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In June 2015, after a series of fatal overdoses, the Gloucester Police Department launched a new non-arrest referral program to help people with substance use disorders access treatment on demand. This innovative program promised to help anyone who came into the station, without fear of arrest. The program caught national attention and sparked a community policing movement that offered a new tool in officers' toolkit to save lives. In June 2015, PAARI was founded as a 501(c)3 nonprofit to create and support non-arrest law enforcement programs across the country.

Our Mission & How We Help

- To provide law enforcement with training and support to design, launch, and implement non-arrest referral programs, including strategic guidance, technical assistance, policy and procedure templates, recovery coach training, and national and regional convenings
- To foster a dialogue about the unique position of law enforcement to address the opioid crisis, remove stigma, and reframe the conversation about addiction as a disease not a crime
- To educate lawmakers and support state and national policy around treatment access
- To build a law enforcement movement and network of like-minded law enforcement agencies to move away from an arrest-first approach and help people take their first steps on the path to recovery

Our Successes to Date

- 579 current law enforcement partners in 34 states and Canada running non-arrest referral programs
- 25% of partners run self-referral intake programs, 25% run outreach and/or overdose follow up programs, and 50% run a program with both intake and outreach elements
- Partnerships with a growing number of major metropolitan departments, including Salt Lake City PD, Phoenix PD, Seattle PD, New York PD, and Boston PD
- Partnerships with sheriffs departments to assist incarcerated individuals with substance use disorders
- Community benefits include a reduction in crimes and calls for service related to addiction, cost savings by diverting people into treatment rather than the criminal justice system, and increased trust
- Through partnerships with nearly 300 treatment centers in 25 states, we have secured hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of scholarships for treatment for uninsured individuals
- Distributed more than 17,000 doses of 4mg nasal naloxone, the lifesaving overdose reversal drug, to police departments, first responders, construction workers, and commercial fisherman, free of charge
- Estimated 25,000 people placed in treatment through our nationwide network of police partners
- Testified at the Massachusetts State House, at the White House, and before members of Congress, and helped enact the Federal 21st Century Cures Act, which includes \$1 billion in funding
- Elevated non-arrest diversion through speaking engagements, media, national partnerships
- Piece published in the New England Journal of Medicine, which showed that the Gloucester referral program outperformed placement programs in healthcare settings by nearly double
- Currently participating in research projects with Harvard University, Boston Medical Center, and Boston University School of Public Health
- Partnership with AmeriCorps to place service members in police departments to build capacity and serve as Recovery Coaches. Our Recovery Corps expanded nationwide in fall 2019 with VISTA members focused on program development and capacity building with departments in Michigan, Arizona, Colorado, Illinois, and Massachusetts, and expansion to four more states planned for summer 2020
- Host one-of-a-kind annual National Law Enforcement Summit to connect and empower hundreds of law enforcement leaders with tools to address the opioid epidemic
- Piloted COVID-19 Reentry Survival Kit Program in March 2020 in partnership with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and 6 sheriffs departments to provide lifesaving resources to people being released from incarceration amid COVID-19

How to Join PAARI

- PAARI membership is open to any law enforcement or public safety agency that creates non-arrest pathways to treatment and recovery
- Email Allie Hunter, Executive Director, at allie@paarius.org to discuss your community's needs and receive support and guidance to create a program or strengthen your department's current efforts