

**COMMUNITY IMPACT ANNUAL REPORT: 2023-2024**

**Mission Statement: *The mission of Boyle County Agency for Substance Abuse Policy, Inc., is to develop short and long-term strategies and resources which effectively reduce the incidence of smoking and other tobacco use, alcohol misuse and alcohol use disorders, and illegal drug and drug use disorders in Boyle County, Kentucky.***

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**Summary of the Year’s Work:** Boyle County ASAP has continued to build “recovery capital” in Boyle County, in our first full year as a Kentucky “Certified Recovery Ready Community”. Average attendance at monthly meetings was over 35 from a growing list of community partners. Throughout the year, Boyle ASAP helped to educate leaders in other communities across the state on the value of being “Recovery Ready”. A strong focus continued this year on preventing overdoses and overdose deaths. Large quantities of Naloxone (narcan) were distributed in partnership with the Boyle County Harm Reduction program. Tabling at community events throughout the year, as well as targeted outreach to high risk groups, resulted in large numbers of residents knowing how to reverse overdoses, and having the resources to do so. Sadly, the number of Boyle County residents who died of drug overdoses rose from 15 in 2022-23, to 17 in this fiscal year. The Boyle County ASAP goal continues to be 0 overdose deaths. Strategies which have been developed to have no o.d. deaths include: reviewing monthly statistical reports from Emergency Medical Services at ASAP meetings and ongoing planning to address those local trends, and promoting the “Don’t Use Alone” message. ASAP has been a key part of a new Homelessness Task Force, to help address local housing shortages, which are a serious barrier to long term recovery. Reaching more families with youth-oriented information through resource tabling at community events was increased this year. Improving “Fair Chance/Second Chance Employment” local opportunities involved collaborative work with many other organizations.

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**Thanks To:** The Board of Directors of Boyle County ASAP wishes to thank Kentucky ASAP and the Kentucky Office of Drug Control Policy for funding and support for our county’s work. In addition, appreciation is due to so many community residents who made donations of their resources, time, and commitment to a healthier community.

**Additional Highlights of 2023 – 2024:**

* Sponsored the sixth annual “First Responders Thank You Lunch” in November, delivering 254 lunches to an extended list of first responders.
* Collaborated with Centre College Research Methods in Sociology Class, to research local homelessness, and the relationships to substance use and mental health disorders.
* Partnered with other organizations to present the annual “International Overdose Awareness Day”, attended by approximately 50 adults and youth.
* Partnered with The Arts Commission to present a locally written prevention play, “The Piano Paradox”, with student actors and associated educational programming, to local middle school students and the general public.
* Assisted Ephraim McDowell Health and the Rotary Club of Danville to present “May is Mental Health Month” events.
* Partnered with other community organizations to sponsor a Fair Chance Employment Conference, and assisted the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce in offering their Fair Chance Academy to local Boyle County employers.
* Supported youth substance use intervention and education programs at Danville Independent Schools, Boyle County Schools, Kentucky School for the Deaf, and Danville Christian Academy.
* Supported area outpatient, intensive outpatient, and residential substance use disorder treatment programs; transitional living programs, and recovery support programs.
* Utilized private donations to support the cost of treatment, transitional sober living, and travel to treatment outside of Boyle County for 4 women and 23 men.
* Participated as a Boyle/Mercer Drug Court Team member.
* Assisted in the implementation and training of an EMS Crisis Response Team.
* Continued to support and publicize the use of Drug Drop Boxes in Boyle County.

**Boyle County Agency for Substance Abuse Policy, Inc.**

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