

Naloxboxes

Plymouth School Committee Presentation
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Introductions

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General Overview

- The Plymouth Youth Development Collaborative (PYDC) was created in 2004 and functions as a part of Plymouth Public Schools
- This group includes a variety of key sectors within the community of Plymouth who have an interest in reducing substance use among young people
- Since the inception of PYDC, the Plymouth Police Department has been a great partner in supporting PYDC based initiatives
- Since the inception of Plymouth County Outreach, their staff has continued to help support PYDC
- Today's presentation will focus on learning about **Naloxboxes** which will be installed within every building at Plymouth Public Schools free of cost thanks to our partnership with PCO



Health Services Perspective

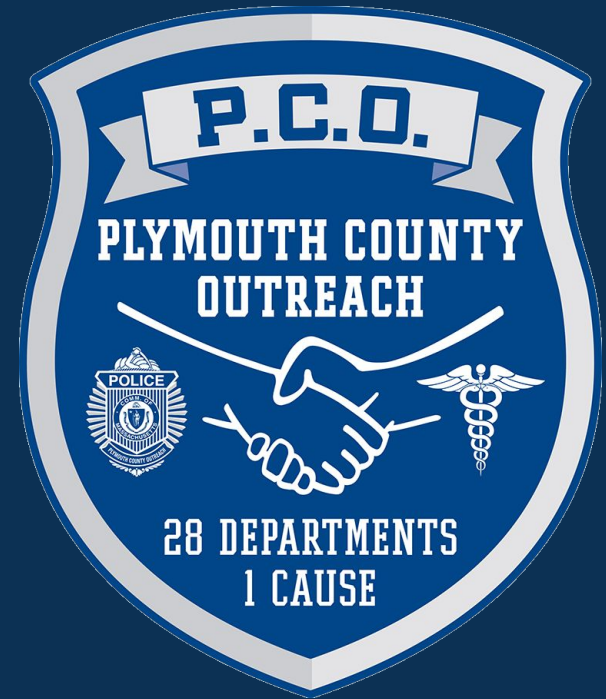
- Community Collaboration
- Public Health and Safety
 - Emergency Preparedness
- Raising Public Awareness
- Nursing Perspective

Vicky Butler is the Executive Director of Plymouth County Outreach (PCO). In her position she works with Plymouth County law enforcement to identify gaps in service and implement new programming to meet the needs of the community, break down barriers to care, and prevent fatal overdoses. As a national mentor site leader, she aids police departments across the country looking to implement programs like PCO in their own jurisdictions.

Plymouth County Outreach has been an invaluable partner to Plymouth Public Schools. We are grateful to Vicky and her staff for their support in community initiatives and the PYDC coalition, providing staff training, and directly supporting students and families around the substance use continuum.



Plymouth County Outreach (PCO) is a multi-faceted collaboration of the 27 municipal police departments in Plymouth County, as well as Bridgewater State University Police Department, the district attorney's office & the sheriffs department, working together with Recovery Coaches and community organizations and coalitions to make treatment, resources, and harm reduction tools more accessible to individuals who use drugs and their loved ones. Our goal is to provide compassionate, judgment-free support while reducing overdose fatalities.



What We Do

POST
OVERDOSE
OUTREACH

GRIEF
SUPPORT

HARM
REDUCTION

AT RISK
REFERRALS

HOT SPOT
OUTREACH

TRAINING &
EDUCATION

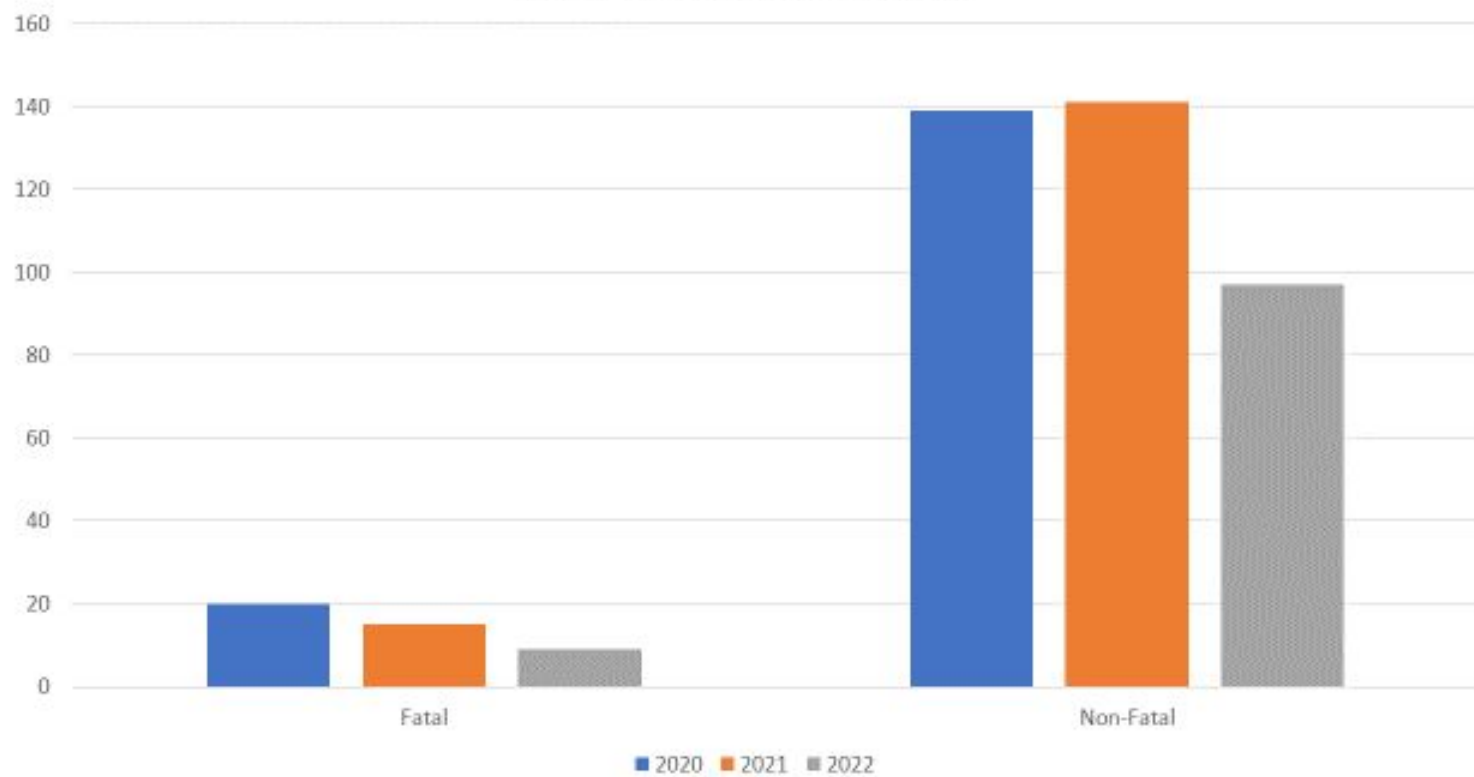
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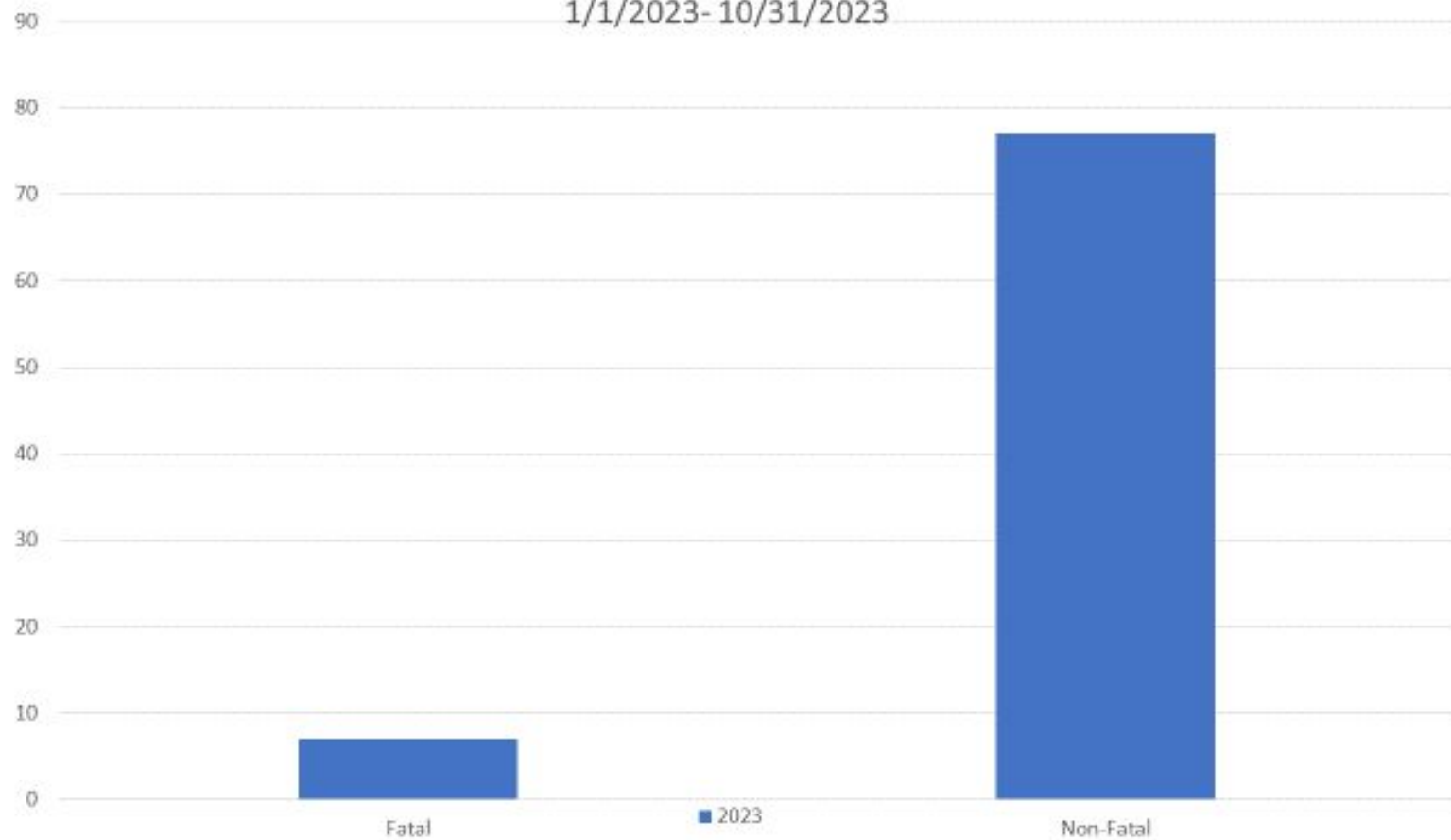
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INTERVENTION

RE-ENTRY
PARTNERSHIP
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Plymouth Overdose Data
1/1-12/31 | 2020, 2021, 2022

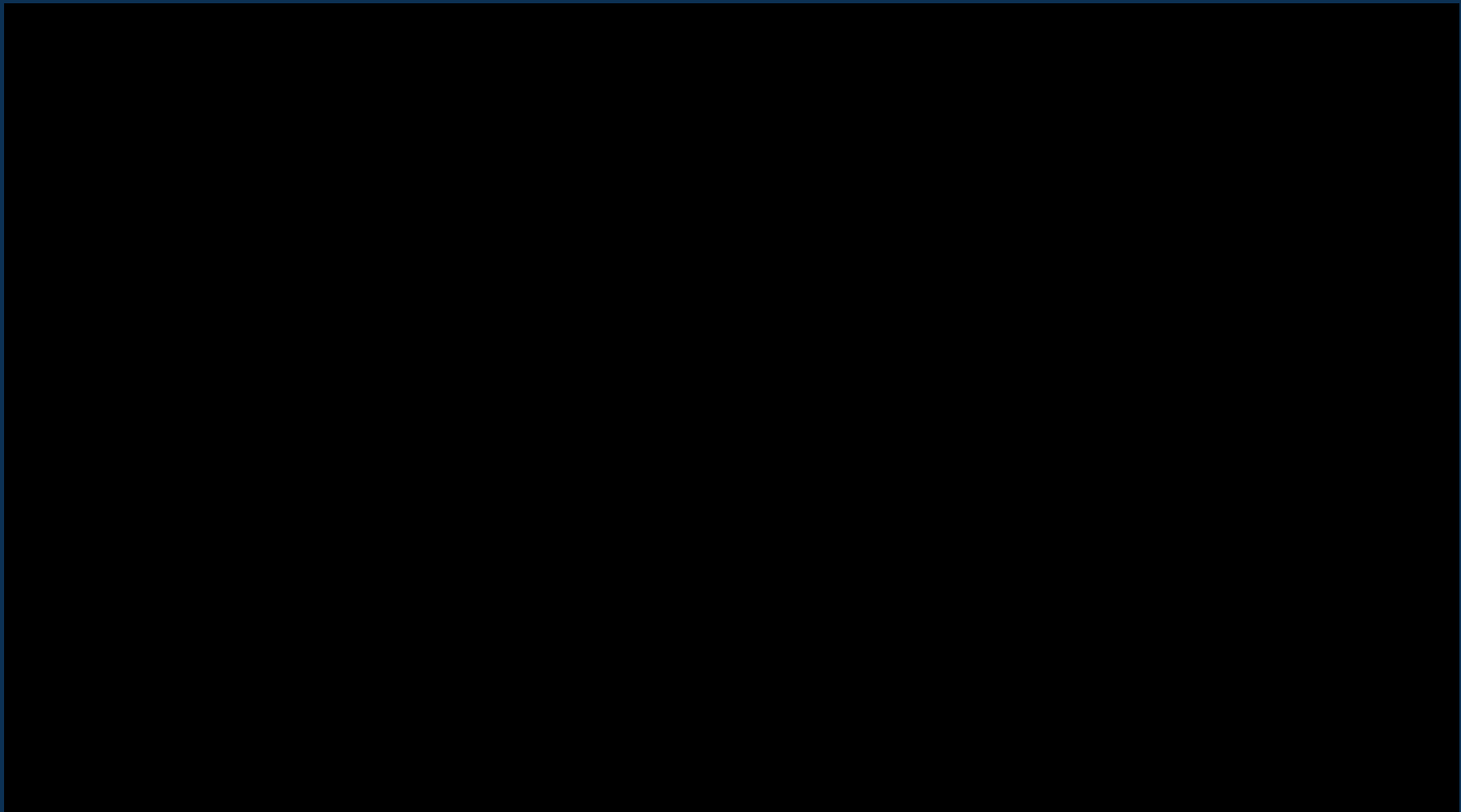


Plymouth Overdose Data
1/1/2023- 10/31/2023



Why is this important?

- Plymouth has consistently been the second 'hardest hit' community in Plymouth County behind the city of Brockton and before the town of Wareham
- Plymouth has recorded overdoses of individuals between 13 and 90 years old with the 'hardest hit' age range being 30-39 which we know to be prime parenting ages
- Between 1/1/16 and 11/8/23 there has been a total of 63 overdose incidents involving individuals ages 19 and under
- Data trends show an increase in non-opioid substances being laced with fentanyl which means people may think they're buying/taking one thing but what they're getting is something completely different





NALOXBOX

What is a Naloxbox?

- A Naloxbox hangs on the wall and includes Narcan, a breathing barrier & instructions on how to respond
- Decreases stigma & shame while increasing access
- Creates opportunities for conversation
 - A student seeing the box day after day may give them the courage they need to connect with a trusted school employee to discuss their own struggles or the struggles of a loved one
- Plymouth County Outreach has placed 70 boxes throughout Plymouth County
 - Noticed a reduction in stigma in the places we do have these boxes and the convos that come from them



Good Samaritan Law

The Massachusetts Good Samaritan Law protects the individual who experienced an overdose and those who seek help during an overdose. The law provides legal protection from arrest, charge, and prosecution for obtaining, possessing, using, being under the influence, or administering Naloxone/Narcan for an opioid overdose.

Exceptions to the Law:

- Enough of a substance to be considered trafficking
- Warrants
- Weapons

Questions?