

A SNAPSHOT OF THE OPIOID CRISIS



addicted to or misused prescription opioids in 2014

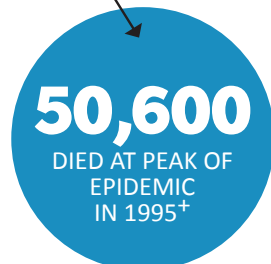
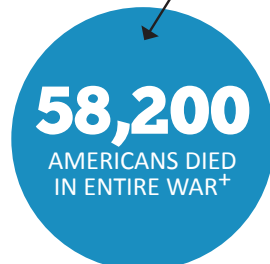


in 2016 from all forms of opioid overdoses, a 28% increase from 2015

National

*STATISTICS FROM CDC

THAT'S ON SCALE WITH THE VIETNAM WAR & AIDS EPIDEMIC



†STATISTICS FROM PERF

Arlington



in 2017 in Arlington



in 2017 in Arlington

‡STATISTICS FROM ARLINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

HOW IS ARLINGTON RESPONDING?

The opioid crisis affects all ages, ethnicities, income levels and communities — including Arlington.

County staff are working together to respond to the crisis through the **Arlington Addiction Recovery Initiative**, comprised of representatives from a range of County agencies, Arlington Public Schools, and community partners that takes a **multi-dimensional approach** to attacking the crisis by focusing on prevention and education, opioid addiction treatment, overdose response and recovery, diversion into treatment, and supply reduction and other law enforcement strategies.



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KNOW WHAT TO DO IN THE EVENT OF AN OPIOID OVERDOSE



WHAT ARE OPIOIDS?

Opioids are a class of highly addictive drugs used to reduce pain. They include prescription opioids like oxycodone, hydrocodone, morphine and fentanyl as well as illegal opioids like heroin.



OVERDOSE SYMPTOMS

PALE FACE	DROWSINESS OR UNCONSCIOUSNESS
LIMP BODY	SLOW BREATHING OR HEARTBEAT
BLUE-ISH LIPS OR NAILS	MUSCLE SPASMS
VOMITING OR GURGLING	DEEP SNORING



HOW TO RESPOND TO AN OVERDOSE

CALL 911 — DO NOT WAIT!

HELP WILL COME IMMEDIATELY!

First responders want to save lives and help people recover.



HELP SAVE LIVES - GET FREE NARCAN

Naloxone (Narcan) can save the life of someone who is overdosing, if given in time. It is available without a prescription for a fee at all pharmacies. Obtain it for free by attending a REVIVE! training. Contact Emily Sigveland at 703-228-4216 or esigveland@arlingtonva.us or check our website for information on the next training. Anyone who assists a person in need is protected from liability by the Good Samaritan Law.



NEED HELP?

If you or someone you care about needs help with addiction, call the Arlington County Behavioral Healthcare Division at: **703-228-5150**.



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