

# PLYMOUTH COUNTY OUTREACH

The latest news and updates on overdose related incidents in Plymouth County, MA and how law enforcement and public health officials are tackling this opioid epidemic in real-time.

## OVERDOSE STATISTICS 1/01/21 - 01/31/21



106 incidents



63 successful home visits\*

\*The outreach team made contact with a SUD, family/friend or both.



69% non-fatal

7% fatal

24% at-risk\*

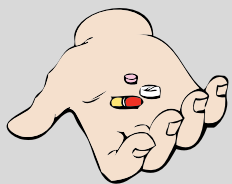
\*A loved one reported this individual due to concern of potential overdose.

## NEW TRAINING OPPORTUNITY



The Family Center will be hosting Helping Kids Cope: Supporting Children Impacted by Addiction on Wednesday, March 3rd from 6-7:30pm. The class will cover a variety of topics related to substance use and its impact on the family system including overview of addiction science, substance use education, pathways to recovery, how to help a family member, and local supports and resources. To register for the class, email Kati Mapa at [kati.mapa@ccbrockton.org](mailto:kati.mapa@ccbrockton.org)

## PUBLIC HEALTH ALERT



A growing number of individuals have experienced serious reactions after taking Phenibut, an unapproved anxiety drug sold in some dietary supplements. Reports have shown individuals utilizing it for its euphoric effects alongside other substances. Taking Phenibut alongside other substances that depress the central nervous system- including alcohol, benzodiazepines, or opioids, is incredibly dangerous. For more information, read the full article here: <https://www.usnews.com/news/health-news/articles/2020-09-09/dangerous-abuse-of-anxiety-drug-phenibut-is-on-the-rise>

## PCO UPDATE



Plymouth County Outreach has begun putting together homeless improvement kits that consist of gloves, hats, hand warmers, and socks as well as hygiene and first aid products. We plan to disseminate these kits to homeless individuals we work with to reduce the harm. If you or someone you know could benefit from a homeless improvement kit, reach out through our website, any of our social media, or call (508) 830-4218 x261.

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\*Data provided by Kelley Research Associates