

United for Recovery & Prevention

September 2026

The United for Recovery and Prevention taskforce works to prevent early death from substance use, to reduce addiction and dependence and to prevent and reduce trauma to children and families caused by substance use. The group reorganized under Healthy Franklin County in 2025.



7 YTD

7 YTD overdose deaths. There were 13 overdose deaths in 2025.

4064

Free naloxone doses distributed to 20 sites community sites

1913

Youth participated in Too Good for Drugs program

Projects

Conducted environmental scan of those working in SUD treatment space.

Increased capacity in recovery support space.

Launched Compassionate Overdose Response Education (CORE) training.

Details

Survey yielded 17 responses from area providers, PCPs, EMS and hospitals.

Trained 12 Certified Family Recovery Specialists & 40 Certified Recovery Specialists (14 employed).

Provided 2 EMS and 1 community training. 57 individuals trained (as of 9.17.2026)

Outcome

Recommendations: develop ED warm hand-off protocol; expand naloxone training & distro; address provider stigma.

Increased access to supports for Franklin/Fulton County residents.

Increased first responder resiliency and knowledge of addiction 101, CRS experience and naloxone leave-behind-kits.

The United for Recovery & Prevention taskforce meets bi-monthly on the first Thursday of the month at 12pm via Teams. Contact Noel Purdy at npurdy@wellspan.org for more information

TASKFORCE MEMBERS

Franklin County Children in Youth
Franklin County Coroner's Office
Franklin County District Attorney
Franklin County Drug & Alcohol
Franklin County Human Services
Healthy Communities Partnership of Greater Franklin County

Keystone Health
Mental Health Association of Franklin & Fulton Counties
Noah's House
Pyramid Healthcare
Universal Health Services (UHS)
WellSpan Health