pursue goals and strategies.

If interested in learning more about the Opiate Task Force visit starkmhar.org/prevention-resources/opiate-task-force/

Meetings open to the public

3rd Friday of the month
StarkMHAR offices
11:30am-1:00pm



A graphic for the Opiate Hotline. It features a blue background with a red and white life preserver icon on the left. A red banner at the top right says "CONFIDENTIAL. 24/7." The text "Opiate Hotline" is in large white font, with "330-454-HELP (4357)" below it. At the bottom, a red banner says "Stark County Access, Referral & Family Education."

Stark County Opiate Task Force

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Strategic Plan
2018-2020

Strategic Priorities

	Education	Community Partnerships	Innovation	Data	Advocacy
DESIRED OUTCOMES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased awareness of the current environment with respect to opiates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Determine what resources are needed - Develop/acquire resources as needed to fill gaps • Decreased stigma • Increased awareness of the role of the task force • Provide regular, proactive and aligned community updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assess current Opiate-related resources/programs and how they are communicated • Increased awareness of available resources (including training) and targeted audiences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop and implement training/communication strategy including specific audiences (law enforcement, health care, general community, employers) • Knowledge and education of treatment/preventive measures • Increased awareness of addiction as a disease and recovery is possible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greater awareness and coordination of available resources throughout Stark County <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establish inventory of Opiate related community partners resources in Stark County • Increased communication between task force and community groups • Specific groups targeted for awareness • Increased support from partners/alliances within the community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop strategy to engage comprehensive group of community partners in Task Force activities • Increased education and engagement with employers in supporting recovery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop strategy to engage area employers in supporting recovery efforts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable, adaptive and/or alternative approaches to prevention, harm reduction, treatment and education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establish processes for identifying and communicating best practices • Increased awareness and collaboration with other County Task Forces <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establish networking/outreach strategy for connecting to other County Task Forces • Forum for seeking solutions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identifying areas for improved outcomes • Forum for sharing and supporting innovative practices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measurable outcomes for task force activities • Increased access to data <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Create inventory of current data sources/needs • County-wide dashboard that compiles and integrates different data sources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop strategy for collecting, integrating, sharing and using data • Consistent benchmarks for comparison <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establish benchmarks/baselines for assessing impact and identifying areas of focus • Identified areas for improvement • Ability to justify resources and services surrounding the opiate issue • Demonstrated impact on individual and community recovery 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction of stigma surrounding addiction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assess local awareness of and perspectives on the crisis • Consistent voice/perspective to community leaders, businesses and community members concerning addiction • Guidelines and standards for quality treatment options <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establish and communicate standards for vetting potential providers • Advocacy for the needs of those affected by the disease of addiction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop strategy to support advocacy efforts on behalf of those affected by addiction • Advocacy for the importance of services to support prevention, treatment, harm reduction and recovery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop guiding principles for opiate prevention, treatment, education and recovery - Identify needs and resources for ongoing Task Force support