

Connections to Heal



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Presentation Overview

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Background

In Summer 2018 the Milwaukee City-County Heroin, Opioid Cocaine (CCHOC) Task Force hosted multiple community engagement sessions to gain insight from all stakeholders to inform the direction of its work.

The CCHOC Task Force supported a community opioid awareness event for those experiencing addiction and those affected by substance misuse. This event, titled “Connections to Heal,” was hosted by the City of Milwaukee Health Department on June 24th, 2019 at Bradley Tech High School.

The event is modeled after a project based in Dayton, Ohio known as “Conversations for Change.” City of Milwaukee staff connected with those Project Leads to gain insight on their efforts and solidify promising practices.

Objectives

- To enhance collaboration between community-based initiatives and government agencies.
- To create and maintain strategies to support long-term recovery of those experiencing addiction.
- This event goes beyond connecting people to resources – link various resources to one another, resulting in a comprehensive approach.
 - SDoH: housing supports, employment, food and nutrition, financial management, legal assistance, peer support, among others.



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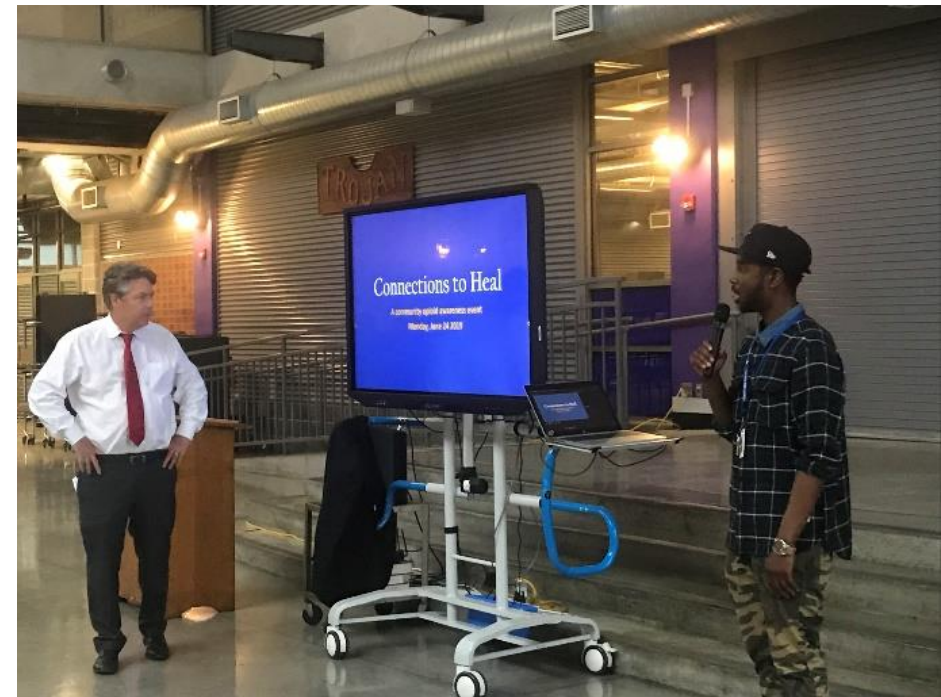
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Event Overview

- Storytelling over a meal
- Naloxone training and distribution
- “Wake Up” room
- Counselors, peer support, and treatment providers
- Resource fair and medication drop-off

Storytelling Meal

The meal was an opportunity for participants to share their story of addiction and/or the impact of substance use.



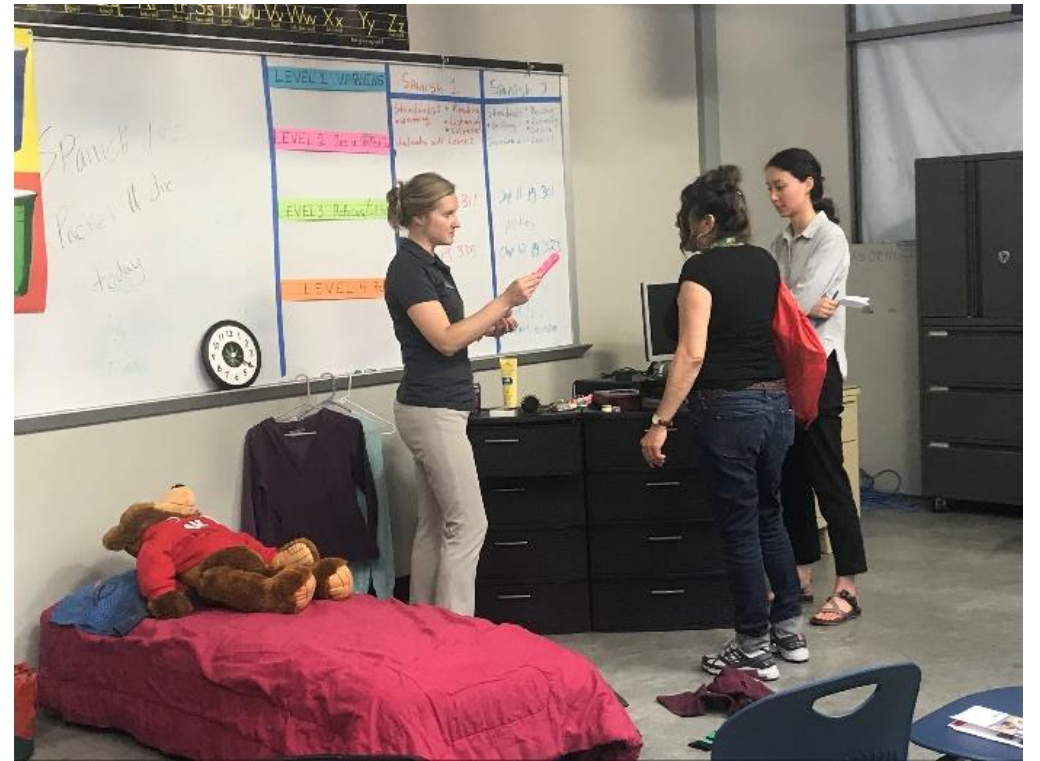
Activity: Naloxone Training and Distribution

Conducted by the City of Milwaukee Health Department staff



Activity: “Wake Up” Room

Conducted by the South Milwaukee Health Department



Activity: Counseling/Treatment Enrollment

Resources from United Community Center (UCC), Milwaukee Health Department (MHD), and Community Medical Services (CMS) were available.



Resource Fair



Outcomes

- 35 community members participated
- Through phone calls and emails, 10 people filled out surveymonkey
- The naloxone training was recognized as a favorite feature.
- Respondents indicated the following as additional resources to be included in future events:
 - Housing
 - Peer support group at event
 - “More resources for women who suffer from substance abuse or women with children who suffer from substance abuse”

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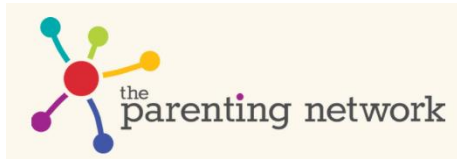
- 20 vendors participated
- Through phone calls and emails, 8 people filled out surveymonkey
- All vendors who responded indicated being very likely to participate in future events.
- Feedback:
 - “The event was well organized and allowed ample time for participants to engage with vendors while still attending sessions. The food was delicious.”
 - “Please continue to give members of the recovering community the opportunity to spread hope by sharing their inspiring story of recovery!”

Next Steps

1. Connections to Heal is embedded in a model that is sustainable and replicable. With this approach, various entities can implement this event in diverse communities.
2. Secure funds to support efforts aligned with recommendations and needs of community members.



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Questions?



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