WHY THIS PROGRAM IS IMPORTANT

The heroin/prescription drug epidemic is growing. More and more people are falling prey to addiction. Surprisingly 73% of all addicts succumb to addiction from a legal prescription they received for a sports injury, a pulled wisdom tooth, knee or hip surgery or just ordinary pain. There has been a 40% increase in the number of females addicted to opioid pain medicine and over 20,000 babies a year are born addicted to opiates. Four in five new heroin users started out misusing prescription painkillers.

Accidental overdose deaths have surpassed fatal car crashes. We lose a person to overdose every 10-11 seconds. These are our kids, babies, mothers, fathers, grandmothers, grandfathers, sons and daughters.

Much education is being done, in schools, townhall meetings and with hospitals, dentist and doctors, yet we are trying to change a culture that has been desensitized to medication. Our jails and prisons are overcrowded, theft crimes, and the monetary cost of addiction is at an all-time high. We cannot arrest ourselves out of this problem. Addiction does not end until treatment is provided. Hope Not Handcuffs is a community outreach program designed to reach people struggling with drug addiction to encourage them to seek recovery and regain control of their lives.

SIGNS OF A POSSIBLE OVERDOSE

▷ Loss of consciousness
▷ Unresponsive to outside stimulus
▷ Awake, but unable to talk
▷ Breathing is very slow and shallow, erratic, or has stopped
▷ For lighter skinned people, the skin tone turns bluish purple, for darker skinned people, it turns grayish or ashen
▷ Choking sounds, or a snore-like gurgling noise (sometimes called the “death rattle”)
▷ Vomiting
▷ Body is very limp
▷ Face is very pale or clammy
▷ Fingernails and lips turn blue or purplish black
▷ Pulse (heartbeat) is slow, erratic, or not there at all

If someone is making unfamiliar sounds while “sleeping” it is worth trying to wake him or her up. Many loved ones of users think a person was snoring, when in fact the person was overdosing.

If You Suspect Someone Is Overdosing
CALL 911 Immediately

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**THE PROGRAM**

**WHAT IT IS**

Hope Not Handcuffs is an initiative of Families Against Narcotics, aimed at bringing law enforcement, community organizations and individuals seeking assistance together in an effort to reduce dependency with heroin and prescription opioids.

**HOW IT WORKS**

A person struggling with drug addiction can come to any of the designated participating agencies and ask for help. They will be greeted with support, compassion and respect. If accepted into the program*, the individual will be guided through a brief intake process to ensure proper treatment placement.

If a person is uninsured or has Medicaid, we will work directly with the local County Health Department for placement. If a person has private insurance, we will connect them with one of over 250 treatment facilities throughout the country who are participating in the program. Regardless, our team will work to get them into treatment as soon as possible, possibly the same day.

Over 200 volunteer Angels will help with paperwork and provide compassionate support until a treatment option is found. To learn more about our Angel program, visit www.familiesagainstnarcotics.org.

**PROGRAM PARTNERS**

- Macomb County Sheriff’s Office
- All Macomb County Police Departments, Michigan State Police as well as other Police Departments
- Medstar, Universal & Superior Ambulance Services
- Macomb County Office of Substance Abuse
- CARE of Southeastern Michigan

*Exceptions that may make someone ineligible for the program: A felony or domestic violence warrant; Danger to others; Under 18 without parent or guardian consent; Medical condition that may need hospitalization.

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**PARTICIPATING AGENCIES**

- **ARMADA POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
  74274 BURK ST. | (586) 784-9152 or (586) 469-5151
- **CENTER LINE PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT**  
  7070 E. 10 MILE | (586) 757-2200
- **CHESTERFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
  46525 CONTINENTAL DR. | (586) 949-2322
- **CLINTON TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
  37985 GROESBECK | (586) 493-7800
- **EASTPOINTE POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
  16083 E. 9 MILE | (586) 445-5100
- **FERNDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
  310 EAST NINE MILE ROAD | (248) 541-3650
- **FRASER PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT**  
  33000 GARFIELD | (586) 293-1425
- **HARPER WOODS PUBLIC SAFETY (WAYNE CTY)**  
  19617 HARPER | (313) 343-2530
- **MACOMB COMMUNITY COLLEGE POLICE**  
  44575 GARFIELD & 14500 E 12 MILE | (586) 445-7991
- **MACOMB COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE**  
  43565 ELIZABETH RD, MT CLEMENS | (586) 469-5151
- **MICHIGAN STATE POLICE, OAK PARK**  
  14350 10 MILE, OAK PARK | (248) 584-5740
- **NEW BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
  37885 GREEN | (586) 725-2181
- **RICHMOND POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
  36725 DIVISION | (586) 727-4000
- **ROMEO VILLAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
  121 W. ST. CLAIR | (586) 752-3587
- **ROSEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
  29753 GRATIOT AVE | (586) 775-2100
- **SHELBY TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
  52530 VAN DYKE | (586) 731-2121
- **ST. CLAIR SHORES POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
  27665 JEFFERSON | (586) 445-5222
- **STERLING HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
  40333 DODGE PARK | (586) 446-2800
- **UTICA POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
  7550 AUBURN RD, SUITE 3 | (586) 731-2345
- **WARREN POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
  29900 CIVIC CENTER | (586) 574-4700

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**DONOR PROGRAM**

Hope Not Handcuffs is funded by private and public donations and a one-time grant from the Police Assisted Addiction and Recovery Initiative (PAARI). Donations will be used to train community volunteers and police departments, purchase Angel Kits (comfort items such as blankets, snacks and water for participants) for each of the designated police agencies, provide transportation when necessary, as well as the produce and distribute informational material pertaining to the program. Hope Not Handcuffs is an initiative of Families Against Narcotics, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization based in Fraser, Michigan. All or part of your donation may be tax deductible.

Visit familiesagainstnarcotics.org or make checks payable to: Hope Not Handcuffs c/o Families Against Narcotics. Mail donations to: Fraser Public Safety, 33000 Garfield Rd, Fraser, MI 48026.