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Huron County Mental Health & Substance Abuse Data Dashboard Launches

NORWALK, Ohio— In partnership with the HEALing Communities Study (HCS) and the Huron County Board of Mental Health and Addiction Services (MHAS), Huron County Public Health (HCPH) has launched a Mental Health & Substance Abuse Data Dashboard on the agency's website.

Data has been a vital component of the HCS in Huron County, and earlier this year, HCS field staff in Huron County tasked local partners with identifying a path to sustain data reporting once the HCS is complete at the end of December. A data workgroup comprised of members from HCPH and HCMHAS worked together since January 2023 to design the Huron County Mental Health & Substance Abuse Dashboard for both the public and other agencies working in Huron County to use. HCPH and HCMHAS hope the dashboard will assist other partners in staying informed about mental health and substance use in Huron County, while providing them with the data needed to educate others, secure funding through grants, etc. HCPH and HCMHAS also hope that the public finds the dashboard a useful tool to stay informed.

The dashboard entails data collected from sources that are available and shared with HCMHAS, such as 911 and 988 calls, hospital emergency department data pertaining to alcohol, drug, and suicide-related cases, treatment data, pharmacy data, and more. The "data at a glance" section of the dashboard also provides a quick look at year-to-date statistics for overdoses and suicide in Huron County. The dashboard will be updated monthly, beginning January 2024.

At the Huron County Overdose Response Committee's final meeting on December 13, 2023, the dashboard was revealed to committee members and partners in attendance and was officially launched on HCPH's website. On behalf of HCPH and HCMHAS, we encourage the community to visit the dashboard and explore the data provided by the various participating community partners:

www.huroncohealth.com/dashboard.



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As the substance abuse and mental health landscape is ever-changing, the goal of the dashboard is to provide timely and accurate data to help the community in Huron County make data-driven decisions and create a greater awareness to reduce stigma. As the community gets familiar with the data, HCPH encourages the community to provide feedback about the dashboard using the feedback survey at the bottom of the dashboard's landing page, so that the dashboard can continuously be improved to better serve the community.

A special thank you to Kristen Cardone and Ashley Morrow at HCMHAS, as well as Amy Kuntz, Community Data Coordinator, and the field team for the HEALing Communities Study in Huron County, for all the time and effort that they contributed towards the development of the dashboard.

More information about the HCS in Huron County can be found at:
<https://healingcommunitiesstudy.org/communities/ohhuron.html>.

Disclaimer: Functionality of mobile viewing may be limited at this time, and it is recommended to view the dashboard on a desktop computer if able. We are working to create a quality mobile viewing experience for the dashboard and will provide updates once available.

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