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# CITY OF JACKSONVILLE • PROJECT SAVE LIVES STATUS REPORT

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## **PROJECT MANAGEMENT TEAM**

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## **PROJECT OBJECTIVE**

The purpose of the Opioid Epidemic Project dubbed "Project Save Lives" is to establish a program within Duval County that provides specialized, coordinated and seamless services for the treatment of opioid addiction and misuse, thereby reducing dependence on opioid drugs and reducing opioid-related deaths. The targeted services are provided by healthcare providers and include but are not limited to stabilization and treatment for withdrawal, connection to a Peer Specialist, medication assisted treatment and seamless transfer to residential and/or outpatient services. This program and its services are currently provided through a partnership with the City of Jacksonville, Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department (JFRD), Gateway Community Services, St. Vincent's/Ascension Health, Memorial Hospital, Orange Park Medical Center, Baptist Health and UF College of Medicine.

# **PROJECT STATUS**

Project Save Lives began on November 16, 2017. Below is the latest update through the month of July 2020:

DESCRIPTION	JULY 2020	PROGRAM TOTAL
TOTAL PATIENTS ELIGIBLE FOR PROGRAM PARTICIPATION	255	2922
NO PROGRAM CONTACT (Expired or admitted prior to services)	43	256
REFUSED ALL SERVICES (Includes hospital ICU patients and AMA's)	87	1279
CONSENTED TO PROGRAM SERVICES	125	1281
DEATH CAUSED BY OPIOIDS	1	7
TRADITIONAL SERVICES (Residential, Outpatient, Intensive Outpatient)	14	371
PEER SERVICES	110	1029

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#### **PROJECT OPERATIONS**

When overdose patients arrive at a participating hospital emergency department (ED), lifesaving stabilization is the priority. Once stabilized, patients are met by a Peer Specialist who is housed in the ED. The Peer Specialist establishes a rapport with the patient and works as part of the multidisciplinary healthcare team to aid in the early recognition and treatment of withdrawal symptoms. The Peer Specialist also offers recovery services as appropriate. Patients who elect to participate are provided transportation directly to Gateway Community Center or another local provider. Patients who refuse services are closely followed by a Peer and are offered Nasal NARCAN®. The continued follow up and connection encourages patients to enter treatment later. In addition to Peer Specialists being housed in the ED, the program also places Peers in the hospital and maternity units, functioning as Peer Navigators. This ensures that mothers and families of newborns with neonatal abstinence syndrome are provided a *Plan of Safe Care* to advance personal and family recovery and resiliency.

## **PROJECT OUTCOMES**

Initial analysis revealed a 52% decrease in JFRD's overdose responses to program participants who accepted services in 2018. The analysis was performed by comparing the number of JFRD overdose responses to each participant for 12-months prior to accepting program services and 12-months post-services. The same analysis was conducted for participants who accepted services in 2019. The post analysis for the 2019 participant group ran through June 2020 (during the COVID-19 pandemic). While JFRD experienced a 27% spike in overdose calls to the general public, the Project Save Lives participant group achieved a 28% decrease in overdose recidivism. To better understand program outcomes, a comparative analysis was conducted in March 2020 between the program participant group and the non-participant group. The analysis was conducted by reviewing death records from the Florida Department of Health Vital Statistics Office, which demonstrated that persons who accept services from Project Save Lives had a lower death rate than persons who refused services. To date, there have been seven known drug-related deaths among program participants.

# PROJECT FUNDING AND LEGISLATION

Project Save Lives is funded in part by the City of Jacksonville and by each participating hospital. The City's proposed FY 2020/21 budget includes a line item request for \$1,160, 999. The program also receives funding from the Florida Department of Health in Duval County's Overdose Data to Action grant (for Peer Navigators).

### **PROJECT EXPANSION**

The program is now operating in five Jacksonville emergency departments (EDs): St. Vincent's Riverside, St. Vincent's Southside, Memorial Hospital, Park West and Baptist North. Expansion into UF Health Main, located within Jacksonville's urban core, is scheduled to begin on September 8, 2020.

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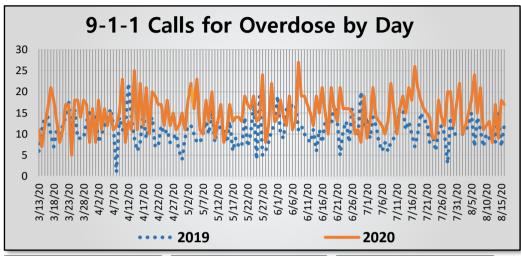


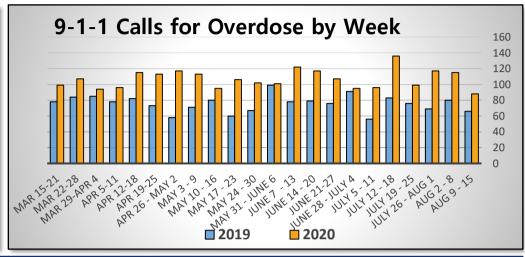
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# **Response to Overdose Incidents**



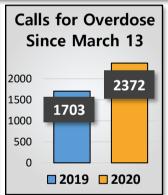
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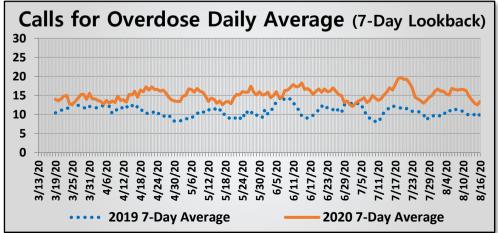


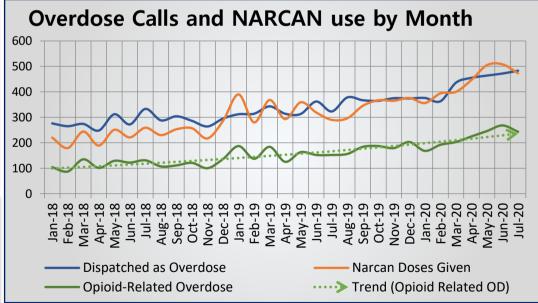






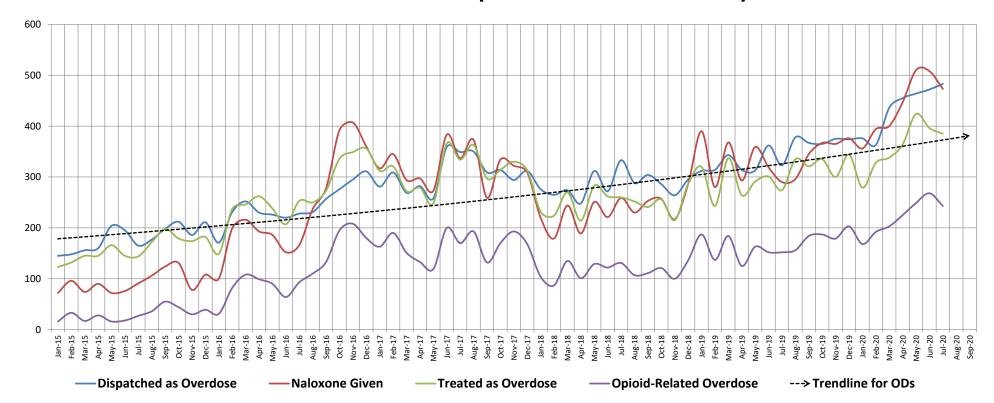






Source: Jacksonville Fire & Rescue Department, City of Jacksonville, Florida. Definitions: **Dispatched as Overdose** = a 9-1-1 call was received in which the caller stated that the victim was suffering from a known or suspected overdose. **Narcan Doses Given** = the count of Narcan administered. **Opioid-Related Overdose** = incidents in which the on scene paramedic determined the incident was a known or suspected overdose event AND Narcan was administered. Each of these events are independent of the other and are not mutually exclusive. A 9-1-1 Call Received as overdose and/or Narcan administration does not necessarily confirm an overdose or opioid use.

# Jacksonville Fire & Rescue Department: Overdose Responses



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Month	Dispatched as Overdose	Treated as Overdose	Naloxone Doses Given	Opioid-Related Overdose	Transported as Overdose			
Jan-15	145	123	72	16	113			
Feb-15	148	132	96	33	118			
Mar-15	156	145	74	17	138			
Apr-15	160 204	145 166	90	28 16	134 148			
May-15 Jun-15	195	145	76	18	136			
Jul-15	165	144	91	27	128			
Aug-15	177	172	106	36	163			
Sep-15	198	198	124	55	180			
Oct-15	212	179	131	44	161			
Nov-15	186	174	78	30	153			
Dec-15	211	182	108	39	169			
Jan-16	171	149	100	31	144			
Feb-16	231	237	199	82	230			
Mar-16	252	246	216	108	235			
Apr-16	230	262	193	99	249			
May-16	226	238	186	90	225			
Jun-16	220	207	152	64	194			
Jul-16	228	253	166	93	238			
Aug-16	231	250	237	110	254			
Sep-16	257	273	278	133	256			
Oct-16	276	336	392	195	326			
Nov-16 Dec-16	295 311	349 356	407 360	208 180	340 326			
Jan-17	281	312	317	163	293			
Feb-17	309	321	345	190	310			
Mar-17	269	272	294	151	248			
Apr-17	282	279	297	133	271			
May-17	258	248	273	119	238			
Jun-17	359	366	383	200	353			
Jul-17	349	334	337	170	311			
Aug-17	350	363	373	193	348			
Sep-17	309	297	259	132	277			
Oct-17	314	314	334	170	300			
Nov-17	294	330	322	193	310			
Dec-17	312	313	309	168	294			
Jan-18	276	232	220	104	217			
Feb-18	265	224	179	87	205			
Mar-18	274	270	244	135	259			
Apr-18	248	214	189	101	195			
May-18 Jun-18	312 272	283 262	251 221	129 122	266 244			
Jul-18	333	260	259	131	247			
Aug-18	288	252	230		239			
Sep-18	304	241	253	111	220			
Oct-18	286	256	257	121	236			
Nov-18	264	215	217	100	196			
Dec-18	295	286	286	136	263			
Jan-19	312	320	390	187	302			
Feb-19	314	243	280	137	225			
Mar-19	343	337	368		311			
Apr-19	314	264	293	125	240			
May-19	313	291	359	163	272			
Jun-19	362	301	319	152	277			
Jul-19	323	274	290	152	255			
Aug-19	378	335	296	156	310			
Sep-19 Oct-19	367 365	321 335	345 367	184 187	296 306			
Nov-19	305	335	367	187	282			
Dec-19	374	344	376		324			
Jan-20	374	279	356	168	257			
Feb-20	363	328	394	192	300			
Mar-20	436	338	400		317			
Apr-20	455	364	447	225	335			
May-20	464	424	510		396			
Jun-20	472	396	508		371			
Jul-20	483	385	473	243	358			

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