

Mental Health Task Force Action Plan 2016-2019 Highlights 2016-2017



Goal: Increase access to mental health resources

Objective: Decrease suicide attempts among high school students in Knox County. *MH 1**

Progress/Highlights

- Mental Health Association of East Tennessee providing education resources to public and private middle and high schools to bolster mental health education efforts for students (*MH 1.1*)
- Team members pulling data together across health systems and other providers to get a full picture of our community capacity for mental health treatment for children and youth (*MH 1.4*)

Objective: Decrease suicide deaths among adults in Knox County. *MH 2*

Progress/Highlights

- Mental Health Association of East Tennessee providing worksite training and education resources around mental health awareness (*MH 2.1*)

Objective: Decrease regional wait times for placement in mental health care. *MH 3*

Progress/Highlights

- Team members pulling data together across health systems and other providers to get a full picture of our community capacity for mental health treatment (*MH 3.1*)

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Mental Health Task Force Partners



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Prescription Drug Abuse Task Force Action Plan 2016-2019 Highlights 2016-2017



Goal: Decrease opioid abuse

Objective: Decrease mortality from opioid overdoses in Knox County. *OA 1**

Progress/Highlights

- Task Force partners formed Naloxone Collaborative with first responders to expand number of organizations carrying and administering the overdose antidote naloxone (*OA.2*)
- Task Force partners organized five drug take-back events in 2016, collecting and destroying 1,056 pounds of medications (*OA.6*)
- Task Force partners are helping support a statewide campaign for safe drug storage and disposal

Objective: Decrease the amount of legally dispensed opioid drugs in Knox County. *OA 2*

Progress/Highlights

- Metro Drug Coalition trained 149 medical providers in 2016 on using simple screening tools for substance abuse with patients (*OA.10*)
- Task Force partners trained 244 medical providers in 2016 on required reporting of opioid prescriptions, and implementing official guidelines for chronic pain management (*OA.11*)

Objective: Decrease the number of babies born with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) in Knox County. *OA 3*

Progress/Highlights

- Metro Drug Coalition is part of the statewide Born Drug Free Tennessee campaign to raise awareness of NAS (*OA.16*)
- Task Force partners successfully advocated the state legislature to allow 2016 sunset of law allowing addicted mothers to be charged with assault if their baby was born with NAS (*OA.18*)

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Prescription Drug Abuse Task Force Partners



Knox County Medical Examiner's Office
Knox County Sheriff's Office
Office of the District Attorney General, Sixth Judicial District, Knox County, Tennessee
Tennessee General Assembly

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Smoke-Free Knoxville 2016-2019 Action Plan Highlights 2016-2017



Goal: Decrease tobacco use among youth and pregnant women

Objective: Decrease smoking among high school students in Knox County. *TU 1**

Progress/Highlights

- Coalition partners helped build the Powell Station Disc Golf course with customized educational smoke-free signage, which will enhance Powell High School's physical education program (*TU 1.1*)
- Coalition partners engaged over 500 students, 80 faculty and 30 parents at Whittle Springs Middle School for anti-tobacco activities in November 2016 (*TU 1.2*)

Objective: Decrease smoking among pregnant women in Knox County. *TU 2*

Progress/Highlights

- Under the Knox County Health Department's Power to Quit program, 33% of participants report being smoke-free at their first postpartum doctor visit. Of women one to five months postpartum still actively enrolled in the program, 75% (total 20 women) report being non-smokers (*TU 2.1*)

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Executive Committee of Smoke-Free Knoxville Partners



For more information about Smoke-Free Knoxville, go to <http://www.smokefreeknoxville.com>.

For more information about the Together Healthy Knox initiative, go to healthyknox.org.

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Active Communities Team

Action Plan 2016-2019

Highlights 2016-2017



Goal: Increase access to safe greenways, sidewalks, and parks

Objective: Decrease the annual number of crashes between cars and pedestrians and/or bicycles in Knox County. *AC 1**

Progress/Highlights

- Pilot project to address speeding in neighborhoods set for completion May 2017 (*AC 1.4*)

Objective: Increase the percentage of Knox County residents who live within half a mile of a park or greenway. *AC 2*

Progress/Highlights

- Walkability Speaker Series ongoing; three national speakers to date have addressed policy-makers, business leaders, and the public about the economic benefits of walkability (*AC 2.2*)

Objective: Increase sidewalk mileage in Knox County. *AC 3*

Progress/Highlights

- Team members providing input to Metropolitan Planning Commission to draft a comprehensive sidewalk ordinance for Knox County (*AC 3.1*)

Objective: Increase average daily number of greenway users in Knox County. *AC 4*

Progress/Highlights

- Bike Walk Knoxville applying for grant funding for greenway-based bike safety education program for youth (*AC 4.3*)
- Legacy Parks Foundation exploring options to improve wayfinding signage around popular greenways (*AC 4.4*)

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