

Building Community Support and Trust While Reducing Crime and Recidivism Through Deflection

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LUCAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
DRUG ABUSE RESPONSE TEAM

D.A.R.T.

Lucas County, Ohio

DART

OUR STORY

In 2014, Sheriff John Tharp took notice of the increasing number of inmates in the Lucas County Corrections Center withdrawing from opiates. Shortly after, in July of 2014 D.A.R.T. was launched in response to the growing heroin and opioid epidemic.

D.A.R.T. was one of the first initiatives of its kind in our nation. It allows officers responding to an overdose incident to be empowered to offer treatment instead of arrest and incarceration. Today, the D.A.R.T. unit reaches far beyond their traditional roles as first responders and engage directly with linkage to treatment for victims and their families.

<https://www.cnn.com/videos/health/2017/09/29/btc-cops-opioid-addicts-crisis-shed-uniforms-cohen-pkg.cnn/video/playlists/new-day-highlights/>




LUCAS COUNTY, OHIO



Population: 428,191 (2021)
Lucas County Corrections Center
Capacity: 403 in the pre-trial jail &
65 in booking

Lucas County Opioid Deaths by Year



2010: 8	2016: 288
2011: 15	2017: 153
2012: 31	2018: 112
2013: 80	2019: 265
2014: 124	2020: 296
2015: 127	2021: 282

DART: WHO WE ARE

- LUCAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
 - LIEUTENANT , DEPUTY SHERIFFS,
AND FORENSIC COUNSELOR
- LUCAS COUNTY CHILDREN'S SERVICES &
LUCAS COUNTY AREA OFFICE ON AGING
- LUCAS COUNTY DRUG COURT



OUR GOAL

To raise awareness about the dangers associated with heroin and other drug usage.

OUR MISSION

To stop the profound number of deaths of our friends and loved ones caused by opiate overdoses while helping victims to overcome their addictions. We aim to educate and support the family and friends of these victims.



OUR STORY

DRUG ABUSE RESPONSE TEAM

● HOW

Sheriff Tharp met with local fire chiefs in the Toledo-area. They agreed to share information about overdoses with law enforcement to allow Sheriff's deputies the ability to follow up with overdose victims at the hospital.

● D.A.R.T

The 7 member DART team initially provides help to victims, followups are conducted within 72 hours of initial engagement. Clients may remain active with DART for up to 2 years

● GOT

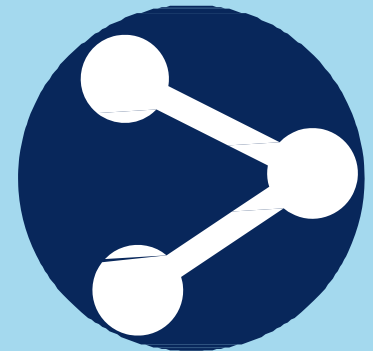
DART officers drive victims to court, treatment, and other appointments in donated cars from local auto dealers.

● STARTED

Since the inception of DART in July 2014, over 6,500 individuals battling addiction have been engaged.

WHERE DO DART CLIENTS COME FROM?

- HOSPITALS
(OVERDOSES)
- DRUG COURT
- SELF REFERRALS
- FAMILY/FRIENDS
- PROBATION
- LUCAS COUNTY
CORRECTIONS CENTER
- LAW ENFORCEMENT
- COMMUNITY FORUMS



DART CLIENT ENGAGEMENT

**6,500+ PEOPLE
ENGAGED TO DATE**

**70% OF CLIENTS
WERE LINKED TO
TREATMENT**

Is Drug Addiction Treatment Worth the Cost?

Incarceration

Ohio Department of
Rehabilitation and Corrections:

- Cost \$83.72 per day to house an inmate
- 1 year of imprisonment \$30,558.00 p/p
- \$1.3 Billion annually for all prisons

Lucas County Correctional
Center:

- Cost \$209.06 per day
- 1 year of incarceration \$76,306.90 p/p
- In 2021 11,399 inmates booked



Treatment



Methadone treatment, including medication and integrated psychosocial and medical support services (daily visits): \$126.00 per week or \$6,552.00 p/p.

Buprenorphine (Suboxone) for a stable patient provided in a certified OTP, including medication and twice-weekly visits: \$570.00 per month or \$6,840.00 p/p.

Naltrexone (Vivitrol) provided in an OTP, including drug, drug administration, and related services: \$2,160.00 per month or \$25,930.08 p/p.

THE DART SOLUTION

A COMPREHENSIVE ARRAY OF EFFORTS ARE UNDERWAY
IN LUCAS COUNTY INCLUDING:

- Prevention & Education
- Intervention
- Family Support

PREVENTION AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION

**Please Join District 3
Councilman Peter Ujvagi**
along with City of Toledo, Toledo Lucas County Health Department,
Mental Health & Recovery Services Board, and The Lucas County Sheriff's Office D.A.R.T. Unit



for a
**COMMUNITY
OPIOID TOWN HALL**
addressing how the Opioid Epidemic affects District 3
Saturday, May 19, 2018
Noon - 3:30 P.M.
East Toledo Family Center
1020 Varland Ave. Toledo, OH 43605

COME EARLY - SPACE IS LIMITED

- FOOD • RAFFLES • RESOURCE FAIR •
- ADULT DISCUSSION GROUPS •
- FREE Narcan training and kits •
- Onsite Referral for Treatment •
- Bring Unused Medications - Anonymous Drop Box •
- Art Project for School Aged Children during adult discussion groups •

For more info check out the Dist. 3 Facebook Page

Come early for
Rapid HIV & Hepatitis C Testing
from 10AM-4PM in the St. Charles Hospital Van

DART Officers volunteer countless hours of their own time to provide education to the community regarding the heroin and opiate epidemic in Lucas County and throughout Ohio and our nation.

- Public Relations
- Community Forums
- Workshops

COMMUNITY COALITIONS AND TASKFORCES

- NWO Opiate Task Force
- Lucas County Trauma Coalition
- University of Toledo Opioid Task Force
- Lucas County Human Trafficking Coalition



DART's Three Steps to Success

HUMAN CONNECTION

We meet the client where they are the most comfortable. We wear plain clothes, not uniforms and drive donated, unmarked cars. All officers are trained in Motivational Interviewing and Squirrel Logic.



ASSESSMENT

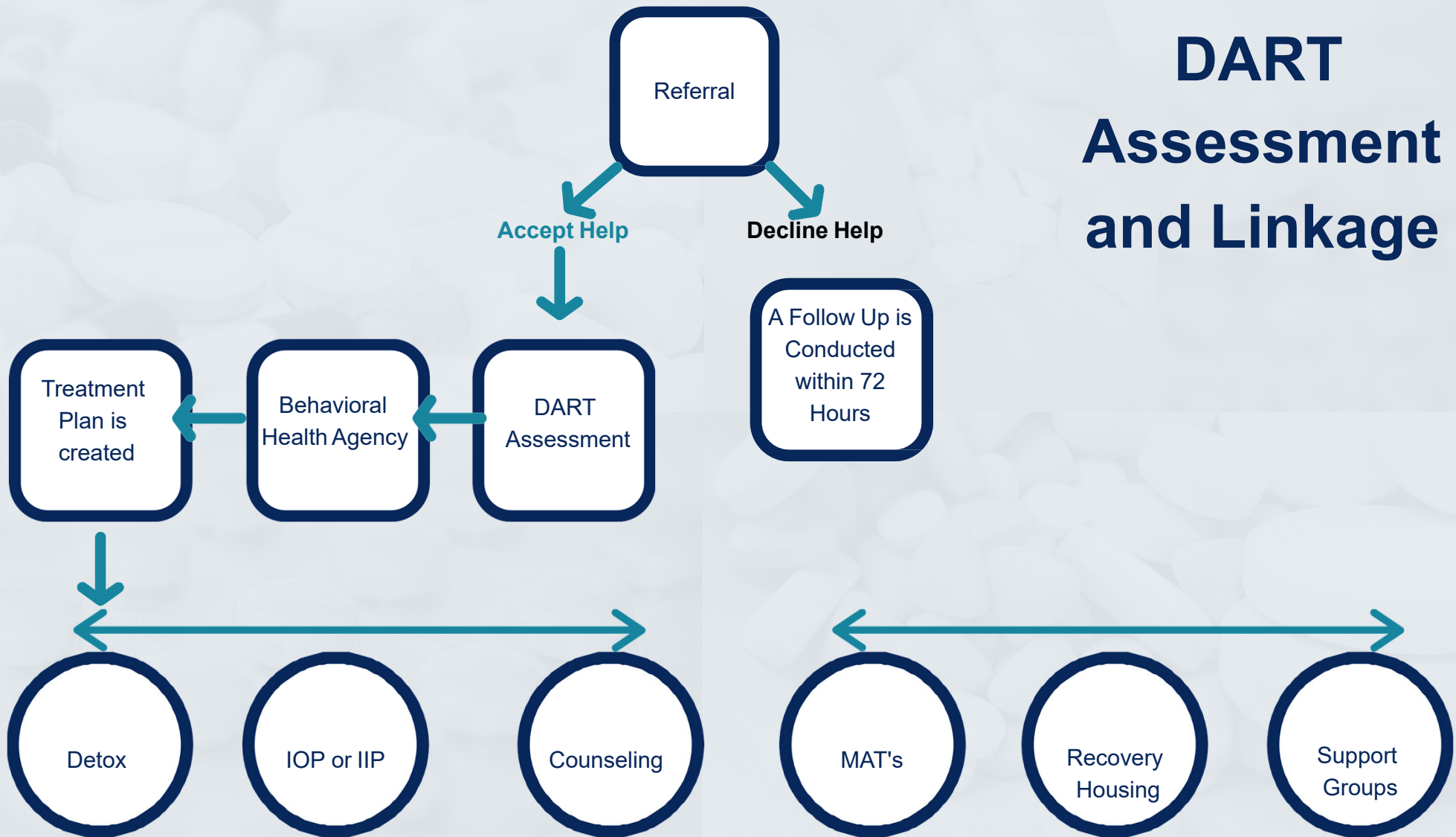
- Informal Assessments
- Calls, home visits and texting



LINKAGE

DART team connects individual to a community-based agency. A treatment plan is created including: detoxification, in-patient and out-patient programs, mental health counseling, Medication Assisted Treatment, Recovery Housing and Support Groups.

DART Assessment and Linkage



LUCAS COUNTY DART, A NATIONAL MODEL

In 2017, Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine announced that 40 law enforcement departments and their partners would receive \$3 million in grants that will be used to help replicate or expand Drug Abuse Response Teams and Quick Response Teams to address the opioid epidemic.

Grants went to the following Counties in Ohio: Franklin; Montgomery; Stark; Hamilton; Mahoning; Lake; Clermont; Summit; Medina; Fairfield; Wood; Wayne; Astabula; Tuscarawas; Cuyahoga; Ross; Butler; Lawrence; Clark; Pickaway; Richland; Highland; Ottawa; Hancock; Allen; Morrow; Pike; Shelby; Miami; Columbiana; Trumbull and Adams.



REACH OUT TO US!

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Community One Program

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