



# LANCASTER COUNTY JOINING FORCES

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*Coordinating efforts to reduce deaths from opioids and heroin*

Lancaster County Joining Forces aims to support and **coordinate efforts** to reduce deaths from opioids and heroin. In doing so, we **strengthen the great work** already happening in communities throughout the County, while allowing us to **identify gaps** in services and treatments so that we can **save lives together**. The goal is to focus on evidence-based practices outlined by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to reduce exposure to opioids, prevent misuse, and treat opioid use disorder.

## 2019 GOALS

# 1

### CONTINUE TO SATURATE

the community with messages of where to get help, how to take medications as prescribed, keep them locked up and safely dispose of unused medicines.

# 2

### STRENGTHEN EFFORTS TO

- Increase access to treatments and care
- Provide evidence-based prevention education within all school districts in the County
- Expand prescription drug disposal modalities
- Increase warm handoffs at more transition points

# 3

### IMPROVE PATIENT SAFETY BY

- Advancing Center for Disease Control's prescribing guidelines
- Decreasing the number of opioids dispensed
- Increasing the availability of alternative treatments for pain management

# 4

### INCREASE TREATMENT & RECOVERY SUPPORT SERVICES BY

- Increasing the number of recovery support specialists
- Increasing publicly funded detox beds
- Creating more services for women with children
- Increasing screening, brief intervention and referral to treatment within ER, Primary Care and Perinatal Services

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