

Substance Abuse
Task Force
Collaborative Organizations



Addiction Treatment Advocates
Center for Business Excellence
City of Daytona Beach
City of Edgewater
City of New Smyrna Beach
City of Orange City
City of Port Orange
Community Partnership for Children
Council on Aging
DANIEL
Daytona Regional Chamber
Department of Children & Families
Department of Juvenile Justice
Department of Public Protection
First Christian Church
Flagler County Schools
Flagler Sheriff's Office
Florida Department of Health - Flagler
Florida Department of Health - Volusia
Focus on Flagler Youth
Halifax Health
Halifax Ob-Gyn Associates
Heal the Child
Health Planning Council of Northeast Florida
Healthy Start Coalition
Hearststone Fellowship Foundation
House Next Door
Magellan Health Services
Millennium Laboratories
NAMI
National Center for Prevention & Research
Neighborhood Center of West Volusia
Neighbor to Family
NOPE Task Force
One Voice for Volusia
PACE Center for Girls
PalmCoast Ob-Gyn
Port Orange Counseling Center
Putnam County Anti-Drug Coalition
State Attorney's Office
SEDNET
SMA Behavioral Healthcare
Serenity Springs Recovery Center
Volusia Council of Governments
Volusia County Emergency Medical
Volusia County Medical Examiner
Volusia County Medical Society
Volusia County School District
Volusia County Sheriff's Office
Volusia Flagler Coalition for the Homeless
Volusia Flagler Pharmacy Association
Volusia Flagler Family YMCA
Walgreen Company
Y & A Interventions

Substance Abuse Task Force

For Volusia and Flagler Counties
To develop strategies to prevent the epidemic of the abuse, addiction, overdose and illegal distribution of prescription medications

June 24, 2016

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) / Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR)

RE: Endorsement of the Florida Department of Health - Enhanced State Surveillance of Opioid-Involved Morbidity and Mortality CDC-RFA-CE16-1608

Dear Sir/Madam:

On behalf of the Substance Abuse Task Force of Volusia and Flagler Counties, please accept this formal letter in support of the application being submitted by the Florida Department of Health (FDOH) for the 2016 Enhanced State Surveillance of Opioid-Involved Morbidity and Mortality Grant.

Our task force works closely with the FDOH to further statewide injury prevention initiatives related to strategies to prevent the epidemic of the abuse, addiction, overdose and illegal distribution of prescription medications. We continue to work together and have teamed together since the beginning in May of 2010 to collaborate and eradicate the fatal influx of opioids on specifically a two county area by having public forums regarding the effects of these medications on our community. At that time over 80% of our foster care population was related to opioid abusing parents, the state of Florida was losing over 8 people a day to opioid overdose or opioid accidental related fatalities. As a team, we also wrote the write paper encouraging our state government to enforce prescription tracking and dissemination of these medications *The Pill Mill Bill of 2011*. The overdose rate in Florida is currently over 4 people a day even with these strategies and babies born addicted continue to fill our NICU's in this state.

The State IVP program at FDOH is prepared to support programmatic elements and community collaboration necessary to ensure the requirements of the grant are met, and we support FDOH's application to receive these funds.

Sincerely,

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