

# REVIVE! NEWSLETTER

OPIOID OVERDOSE REVERSAL FOR VIRGINIA

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## REVIVE! TRAINING UPDATES



Chief Craig Branch, REVIVE! Law Enforcement Master Trainer with Germanna Community College Police Department, is training the Louisa County Sheriff's Office in REVIVE! Law Enforcement Rescue.

REVIVE! has been busy over the past few months! From February through July, we have added **1224** Lay Rescuers, **339** Lay Rescuer Trainers, **65** Law Enforcement Agencies, and **15** Master Trainers! While this has been quite an accomplishment, the number of opioid overdoses in Virginia continues to rise, making our efforts more important now than ever. It is humbling and inspiring to see the amazing work that is being done through combined efforts of all parties involved with the REVIVE! program. We are grateful to be involved with such an amazing group of volunteers and stakeholders who carry this program out into the communities that need it most and support the combined efforts throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. We look forward to continuing to lead the REVIVE! efforts and are interested in any feedback, comments, or news from our readers. Please send your information to Amira Turner at [revive@dbhds.virginia.gov](mailto:revive@dbhds.virginia.gov).

Amira Turner, REVIVE! Coordinator

## 2017 TRAININGS

As mentioned in the last newsletter, REVIVE! Trainings of Trainer events were offered across the state in an effort to increase the reach of the trainings. Community Training of Trainer events took place in Lynchburg, Clarksville, Williamsburg, Virginia Beach, Fairfax, Christiansburg, Richmond, and Greene. With the help of the REVIVE! Master trainer and Lay Rescuer trainer network, I am confident that trainings will be available to everyone in need. VDH's Office of Health Equity has made naloxone available to REVIVE! training participants in rural communities throughout Virginia to counter the barriers that these communities face in acquiring the life-saving medication. As a result of their support, Naloxone made its way into the hands of nearly 200 individuals who may not have had the means to obtain it otherwise. In addition, several local health departments are now supplying naloxone to training participants. In an attempt to make naloxone more accessible in our communities, the Virginia Department of Health will be dispensing Narcan Nasal Spray at no cost to those in need through the local health departments. There are two ways this is being accomplished:

1. In conjunction with REVIVE! trainings: This requires REVIVE! trainers to **collaborate with their health departments on scheduling the training** at a time when someone from the health department is available to dispense the medication at the event. See the REVIVE! website for the list of community training sites that are offering Narcan Nasal Spray to training participants.

2. On a walk-in basis: For this option, individuals should **call the health department in advance** to make sure a staff member who is able to dispense the medication is on-site when the individual at need plans on going in.

Please contact your local health department to coordinate efforts to make Narcan Nasal Spray available in your county.

## RAM 2017

Last year, three Remote Area Medical (RAM) clinics incorporated REVIVE! trainings into their events. As a result, over 800 individuals were trained in REVIVE! Lay Rescuer Training, 571 units of Narcan Nasal Spray were dispensed, and 146 Deterra Drug Disposal Pouches were distributed. This year, REVIVE! trainings will be incorporated into five Remote Area Medical events and naloxone will be provided at no charge to participants: Smyth, Emporia, Wise, Lee, and Grundy. To date, **369** individuals attended REVIVE! training through the Wise RAM, **165** were trained at the Smyth RAM, and **126** at Emporia RAM, totaling **660** individuals who received both training and naloxone at these events! This is all thanks to the hard work of DBHDS's Michele Thomas who has coordinated with each RAM site and the student groups who are volunteering their time to help with such an important event! Sarah Melton and her pharmacy students from Eastern Tennessee State University will be providing trainings at the events in the SW region, and VCU's School of Pharmacy will be providing trainings to individuals at the Emporia RAM. THANK YOU to everyone who is assisting with this project and the important work that is being done to make trainings and naloxone available to those in need!

## **NEW 2017 NALOXONE DISPENSING AT TRAININGS §54.1-3408**

A person who is authorized by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to train individuals on the administration of naloxone for use in opioid overdose reversal and who is acting on behalf of an organization that provides services to individuals at risk of experiencing an opioid overdose or training in the administration of naloxone for overdose reversal and that has obtained a controlled substances registration from the Board of Pharmacy pursuant to § 54.1-3423 may dispense naloxone to a person who has completed a training program on the administration of naloxone for opioid overdose reversal approved by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, provided that such dispensing is:

- (i) pursuant to a standing order issued by a prescriber,
- (ii) in accordance with protocols developed by the Board of Pharmacy in consultation with the Board of Medicine and the Department of Health, and
- (iii) without charge or compensation. The dispensing may occur at a site other than that of the controlled substance registration provided the entity possessing the controlled substances registration maintains records in accordance with regulations of the Board of Pharmacy.

A person to whom naloxone has been dispensed pursuant to this subsection may possess naloxone and may administer naloxone to a person who is believed to be experiencing or about to experience a life-threatening opioid overdose. Click [HERE](#) for a quick start guide. Contact the Board of Pharmacy to apply for Controlled Substance Registration: [Caroline.juran@dhp.virginia.gov](mailto:Caroline.juran@dhp.virginia.gov).

Congratulations to the Chris Atwood Foundation for being the first agency to successfully implement dispensing Naloxone at their trainings!



### **ANONYMOUS NALOXONE ADMINISTRATION SURVEY**

In order to demonstrate program success and to acquire help in securing future funding for REVIVE!, we have a link available for lay rescuers to report administration of Naloxone. This survey is completely anonymous and is only shared in aggregate form. Please use this link any time you administer Naloxone and encourage others to do the same: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/REVIVEVA>.

### **KEEP DBHDS UPDATED!**

We are working on increasing our online presence, including keeping a current listing of all upcoming training events. Once you schedule a training event, please email [revive@dbhds.virginia.gov](mailto:revive@dbhds.virginia.gov) so we can add it to the website.

### **TRAININGS ARE BEING SCHEDULED NOW!**

If you're interested in becoming a Lay Rescuer Master Trainer, Lay Rescuer Trainer, or Lay Rescuer as part of REVIVE!, please email [revive@dbhds.virginia.gov](mailto:revive@dbhds.virginia.gov). Plans are being made to host trainings across Virginia, so don't miss out! Please pass along the word to all your family members, friends and colleagues who may be interested. Training events and other information are posted on our website. Click [here](#) to visit our website.

### **CHANGES IN 2016 IMPACTING NALOXONE ACCESS**

On November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016, State Health Commissioner Marissa Levine issued a [Public Health Emergency](#) for the opioid crisis in Virginia. This was in response to continued growing number of opioid overdoses and evidence of Carfentanyl having entered into Virginia. In response to this Public Health Emergency, Dr. Levine has issued a [Standing Order](#) for Naloxone which serves as a prescription for all Commonwealth of Virginia residents to obtain Naloxone from their pharmacy without first getting a prescription from their doctor.

**REVIVE!** Saving lives, saving futures!