

STATE OF COLORADO STAKEHOLDER

CURRICULUM
PROGRAMING
FENTANYL AWARENESS



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Voices for Awareness Facing Fentanyl
Foundation

Goals & Objectives

This meeting is a follow-up on Substance Abuse and Trend Taskforce (SATF) with the goal of discussing the current state of curriculum and programming in fentanyl awareness in schools across the state.

The Department of Law's Opioid Response Unit is entering a new phase of work focused on identifying best strategies and opportunities to provide support across the state and facilitated this meeting on behalf of the SATF.



Stakeholders Meeting Across Colorado Affected Families Work Group

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WORKING TOGETHER TO SUPPORT EXHISTING PROJECTS IN OUR STATE

Denver

- Rise Above, Executive Director, Kent MacLennan, and Director of Prevention Jenna Garrow
- EverFi & Natural High, Denver Public Health Professional, Megan Micco
- Advocates for Recovery, Family Support Specialists, Tracey Ritter
- Recovery Informed Theory, Director of Collegiate Recover Program at University Denver, Waltrina DeFrantz

Other Metro

- Project Aware, Grant Coordinator for El Paso County, Nicole Herrera
- CRAFT, Parent Engagement, Trina Faatz, Boulder

Rural

- Voices For Awareness, Executive Director, Andrea Thomas, Grand Junction

Hosted by the Opioid Response Unit in the Colorado Department of Law/Attendees:

Jack Patterson, Heidi Williams, Brianna Hird, Caroline Bueno, Jericho Dorsey, Kacy Behrend, Leah Raffa, Jennifer Place, Sam Bourdon, Tami Clark, Claudia Zundel, Jessica Eaddy, Jamie Feld

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 - **“THE WAY TO GET STARTED IS TO QUIT TALKING AND BEGIN DOING.”**

Building off previous success to address a new crisis

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USING EXISTING
RESOURCES TO ADDRESS A
NEW PARADIGM

COMMITMENT TO OUR
COMMUNITIES

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ADVOCACY

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FAMILY SUPPORT

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PREVENTION

EDUCATION

WORK IN PROGRESS

FENTANYL
CHANGES EVERYTHING
“ A NEW APPROACH ”

Fentanyl Awareness in Schools Discussion Resources List

Attendees at the Fentanyl Awareness in Schools Discussion identified a range of resources available to community stakeholders. Below please find information about each of the resources identified and the contact information for each person who you can contact to learn more about the resources.

Voices for Awareness

Andrea Thomas, *Co-Director, Voices of Awareness*
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Andrea helps manage this resource

A nonprofit organization based in Grand Junction, CO, Voices for Awareness Foundation promotes awareness about counterfeit drugs, illicit fentanyl, and self-harm.

Not Prescribed Lesson

Kent MacLennan, *Executive Director Rise Above Colorado*
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Jenna Garrow, *Director of Prevention Education Rise Above Colorado*
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Kent and Jenna help manage this resource

A lesson that empowers individuals with the science and the stories to understand the risks of misusing prescription drugs and the skills to rise above.

Forward Together

Charlotte Whitney – *Communications manager CBHA*
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Charlotte has used and recommended this resource

A collaboration between the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) and Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS). Their combined investment in *Forward Together* helps parents and teens become more connected.

Project AWARE & One Pill Can Kill Campaign

Nicole Herrera – *Project AWARE Grant Coordinator for El Paso County*
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Nicole helps manage this resource

Project AWARE - collaborates and aligns with other CDE departments to focus on improving school climate, safety, and social emotional learning within a Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) model to build capacity for high impact school and community-behavioral health interventions and supports.

Nicole has used this resource

OPCK- Through the DEA, this campaign offers an opportunity for the media, parents, teachers, educators, and community organizations to raise awareness about counterfeit prescription drugs

EverFi & Naturalhigh.org

Megan Miccio – *Denver Public Schools Health Professional*

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these resources have been used and recommended by Megan Miccio

Everfi- Building the infrastructure to deliver impact-as-a-service in their communities; empowering individuals with the tools and skills to drive ecosystems of change and inspire lifelong success.

Naturalhigh.org - A drug prevention nonprofit that inspires and empowers youth to find their natural high and develop the skills and courage to live life well.

Dead on Arrival Documentary

Lindsey Simbeye – *External Relations Strategist for Colorado Consortium*

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this resource has been used and recommended by Lindsey Simbeye

An informative documentary on the dangers of fentanyl - great resource for educating youth

Advocates for Recovery

Tracey Ritter – *Family Support Specialist, Advocates for Recovery*

traceyritter@advocatesforrecovery.org

Tracey helps manage this resource

Offers support and services to individuals and family members suffering from active addiction, as well as the growing pains of early recovery.

CRAFT (Community Reinforcement Approach to Family Training)

Tina Faatz – *Parent Engagement Network for Boulder County School District*

parentpeerconsulting@gmail.com

Tina has used and recommended this resource

The CRAFT approach is a system for helping friends and family members change the way that they interact with someone they love who is drinking or using drugs too much. This approach educates the friends and family members of users on improving communication skills, maintain boundaries, help identify triggers, and gain an overall sense of understanding for what their loved ones are experiencing

Recovery Informed Theory (RIT)

Waltrina Derantz-DuFor – *Director of Collegiate Recovery Program at the University of Denver*

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Waltrina incorporates this resource in her work

An evidence-based theory that states that successful long-term recovery is self-evident and is a fundamentally emancipatory set of processes