

TALBOT GOES PURPLE

Talbot Goes Purple is a substance abuse awareness program that engages our community and our youth to stand up against substance abuse.

Talbot Goes Purple includes purple clubs in our middle and high schools, through which students learn that they do not need drugs or alcohol to meet life's challenges. The project encourages our youth and community to 'Go Purple' as a sign of taking a stand against substance abuse.

The purpose of the project is to promote the 'new conversation' - one that includes prescription drugs.

Talbot Goes Purple is an initiative from Talbot County Sheriff's Office and Tidewater Rotary, in partnership with Talbot County Public Schools and Mid-Shore Community Foundation.

The project is based upon THP Project Purple, an initiative of The Herren Project, a 501(c)3 non-profit foundation established by former NBA basketball player, Chris Herren, that assists individuals and families struggling with addiction.

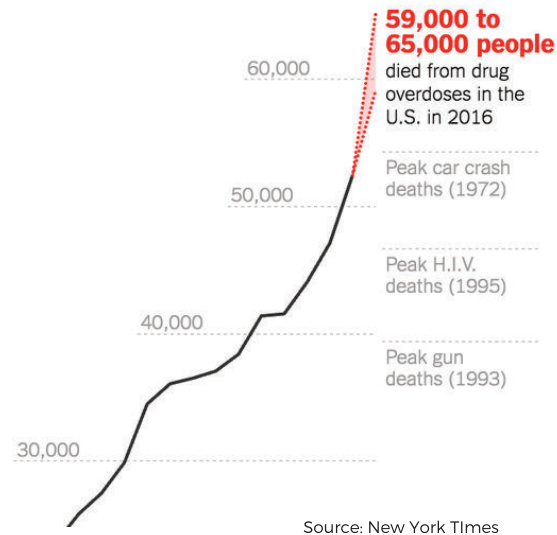
More information is available on our website at www.TalbotGoesPurple.org.

We're in the middle of the deadliest drug epidemic in our history - and much of it starts with improper use of prescription painkillers. We need to continue teaching our families that misusing prescription painkillers WILL lead to addiction.

--Joe Gamble, Talbot County Sheriff

1,501 people in Maryland died from an opioid overdose in the first three quarters of 2017.

Overdoses have become the leading cause of accidental deaths in people younger than 50.



WHAT DO I DO IF MY CHILD IS USING DRUGS?

First, sit down and take a deep breath. You don't need to assume the worst but you do need to act. Prepare for a conversation with your child - there are many valuable tips online at www.drugfree.org.

It may also help to reach out to a trained professional or support group - Talbot County Addictions is a good place to start: call 410-819-5602.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR SHERIFF:

During our first year with TGP, we educated our families on the path to addiction -- early alcohol use, marijuana, prescription drugs, heroin and then death.

With your help we want to continue educating our families about this deadly epidemic and continue the conversation we started last year.



4 out of 5 people who use heroin started with recreational use of prescription painkillers.

Last year we started our TGP clubs in the high schools, and this year we are expanding that educational outreach to our middle schools.

We're doing a better job educating our kids about prescription pills, the path to addiction, the Good Samaritan Law, and Narcan.

Still, overdose deaths continue to climb across the state -- there are nearly four times more overdose deaths than deaths from car accident.

We need to continue this conversation if we are going to turn the tide on this deadly epidemic.

LOCAL RESOURCES

Crisis Hotline: 888-407-8018
Parent Support Line: 855-DRUGFREE
24/7 treatment info: Text IWIK to 71441
Safe Stations: 9 a.m. - 11 p.m. every day;
St. Michael's Police Station, 100 S. Fremont St.
Talbot County Department of EMS, 605 Port St.
Easton

TREATMENT

Talbot County Health Department Addictions
410-819-5602
Shore Behavioral Health 410-822-1000 x5452
Life's Energy Wellness Center 800-867-2395
Corsica River Mental Health 410-745-8028
Eastern Shore Psychological Services 410-822-
5007

SUPPORT: 12-step

Alcoholics anonymous: 410-822-4226
Narcotics anonymous: 800-317-3222
Al-Anon: 888-4AL-ANON

PEER SUPPORT:

Talbot County Health Department 410-819-5688
and 410-819-5661
Chesapeake Voyagers 410-822-1601
Maryland Coalition of Families 410-730-8267
Recovery for Shore recoveryforshore@gmail.com

SUPPORT GROUPS:

Together: Positive Approaches
Easton: Meets the second Wednesday each
month, 6-7:30 at Talbot Partnership.
Tilghman: Meets the fourth Wednesday each
month, 6-7:30 at Tilghman United Methodist
Church.
(More info at mariahsmissionfund.org)

CONTACT US:
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HOW CAN I HELP?

Talk with your kids.
Lock up your prescription medications.
Get trained on Naloxone.
Help share our educational messages.
Encourage your child to get involved with a TGP
club at EHS, SMMHS or EMS.

GOOD SAMARITAN LAW

Educate your kids on [Maryland's Good Samaritan Law](#), which protects people who call 911 when someone has overdosed on drugs or alcohol. It DOES NOT protect people who leave someone who has overdosed.

GET NARCAN TRAINED!

Narcan (Naloxone) is a life-saving prescription drug that reverses the effects of an opioid overdose. Call the Talbot County Health Department Prevention Office for **FREE** trainings at 410-819-5600.

Maryland now has a standing order for Narcan, which means you no longer need a prescription. Call your pharmacist for details.



Tidewater



GET THE FACTS.
GET INVOLVED.
GET TALKING.

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THE MOVEMENT
CONTINUES.