



Mental Health Services Quarterly Report

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Cook County Health – Cook County Department of Public Health

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CCDPH Behavioral Health

Our role: convene, connect, support



- Meet urgent needs
 - Naloxone distribution, mental health helpline expansion
- Advance systems change
 - Monitor and support legislation
- Convene and coordinate suburban partners
 - SCC Opioid and Substance Use Advisory Council
 - CCH Trauma-Informed Task Force
- Conduct data analysis and share results with stakeholders
 - Joint opioid mortality reports with Chicago DPH
 - Comprehensive opioid report on trends by race/ethnicity, geography, sex, and age
- Secure resources for suburban initiatives
 - Opioid grants, COVID-19 response funds



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CCDPH Response

Naloxone Outcomes



Law enforcement officers in Harvey watching a naloxone training video

- Naloxone training & distribution
 - Priority law enforcement agencies
 - 15 agencies trained
 - 475 kits distributed
 - Community orgs
 - 7 organizations trained
 - 108 kits distributed
 - 18 reported uses of naloxone (22 kits used)



CCDPH Response

Deflection Outcomes

- Deflection routes people with substance use disorders to treatment as an alternative to incarceration.
- Between March and September 2021, TASC outreach specialists have:
 - Worked with 27 clients
 - Referred 3 clients to treatment
- It takes time to build trust with clients and to be ready for treatment
 - Outreach workers must address basic needs for housing and food first
 - Many clients are traumatized by previous treatment experiences

