

The Purdue College of Pharmacy is proud to present BoilerWoRx: a response to Indiana's public health crisis stemming from the opioid epidemic. BoilerWoRx is a smart mobile health initiative that will bring vital services to communities across Indiana. BoilerWoRx plans to utilize the best available data to guide our teams of health care professionals and students as they work to make an impact in the areas hardest hit by this crisis.

The mission of the **BoilerWoRx** initiative is:

*Responding to crisis, Promoting safe and healthy communities*

BoilerWoRx will provide the following services to combat the opioid epidemic:

### **NALOXONE TRAINING AND DISTRIBUTION**

- Naloxone is a life saving medication to treat opioid overdose.
- Saving a life with naloxone gives a person a chance to get the help they need.

### **DRUG DISPOSAL KIT DISTRIBUTION**

- Disposing of unused opioids and other medications helps prevent abuse and addiction.
- Safe disposal can be difficult in an environment of abuse and addiction.

### **NEEDLE EXCHANGE ASSISTANCE**

- Offering clean needles to injectable drug users prevents the spread of disease to all parts of a community and helps keep everyone safe.
- Information on how to access and support local health departments and community-based syringe service programs such as Gateway to Hope will be provided.

### **WELLNESS EDUCATION**

- Addiction is a mental illness, and patients need to have access to information about proper care and treatment in order to get help.
- Information regarding disease screenings and general health care will also be distributed.

### **PUBLIC POLICY ADVOCACY**

- Providing services to people affected by the opioid epidemic includes standing up for them in our city, county, and state governments.
- Governmental agencies must be educated about the realities of effective care regarding this epidemic from health care professionals who understand both the theory and practice of combating this public health crisis.

These services are just the beginning. In the future, BoilerWoRx plans to provide an even wider variety of services including immunizations, point-of-care testing for diabetes and cholesterol, smoking cessation education, and others.

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