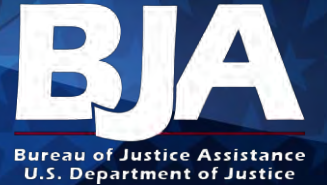


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# Considering Children and Families in Law Enforcement/First Responder Diversion

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Executive Director, TASC's Center for Health and Justice

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# Learning Objectives

After this session, participants will be able to:

- Recognize the diverse needs of children of addicted parents.
- Role of first responders when they encounter children impacted by addiction.
- Identify when interventions are appropriate.

# First Responders: An Early Warning Workforce Turning Encounters Into Opportunities

56 MM Encounters (DOJ, 2015)

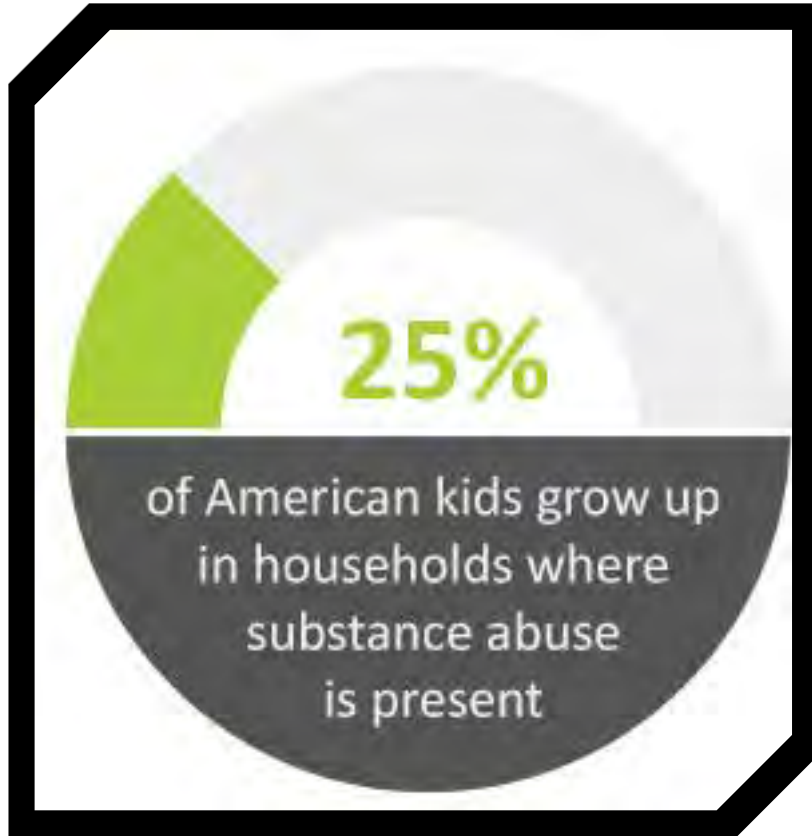
12 MM Move In/Out Jails (Not our focus for our youngest victims)

44 MM Encounters Creating  
**44 MM Opportunities**

Early warning of...

- Families and children in need
- Children who are victims of the impact of drug use





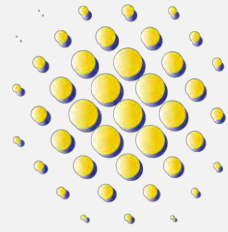
[National Institute on Drug Abuse](https://www.nida.nih.gov/)



# First Responder “Early Warning” Training

- Neuroscience of addiction (all ages) – a problem not (re)solved quickly
- How drug treatment works – justice systems mostly see failures
- Mental health – co-occurring
- Trauma – ACE is real
- How and what to report – remember, this is pre-crisis so outside of normal channels

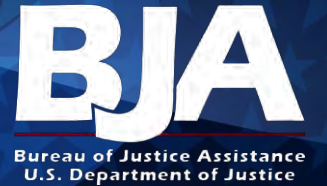




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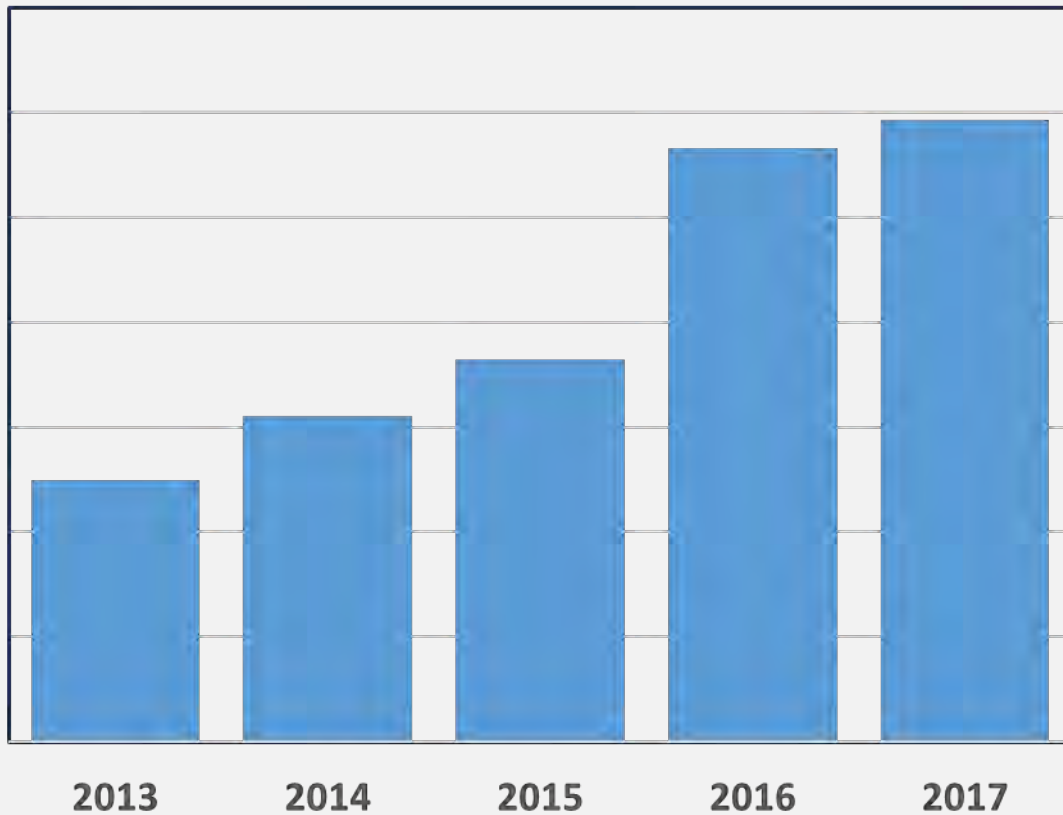




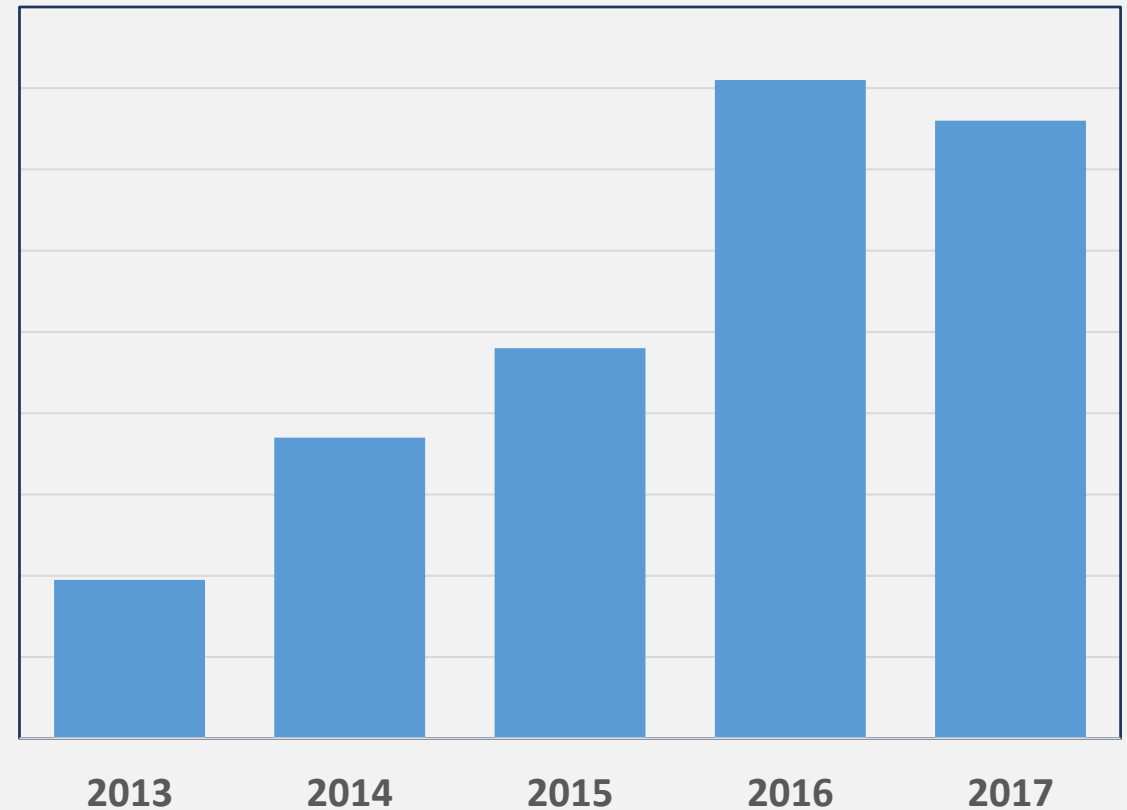
# The Trends No One Likes to See

**58% Increase in Child Victimization in Last Five Years**

Child Victims



**Abuse and Neglect Cases**



# The Opioid Epidemic



# Children of Addicted Parents

**The brain  
architecture has  
been forever  
altered.**

# A Paradigm Shift

Often law enforcement officers are the first people to interact with children prior to their involvement in the juvenile justice or child welfare systems.



# 5 Protective Factors



1. PARENTAL RESILIENCE



2. SOCIAL CONNECTIONS



3. CONCRETE SUPPORT IN TIMES OF NEED.

## 5 PROTECTIVE FACTORS

FOR PREVENTING RISK OF CHILD ABUSE.

SOURCE: Prevent Child Abuse America

4. KNOWLEDGE OF PARENTING & CHILD DEVELOPMENT.



5. SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL COMPETENCE OF CHILDREN.



LEARN MORE ABOUT THESE 5 FACTORS:

[preventchildabuse.org/  
resource/  
mentor/](http://preventchildabuse.org/resource/mentor/)

If we strengthen these 5 Protective Factors, we decrease child victimization rates which lowers generational issues and changes crime rates in communities.



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# One Solution: Our Approach

- Increase officer awareness and identification of children exposed to trauma associated with the opioid crisis.
- Increase clinical assessment and coordinated services to targeted children and families.

# Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion



**LEAD uses police diversion and community-based, trauma-informed care systems, with the goals of improving public safety and public order, and reducing law violations by people who participate in the program.**



# Solutions in Action



# Questions and Answers

# Contact Information

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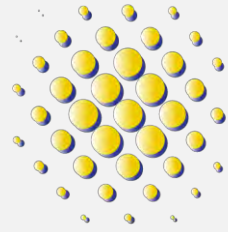
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# Plymouth County Drug Endangered Children's Initiative

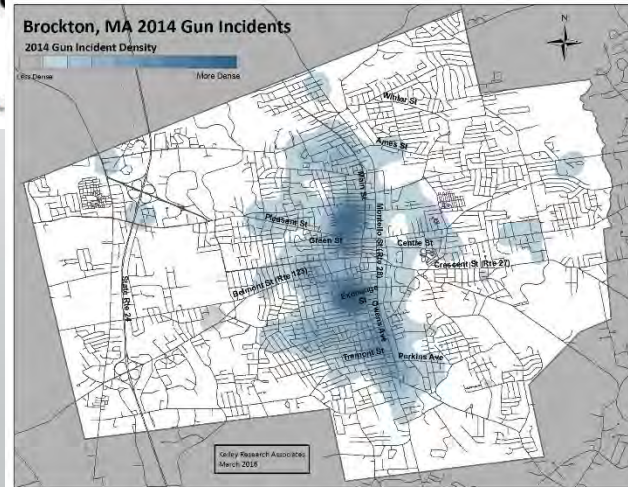
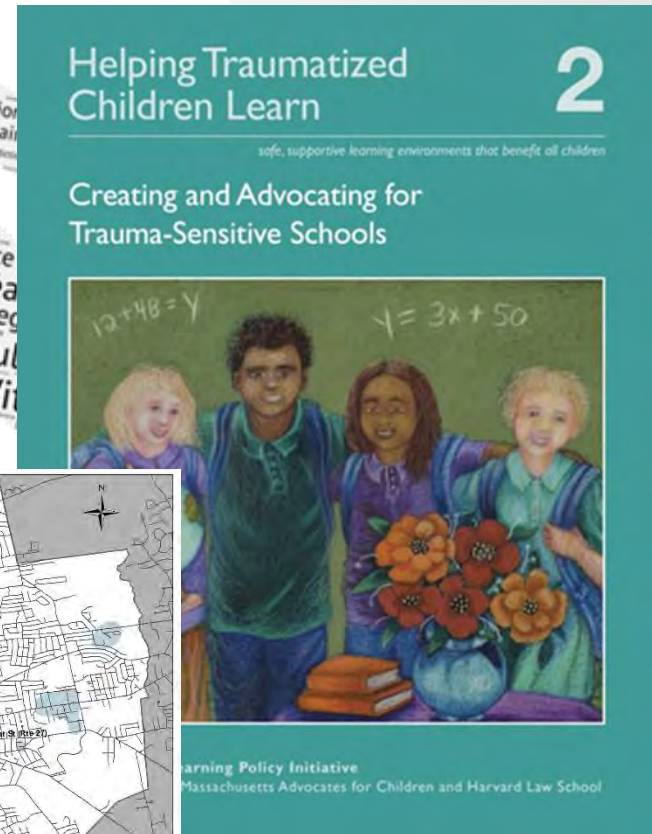
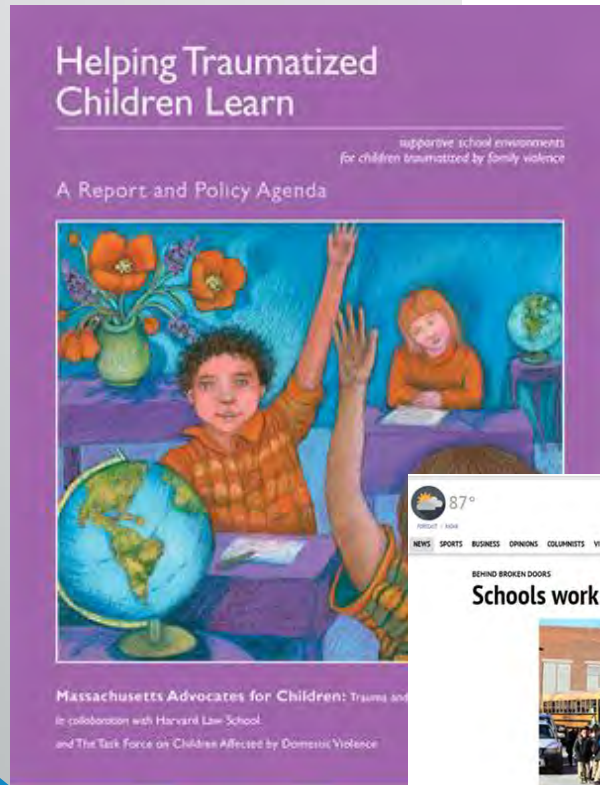
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# Project Beginnings

## Helping Traumatized Children Learn Brockton Pilot



# Trauma and Learning Policy Initiative

Tel.: 617-357-8431

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## Trauma and Learning Policy Initiative

### A whole-school approach.

Trauma and Learning Policy Initiative (TLPI) is a nationally recognized collaboration between Massachusetts Advocates for Children and Harvard Law School. Our mission is to ensure that children impacted by family violence and other adverse childhood experiences succeed in school. To achieve this mission, TLPI advocates for "trauma-sensitive schools" where school-wide trauma sensitivity is a regular part of how a safe and supportive school is run. TLPI works directly in schools to help them become trauma sensitive, providing training or technical assistance. At its Harvard Education Law Clinic, TLPI also represents individual families in the special education process on behalf of children with disabilities who are struggling in schools and who have experienced adversity.

Using MAC's signature multiple strategic approach, TLPI brings the voices of educators from its work in schools and the voices of parents from its cases to work for laws and policies that provide schools with the knowledge and resources they need to meet the needs of all children. TLPI's advocacy is based on interdisciplinary research and collaboration across a wide array of professional disciplines, including education, law and mental health.

### Updates [view all](#)

**A School's Journey Toward Trauma Sensitivity – New Video**

This post was published by

## Heslam: Victims of opioid epidemic seek solutions

Jessica Heslam Friday, February 09, 2018

### HERALD COLUMNISTS

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jackpot with vacuum

**JOE FITZGERALD**  
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# WASTED YOUTH

DEADLY SURGE

## The growing toll of opiate addiction



Our children were dying. That's what our report "Wasted Youth" exposed in March 2007, when we revealed the toll OxyContin and heroin addiction had taken on this region. Dozens had died, many under the age of 25, and thousands had endured nonfatal overdoses. For that series, we examined death certificates from Jan. 2004-Aug. 2006 in the 28 communities we cover. The work revealed a time of untold tragedy

# "Our kids are dying."



LISTEN LIVE

## Report: Bay State logs second-most fentanyl cases nationwide

Brian Dowling Thursday, October 26, 2017

### HERALD COLUMNISTS

**HILLARY CHABOT**  
Chabot: Senators win jackpot with power vacuum

**JOE FITZGERALD**  
Fitzgerald: John Henry's common sense is way off base

**HOWIE CARR**  
Carr: Polito's silence on trooper photos is just picture perfect

**RAY FLYNN**  
Flynn: Prudential Center visit a reminder of humanity

### TRENDING NOW

Destroyer in Yemen attack to visit Boston

Solange Knowles accepts Harvard Foundation's Artist of the Year: I'm 'humbled and beyond grateful'

Elizabeth Warren seeks to neutralize 'Pocahontas' barbs

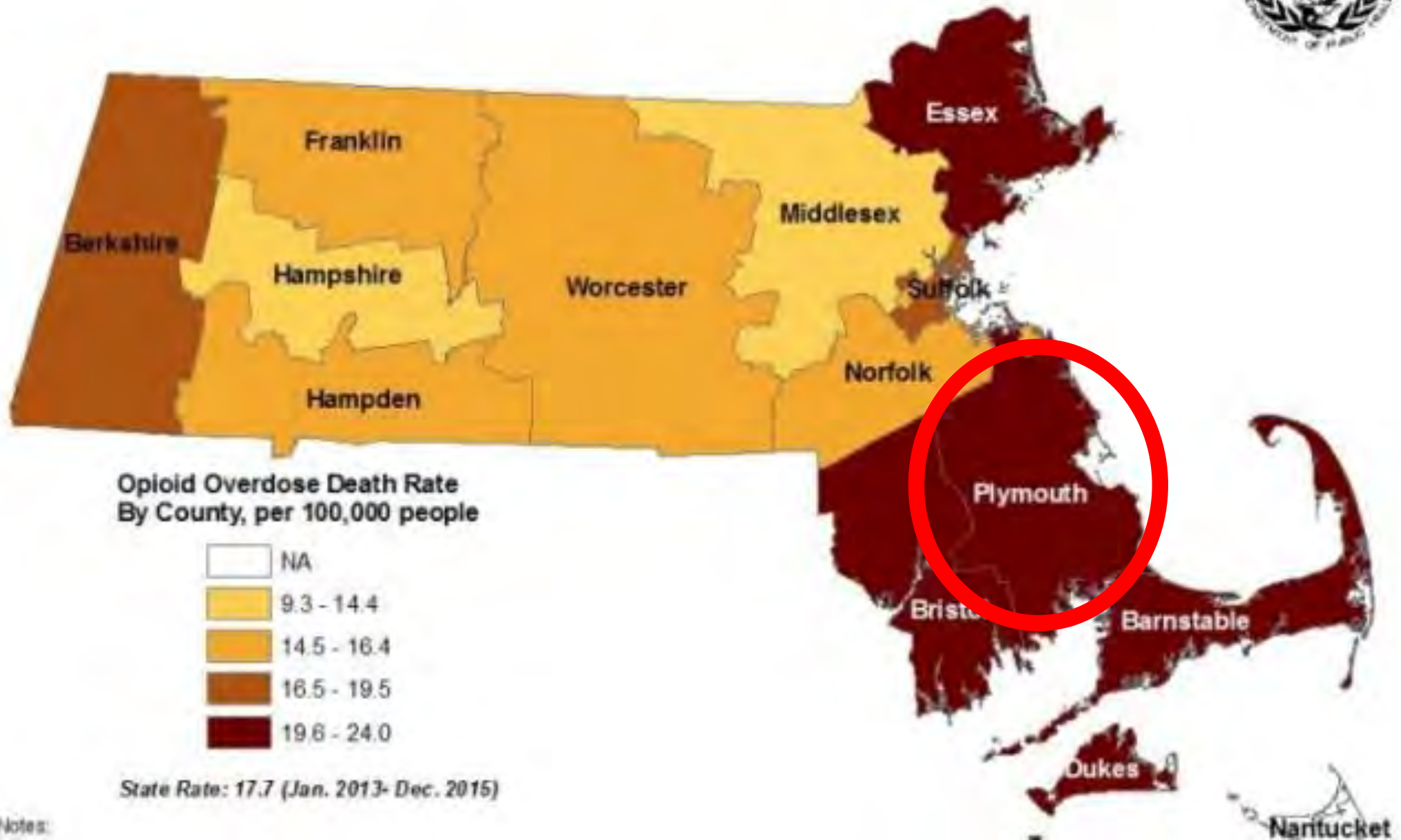
For Gloucester girl, a memory washes ashore



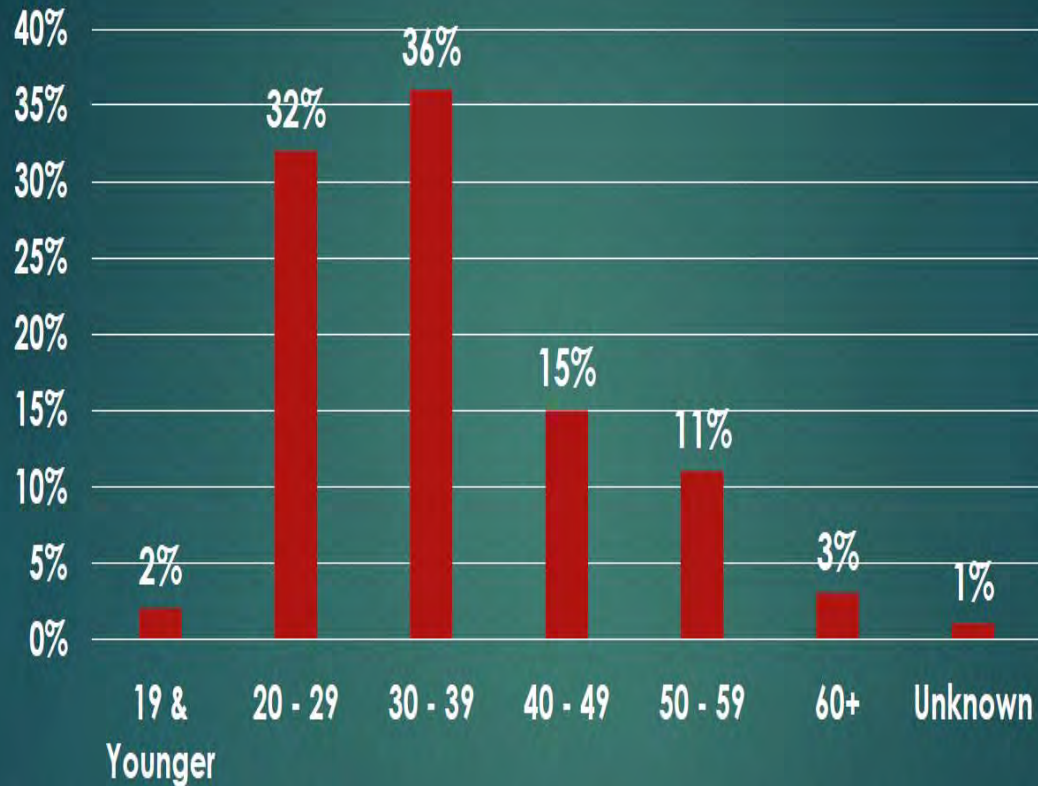
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# Unintentional Opioid Overdose Death Rates by County, January 2013- December 2015



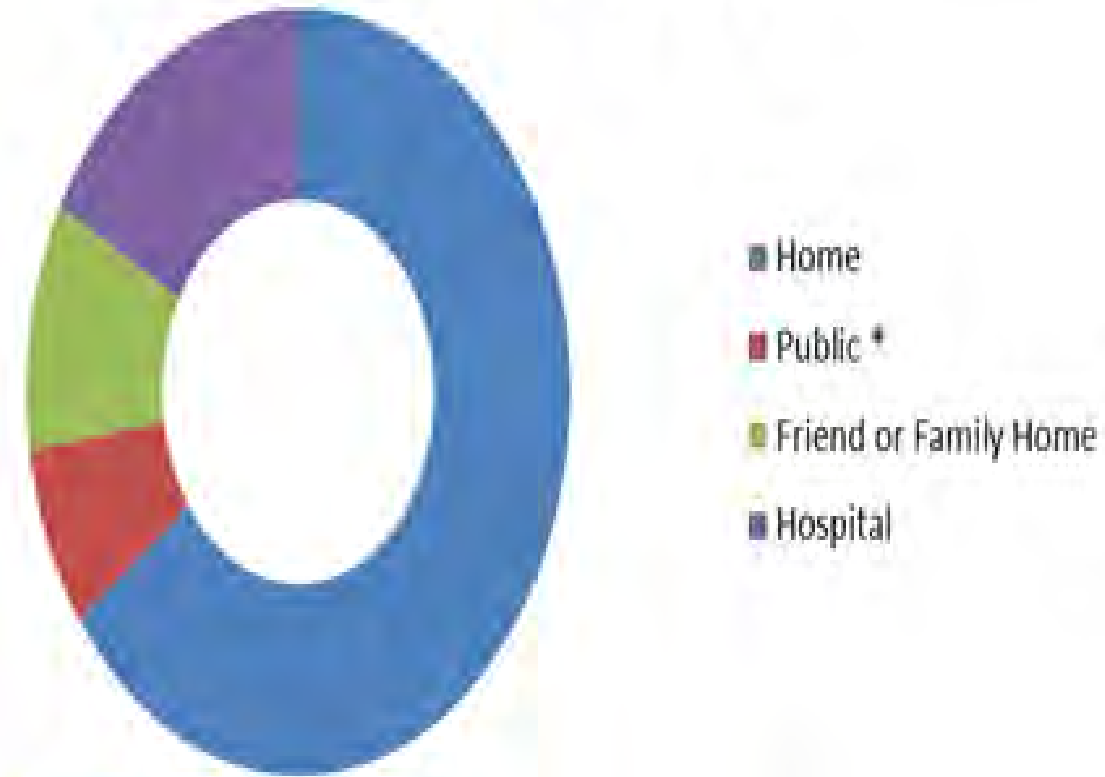
# Age Range



Kelley Research Associates 2/18

**Sixty-eight percent (918)** of the individuals who overdosed in 2017 were between the ages of 20 and 39. The majority of Fatal overdoses (**33%, n=48**) and Non-Fatal overdoses (**37%, n=418**) involved people between the age of 30 and 39. The youngest fatality was 19 years old and the oldest was 64 years old.

# Place of Death 2015



Home	Public*	Friend or Family Home	Hospital
111	13	18	29
64.90%	7.60%	10.53%	16.96%

MA State Police, Unattended Death Reports, 2015  
Signature Healthcare, Brockton Hospital Overdose Statistics, 2015

**JOHNNY HAS A DRUG PROBLEM...**

**JOHNNY *DOESN'T* DO DRUGS.**





HEROIN IS  
THE WORST THING  
**THAT EVER**  
HAPPENED  
TO ME & I'VE NEVER  
**TOUCHED IT.**



[WWW.OPIOIDOVERDOSEPREVENTION.ORG](http://WWW.OPIOIDOVERDOSEPREVENTION.ORG)

# Childhood Trauma Initiative

Office of Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz

## Innovation in Substance Misuse Prevention: The Role of Childhood Trauma in the Opioid Crisis



### *About the Conference*

Drugs are effective coping mechanisms for youth seeking relief from trauma caused by Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs). Research stemming from Dr. Vincent Felitti and the original ACEs Study shows that as ACEs increase, so does the risk youth have in misusing substances, such as intravenous drugs. Dr. Felitti explains that after youth experience trauma, coping devices, like alcohol, tobacco, and opioids, are effective means for short-term emotional healing, but lead to long-term risks like addiction.

### Conference Details

Hosted by  
The Plymouth County Drug Abuse Task Force  
District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz, Chair  
Sheriff Joseph D. McDonald, Jr., Chair

**November 8, 2017**  
Hotel 1620  
Plymouth, MA  
8:30 AM - 3:00PM

**Registration**  
Email  
Maria DoCanto  
maria.docanto@state.ma.us







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### Calendar of Events

**Handle With Care Massachusetts**

Today   **Wednesday, May 1**  

- Wednesday, May 1**  
Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
- Thursday, May 2**  
Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
- Friday, May 3**  
Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
- Thursday, May 30**  
2:00pm Webinar: Trauma Informed Law En
- Thursday, June 13**

Events shown in time zone: Eastern Time - New York 

### Handle With Care Model



If a law enforcement officer encounters a child during a call, that child's information is forwarded to the school before the school bell rings the next day. The school implements individual, class and whole school trauma-sensitive curricula so that traumatized children are "Handled With Care". If a child needs more intervention, on-site trauma-focused mental healthcare is available at the school.

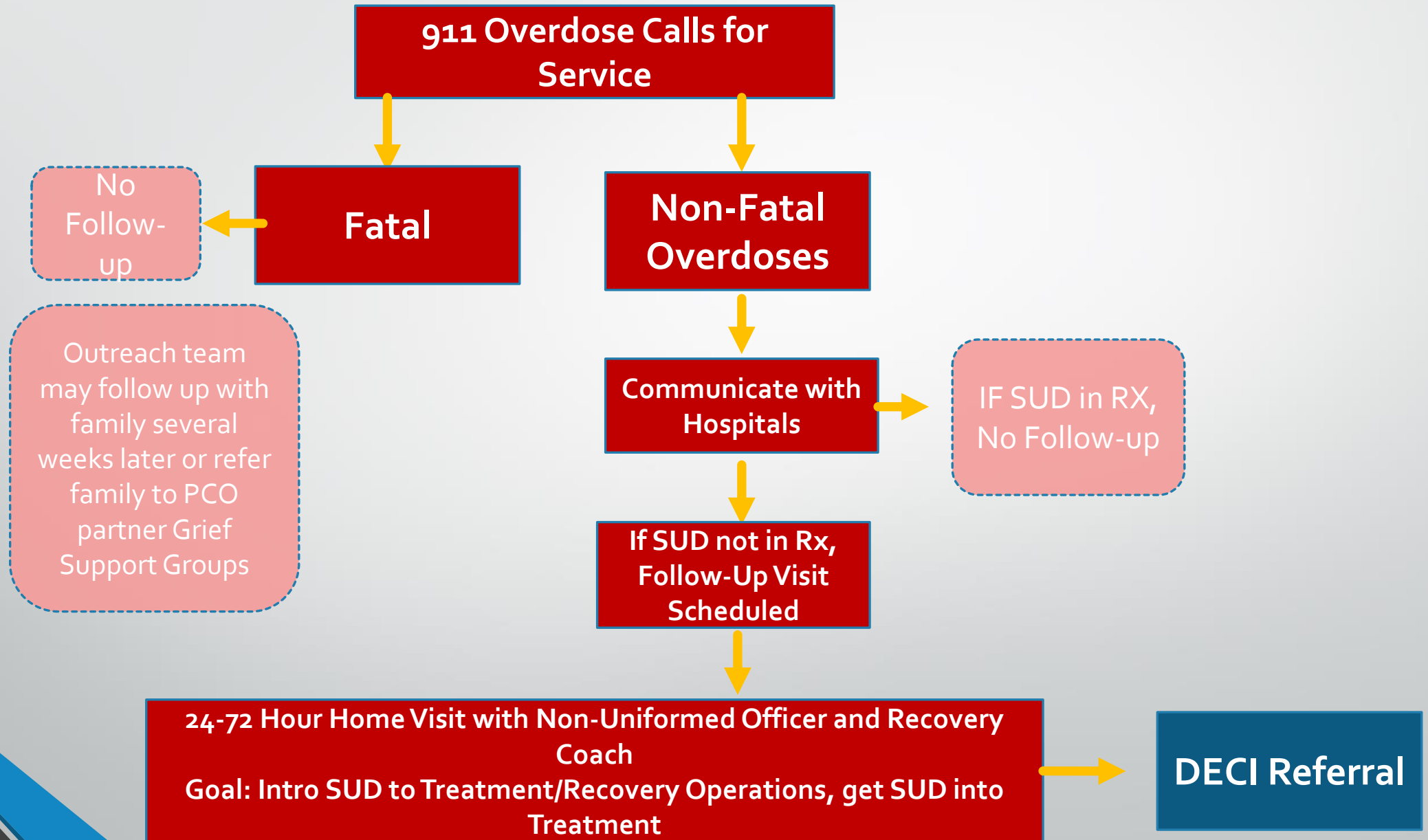
### Partners



Handle With Care Partners include:

- Law Enforcement Agencies
- Schools and School Districts
- Mental Health Providers
- Community Partners

# PCO Outreach Model



# Drug Endangered Children Initiative

## Training

- ACEs Training for Police & Schools

## Communication

- Handle with Care
- PCO Referral to The Family Center

## Services

- Trauma Sensitive School Response
- Navigating Direct Services





## DRUG ENDANGERED CHILDREN INITIATIVE

ENHANCING SERVICE PROVISION FOR VULNERABLE CHILDREN IN PLYMOUTH COUNTY



OFFICE FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME



United Way of Greater Plymouth County

The Family Center

&

Community Connections of Brockton



“

THROUGH TRAINING, DIRECT SERVICES, AND BUILDING COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS, WE CAN HELP [KIDS] BUILD UP THE RESILIENCE TO OVERCOME THIS ADVERSITY.”

DISTRICT ATTORNEY TIM CRUZ





# Thank You

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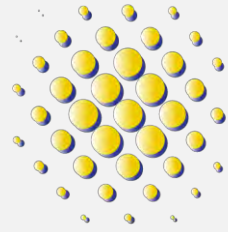
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# Questions and Answers



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