



# Brunswick County Sheriff's Office

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# Why Anchor?

- Over the past year, we have studied multiple organizations and programs across the country, evaluated our own problems, and put together the best program for our county and citizens.
- We have found the three biggest reasons for addicts not seeking IMMEDIATE treatment has been:
  - 1) lack of knowledge
  - 2) money
  - 3) transportation

# How the Program Works:

- Individuals with addictions can contact the Sheriff's Office through:
  - 1) self-referral
  - 2) social media referral
  - 3) officer interaction
- Once contact is made, the person requesting assistance declares they are addicted and seeking help.

# Steps following the referral:

- The individual will be put in immediate contact with an Anchor coordinator, who will respond and do an assessment.
- The coordinator will contact RHA Mobile Crisis or a similar entity to start the process of finding availability for detox facilities.
- If the individual is in need of medical treatment, the coordinator will transport them to the local ER to be checked out.

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- During this process the Anchor coordinator will be working to find the individual a treatment option.
- The Anchor coordinator will facilitate transportation to and from the ER, detox, and treatment as needed.
- The Initiative will strive to keep the cost for these individuals as low as possible, paying for the transportation, detox (if necessary), and initial entrance fees to treatment providers (if necessary).

# Self-Referrals

- Typically occurs from a person in need who hears of the program.
- Participants will not be charged with drugs or paraphernalia found in their possession if socially or self-referred. Participants are not asked where the drugs came from during these encounters.
- Current inmates may take advantage of self-referrals by asking to speak with an Anchor coordinator while serving time.

# Social Media Referrals

- On occasions, people in need contact us via social media outlets, such as Facebook or email.
- Another social resource is the Brunswick County Sheriff App, which is available on iTunes and Google Play.

# Officer Interaction Referrals

- Those encountered by law enforcement while in the criminal element are subject to arrest.
- An arrest does not disqualify them from Anchor assistance.



# Benefits to Law Enforcement and community

- SAVE LIVES
- Reduction of opiate use and related emergency calls
- Reduction in property crimes
- Increase and strengthen the Law Enforcement/Community bond
- Building partnerships and resources
- Establishing a plan of action towards combating the next epidemic

## How You Can Help

- Spread the word throughout the community about our program.
- Donate to the Non-Profit charitable foundation to help fund the program.



# Funding

- This program will be ran solely from charitable donations, fundraisers, and grants (if approved).





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