Are you addicted to heroin or other opioids?

Do you know someone who is?

The Solon Police Department recognizes that drug addiction is a disease. This program is aimed at getting help to the people suffering from opioid addiction, instead of putting them in handcuffs.

Contact us for help!

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Solon’s Safe Passages program was started to help get opiate addicts into recovery.

Anyone who enters the Solon Police station and voluntarily asks for help with their addiction to opiates will be placed into appropriate treatment.

Your safe passage to treatment is here:

- You will not be arrested
- You will not be jailed
- You will not be charged with a crime
- You will be directed to a treatment facility

There are some exceptions to the program. We may not be able to support you if you currently have an outstanding warrant, have 3 or more drug trafficking convictions, have an extensive history of violent crime or arson, you are a registered sex offender, or you are under 18 without a parent or guardian consent. Please inquire if you have any questions prior to intake.

Solon’s Safe Passages program was created for members of the Solon Community. This can include past or present residents, employees and members of Solon community businesses and organizations, or other Solon stakeholders. It may be expanded based on demand. Ask for details.

When a person comes to the Solon Police station, they can ask for help by saying, “I’m here for the Safe Passages program”. A Solon Police employee will take you to a private area to complete some paperwork. They will guide you through the intake process. Based on this, we will find a suit-able treatment facility from our list of partners. We facilitate entry into treatment and act as part of a necessary support system.

Oftentimes, placement will not be immediate. Although we are capable of starting the intake process whenever you are ready, the best times to come in for help are:

Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

These hours are when the majority of our re-sources are available to us. It may speed up the process. If these hours prohibit your ability to come in for help...then come in whenever you can.

With the help and support of the Police Assisted Addiction and Recovery Initiative (PAARI), and other law enforcement partners who first brought the Safe Passages initiative to Northeast Ohio, the Solon Police Department has com-mitted to the idea of combatting this problem by encouraging opiate users to seek recovery and connecting people with treatment programs.

Berea, Olmsted Township, Bedford, and many more police departments are also running the Safe Passages program in their areas. They helped us to get started in Solon. We work together with those agencies.

Opioid overdose deaths include the use of heroin, fentanyl, prescription pills and other opiate drugs. The five states with the highest rates of drug overdose deaths in the country include Ohio. Our region, Cuyahoga County, has the highest number of unintentional overdose deaths in the state (numbers from 2016). Something is wrong with this picture.

Questions about Safe Passages? Contact us

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