

Naloxone Training and Deflection Co-Responder
Technical Assistance to

PREVENT OVERDOSE DEATHS

FREE for Suburban Cook County Police, Treatment, and
Community Partners

Suburban Cook County residents are dying of opioid overdose at unprecedented rates, and we anticipate that opioid use and addiction will increase as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Getting people the help they need is critical.

Training is now available at no cost to law enforcement, other first responders, and community partners for naloxone training and deflection co-responder collaborations.

Departments and agencies can receive:

- Training on preventing opioid overdose deaths, including naloxone administration and accessing evidence-based substance use treatment programs
- A supply of naloxone for priority agencies to help prevent overdose
- Technical assistance to support the planning, development, and implementation of deflection co-responder programs for your community

WHAT ARE DEFLECTION CO-RESPONDERS?

Deflection is when police and other first responders get help for people who have overdosed or have substance use disorders, and is an alternative to arrest or the emergency room. Co-responders are the partners who make it happen—law enforcement/first responders, treatment providers, social service providers, and community members—all working together to save lives, avoid arrest, and keep families and children together.

The Center for Health and Justice (CHJ) is available to help law enforcement and other community partners develop your own deflection co-responder programs. The programs allow you to assist people who are at high risk of overdose, have overdosed, or have a substance use disorder, and connect them to treatment, housing, services, and case management that is equitable and responsive to gender, race, ethnicity, and individual needs.

Training and technical assistance (both virtual and in-person) are provided by TASC's Center for Health and Justice (CHJ), through the Cook County Department of Public Health's Partnerships to Prevent Opioid Overdose Deaths initiative.

The Center for Health and Justice is a national pioneer and field-wide leader in deflection co-responder approaches—and we're located right here at your doorstep in Cook County!

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