

Overdose Fatality Review (OFR)

Cuyahoga County Board of Health (CCBH) Overdose Data to Action (OD2A) Initiative
Highlights from OD2A Year One (September, 2019 - August, 2020)



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The Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office (CCMEO) created the OFR committee in 2013 when deaths by overdose began to increase in Cuyahoga County. Meetings were put on hold in 2016, but the committee resumed in 2019 due to the availability of OD2A funding.

OFR cases are selected based on emerging trends in the overdose epidemic or re-occurring system gaps, identified by CCMEO or other committee members.

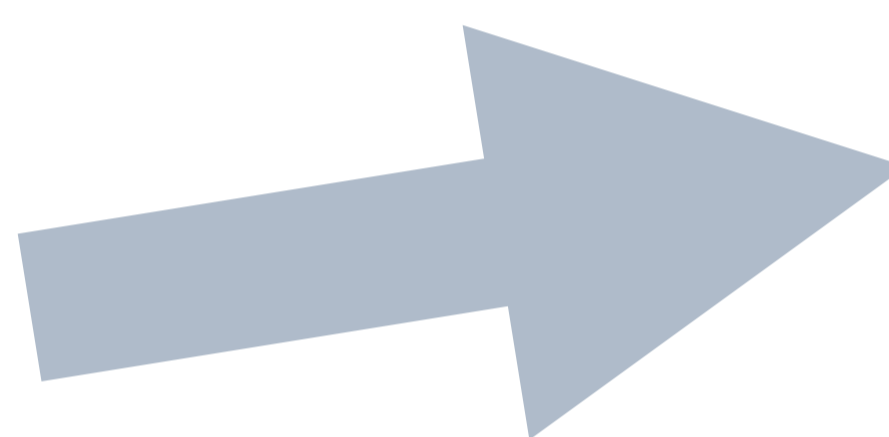
OFR Committee Membership

- Cuyahoga County Board of Health (CCBH)
- Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office (CCMEO)
- Cleveland Department of Public Health
- Department of Child and Family Services (DCFS)
- Case Western Reserve University, Begun Center
- Cuyahoga County Drug Court
- Alcohol Drug Addiction and Mental Health (ADAMHS)
- MetroHealth Medical Center
- St. Vincent Charity Medical Center
- Westshore Enforcement Bureau Task Force
- Cleveland Division of Police

Cases Reviewed



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OFR Successes



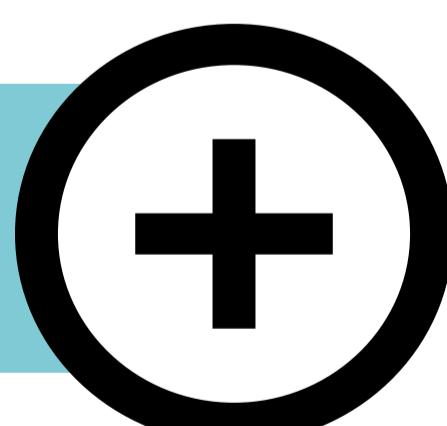
Connected DCFS with Project DAWN (Deaths Avoided with Naloxone) to provide information, including pamphlets, to families



Recommended law enforcement be trained in the Drug Endangered Children education series through the National Alliance for Drug endangered children



The Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) specialist from the ADAMHS Board finalized and piloted a script for interviewing family members of decedents to gain insight on possible intervention points



Connected with hotels and motels to provide Project DAWN education and Narcan kits



The ADAMHS Board provided an education series to attorneys, judges and others involved in the drug court referral process regarding bias in referrals to drug court

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