



## June 2025 Community of Care Collaborative Meeting Minutes

Featured Speaker: **Skylar Bottcher - Manchester ACERT Supervisor**, Amoskeag Health

- ACERT Came about because some police officers were struggling with helping support children in DV calls
- In 2014 they found that over 400 kids were exposed to DV and 27+ kids exposed to sexual assault by other juveniles
- ACE's focuses on how toxic stress and harmful situations in childhood can impact overall and long term health and outcomes
  - 70% increase in likelihood of committing a serious violent crime
  - Increased risk of suicide, becoming a smoker, alcoholic or developing a chronic disease like heart disease or dementia
- Police report- officers check off a box if there is a child involved- parent education and advocate referral- try to reach out 3 times in 3 different ways to increase likelihood of parent or guardian connecting with services- ACERT connects with family- suggest referrals to services- advocate provides info to identified agencies and FYI's school- community agency works with the family
- There is a release of information so that the ACERT team can reach out on behalf of them to partner organizations that can support the kids
  - MHCGM
  - Boys and Girls Club
  - UpReach
  - YWCA
  - Waypoint
  - MPAL
  - Etc.
    - Looking for more summer camps
- 6 Principles of Trauma Informed Care
  - Safety
  - Trust and transparency
  - Peer support
  - Collaboration and Mutuality
  - Empowerment, voice and Choice
  - Cultural, historical and gender issues

- Referral partners receive the release form and they contact the family 3x
- This is still a pilot program so they are always looking for feedback and suggestions
- Many summer camps will hold a few spaces that they will offer for free for kids in the ACERT program
- Healthy Outcomes of Positive Relationships (HOPE)
  - The four building blocks of HOPE: relationships, safe/equitable/stable environments, social and civic engagement, emotional growth
- Positive Childhood Experiences (PCE's) reduce the effects of ACE's
  - The absence of PCE's is more harmful than the presence of ACE's
- Over 1,028 families and 1,700 children have been helped by the ACERT Team
- There are ACERT Locations all across the state right now and they are expanding, Manchester is helping a lot of these programs since we have a well established program even though it's still pretty new

#### Pillar Updates: Overdose Prevention – Andrew Warner

- May we had pretty good number- we went down from 63 calls to 38
- We had a higher rate of fatalities since last month though
- Overdose map is all over the place this month
  - Typically there are central locations with Narcan and where first responders get to quickly but now folks are doing it a little bit all over
  - When we stigmatize use people start to hide their use and do it in less accessible locations for receiving help
  - PHISH is coming to town and folks are nervous about rates of overdose spiking so folks will be outside handing out narcan

#### Other Updates:

- June is pride month as well as men's mental health month
- There is a post incarceration workshop on July 30<sup>th</sup> being held virtually from 9am to 12pm
  - Will be linked on highlights
- Elliott Hospital will be taking over the doorway operations starting July 1<sup>st</sup>
  - It will be at 300 Hanover St. (same location)
  - Referral details are in the works
- Pam will be tabling at Pride
- Easterseals will be opening a military/ veteran campus in Franklin that is open to any service members regardless of where you live

- Should be open in the summer
- HOPE Recovery will also be at pride
  - They will be giving out bracelets and naran
- New staff members at Makin' it Happen and Anne our Social Media person will be reaching out in the fall to talk about potential podcast opportunities with partners

Our next meeting is **IN-PERSON** on Tuesday, **September 9**, 2025 at the Makin' It Happen office.