

RCORP-ETC

Striving to eradicate OUD in rural East Tennessee.



Community Spotlight

Rescue 180 is a Substance Abuse Coalition that serves 54,495 people from cradle to the grave in Jefferson County. With a mission to their community by providing prevention education, services, and resources to families with the disease of addiction, Rescue 180 collaborates with 12 sectors to decrease substance abuse problems.

With a highly successful record in grant funding, Rescue 180 meets the needs of their community. To address relevant needs, Rescue 180 begins with a community needs assessment. Debra Shultz, a co-founder recommends to “never just write grants for money. Write grants based on passion to meet the needs of the people you serve, and have a goal to build a strong foundation with staff can make that happen.”

Rescue 180 considers it a great honor to have worked with the University of Tennessee on the RCORP-ETC grant. Rescue 180’s founders, Debra and Keith Shultz, have been leads on several projects on substance use prevention, treatment, and recovery. Debra and Keith state that they “have enjoyed our Partnership on every level, from the pleasant staff at UT, to having their support of our mission, brought great results in our community.”

UPCOMING EVENTS

QUARTERLY CONSORTIUM MEETING, APRIL 23RD 1-3PM. EQUITY AND SOCIAL DETERMINANTS RELATED TO OPIOID USE DISORDER. REGISTER BY APRIL 22 TO GET THE ZOOM LINK:

[HTTPS://APRIL2021RSVP.QUESTIONPRO.COM](https://april2021rsvp.questionpro.com)

STAYIN’ ALIVE FRIDAYS. VIRTUAL NARCAN TRAINING AND FREE NARCAN DISTRIBUTION WILL BE HELD THE SECOND FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH FROM NOON- 1PM. JOIN VIA ZOOM:

[HTTPS://TENNESSEEHIPAA.ZOOM.US/J/93033943183](https://tennesseehipaa.zoom.us/j/93033943183)

PASSWORD: 445130



Youth Update

Youth activities are a key component of Project HOPE. Unfortunately reaching youth during COVID-19 has been a challenge. After over one year of hard work, Project HOPE staff transformed an in-person youth advocacy opioid use disorder prevention curriculum to an online format. The Boys and Girls Club of Dumplin Valley agreed to Project HOPE. This 20-week program is now in action! We are excited to provide opportunities for youth to practice new skills, teach research and advocacy, and support youth to carry out strategies of change!

Digital Stories

Mallie's Story is that of a young mother misusing prescription painkillers. Due to a substance use disorder, Mallie lost custody of her first two children. After several years of living with a substance use disorder, Mallie turned herself in to the police and was offered a second chance at life by way of drug court and a halfway house. Mallie found new ways of coping and began her road to recovery. She regained custody of her children, is now happily married, and works with women who are seeking support to address their substance use disorder.

Consider sharing Mallie's story on your website or during an educational session to help reduce stigma surrounding opioid use disorder. Check out the video of Mallie's story [HERE](#)



RESOURCES

Do you need evidence-based materials on topics surrounding substance use disorder? Check out our fact sheets [HERE!](#)

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