



Police Assisted Addiction & Recovery Initiative

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The Opioid Epidemic

- Most urgent public health and public safety issue
- 174 Americans fatally overdose every day; nearly 7 deaths every day in MA alone
- Only 11% of people who need treatment receive it
- Significant obstacles even when someone wants treatment
- Law enforcement officers are on the front lines of the opioid epidemic and in a unique position to offer critical intervention and help people take their first steps on the path towards recovery



Gloucester Angel Program

- Series of overdose deaths in early 2015
- Established GPD as a safe station – Anyone can self-refer to ask for help and will receive a direct referral to treatment
- Goals to prevent overdose deaths and remove barriers to treatment and recovery
 - Create simple 24/7 pathway to treatment on demand
 - Reduce stigma associated with seeking help
 - Reframe addiction as a disease not a crime that needs treatment not jail



Police Assisted Addiction & Recovery Initiative

- Gloucester Angel Program caught national attention and sparked community policing movement – Added a new tool to officers' toolkit to save lives
- PAARI founded to help law enforcement agencies establish pre-arrest programs
- Membership is free and open to any law enforcement agency that believes addiction is a disease not a crime that needs treatment not jail



Police Assisted Addiction & Recovery Initiative

- PAARI provides:
 - Technical assistance, coaching, and support
 - Program models, policies, and templates
 - Convenings and trainings
 - Seed grants
 - Connections to over 300 vetted treatment centers
 - A network of like-minded law enforcement agencies
 - A unified voice with media and legislators
 - Capacity building and Recovery Coaching through AmeriCorps and Lutz grants



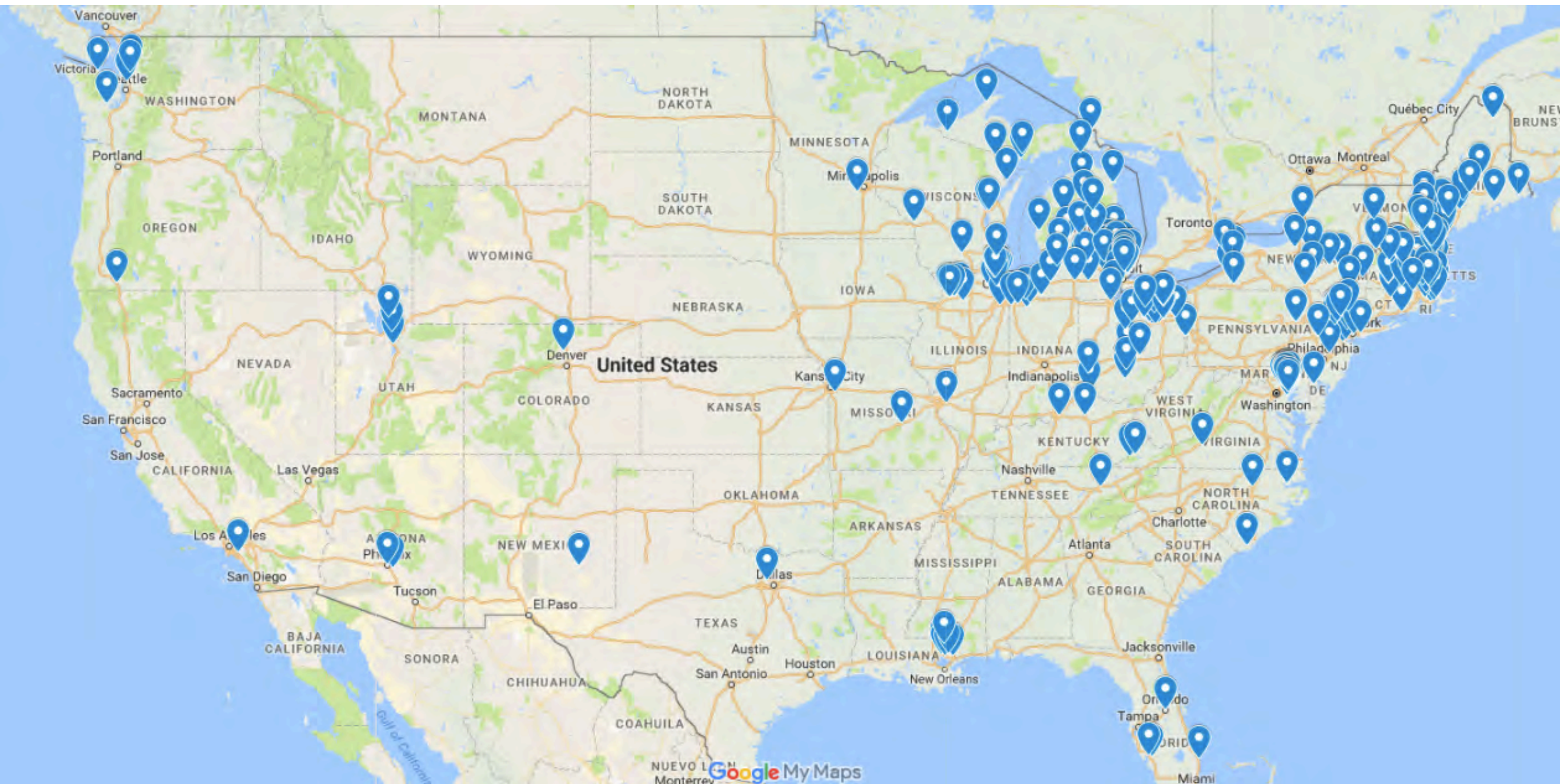
Program Outcomes

- Save lives
- Increase access to treatment
- Reduce crime
- Reduce calls for service
- Build community trust
- Reduce health care and criminal justice costs
- Change national conversation from addiction as a crime to addiction as a chronic disease, i.e. "we cannot arrest our way out of this"



Nationwide Network of PAARI Law Enforcement Partners

PAARI currently has 382 law enforcement partners in 32 states; growing every day



Recovery Coach Theory of Change

- MA residents with opioid use disorders do not have adequate access to treatment and recovery services
- If pre-arrest programs are strengthened, barriers will be removed and access to treatment and recovery services will expand
- If more individuals are able to access treatment, these individuals will be less likely to fatally overdose and more likely be diverted from the criminal justice system
- Through Recovery Coaches, law enforcement will have the capacity to reach more individuals in need and provide better support to the individuals seeking recovery



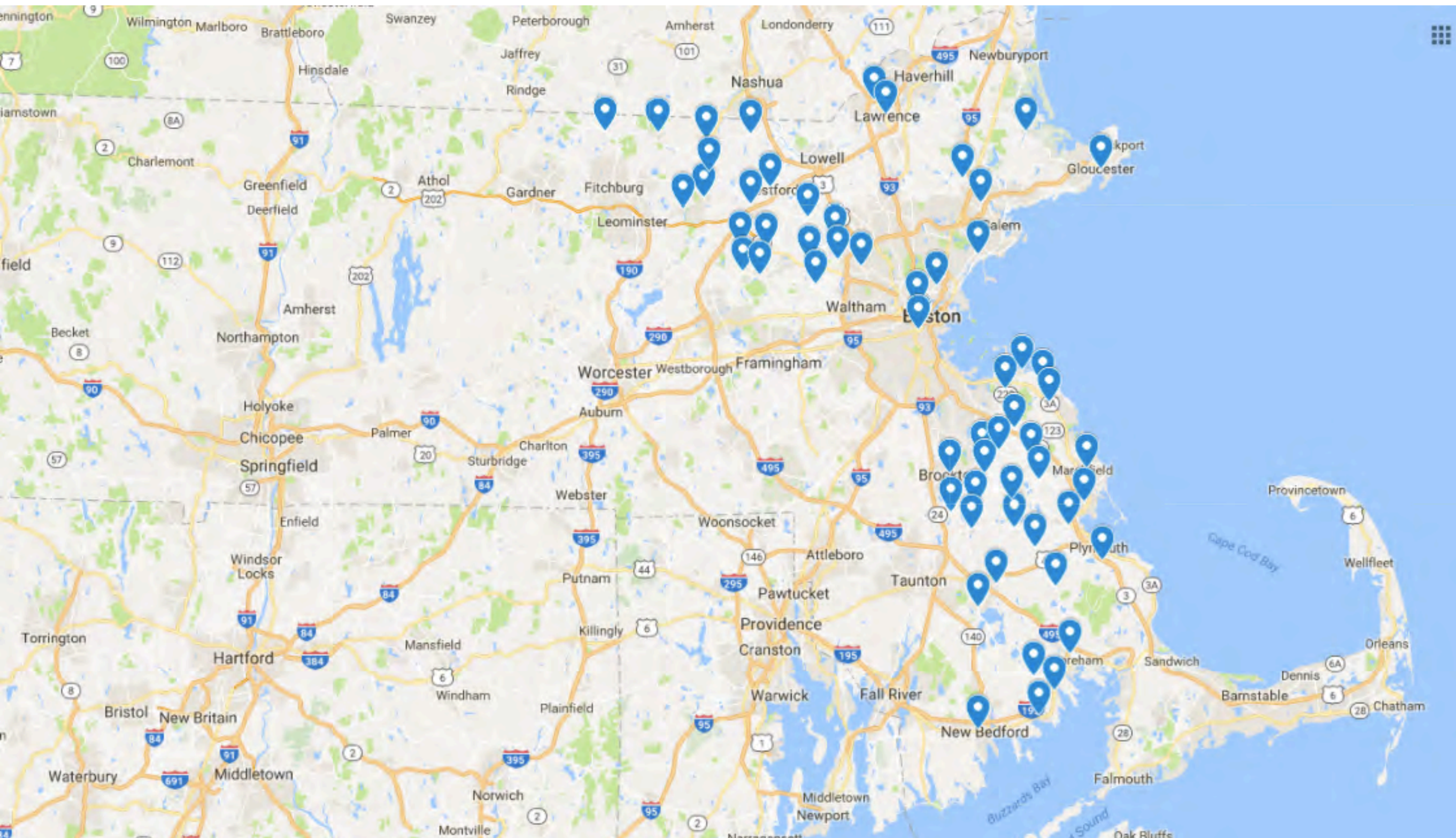
PAARI Recovery Coaches

- 30 Recovery Coaches embedded in MA police departments
 - Lutz Family Foundation: 2 full time Recovery Coaches
 - AmeriCorps/MSA: 28 part time Recovery Coaches
 - Some Coaches support multiple police departments
- 26 out of 30 are peers (87%)
 - 4 have lived experience with a loved one (13%)
 - Diverse backgrounds
- 4 Recovery Coach Supervisors
- AmeriCorps: First-of-its-kind model combining **national service** with **pre-arrest diversion** and the **recovery community**



Communities Served by PAARI Recovery Coaches

Currently recruiting host sites for
the next AmeriCorps program
year; also exploring national
expansion of the model



Recovery Coach Scope of Work

- Provide outreach, support, and referrals, depending on the department's program model
 - Self-referrals
 - Overdose follow up
 - Harm reduction
 - Direct referrals to treatment, care coordination, linkages
 - Officer referrals
 - Outreach to community
 - Re-entry from incarceration
 - Recovery support services
 - Support for family members
- Often in tandem with embedded clinicians or social workers



Recovery Coach Training & Support

- Recovery Coach Academy
- DPH/BSAS CARC Courses
 - Motivational Interviewing
 - Ethical Considerations
 - Cultural Competency
- Recovery Coach Supervisors
- Host Site Supervisors
- Supplemented by PAARI
 - Ethical Issues
 - Boundaries & Safety
 - Self Care for the Caregiver
 - Making an Evidence-Based Treatment Referral
 - Responding to an Overdose
 - Mapping Community Assets and Forming Partnerships



Get to Know our Recovery Coaches



Erin, Lynn Police Department

I am thankful for my sobriety, my family for sticking with me through the worst of times, and PAARI AmeriCorps for allowing me use my lived experiences, to help, support and encourage others struggling, like I once was!

Dennis, Everett Police Department

I'm thankful for my recovery, my God, my family, and my friends, both new and old. I'm thankful for hope and new opportunities. I'm thankful to be able to be drawn to the good in people. I'm thankful to be able to think of others before myself. I'm thankful to be available when needed. I'm thankful for the willingness to do my best. I'm thankful for forgiveness, of myself and others. I'm thankful to be able to feel love and be loved. I am very thankful for the opportunity to serve with PAARI AmeriCorps.

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Margie, Burlington Police Department

I am thankful for my recovery, having supportive family and friends, a roof over my head, a job that is making a positive difference in the world and provides me the opportunity to help others and the ability to live a happy, healthy and successful life drug free which, at one point I did not think was possible. I am thankful to be free from the feeling of hopelessness and shame in regards to my drug addiction.

Kurt, Hingham Police Department

I am thankful to be alive. Thankful to be free from the slavery of addiction. Thankful for a new life, my wife, and son. Thankful for the opportunity to help someone through the same journey that I went through.



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Sloane, a PAARI AmeriCorps Member, on why she's serving as a Recovery Coach with Plymouth Police Department: "I know first hand the struggle of addiction. No matter how many people told me they loved me, they had no idea how to help me. When I was in the depths of my addiction there wasn't anything like this for help. The group of people that have come together are here to help, no judgement, only a compassionate approach to help. The struggle is real, but you are not alone."



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AmeriCorps Thank you for serving as an AmeriCorps member, Sloane, and for sharing your story!

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A great example of an innovative program to address the #opioid epidemic. Good luck to the @AmeriCorps #recovery team!



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P.A.A.R.I. launches Recovery Coach/ AmeriCorps program in Massachusetts

The Police Assisted Addiction and Recovery Initiative (P.A.A.R.I.) has launched its Recovery Coach program across the state to help people who need treatment get it.

P.A.A.R.I.'s mission is to provide

Program Outcomes

- Impact on the Coaches: Workforce development
- Impact on the Police: Recovery Coaches were the catalyst for several new police departments to join PAARI and launch pre-arrest programs
- Impact on the community and SUDs: Improved access to treatment and recovery
- Since September 2017, our Recovery Coaches have provided information and support to 1,742 unique individuals and offered direct referrals to 193 individuals





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