

WUDAC Youth Crisis Community Conversation

Key Points

July 11th, 2023 – 2425 Reddie Drive

Note: WUDAC held a community conversation in place of their regularly scheduled committee meeting. This document highlights the key points from the conversation.

DETOX CENTERS: Many families feel the community needs more than narcan distribution/training. The community needs to improve access to restorative and preventative health services for everyone including uninsured patients.

HELP CHILDREN STAY IN SCHOOL: Help children 14-18 stay in school. Better security in the local highschools to keep students out being in environments like McDonalds where drug deals are taking place. Enhance police presence and intervention in Mcdonalds to decrease drug sales.

IMPROVE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN TEACHERS & PARENTS: Teachers know students are selling drugs in school and are not alerting parents. Schools are not taking action against drug sales. Many Spanish speaking parents struggle to get into Canvas StudentVue to see whether or not their child is going to school/doing well in school.

Leverage Power: Businesses are seeing the effects of drug use on teenagers first hand. Community health centers need to work with community businesses, crisis centers, recreational centers, etc. Bring together overlapping organizations that can help take preventative measures.

EDUCATE PARENTS & STUDENTS: Educate parents on what fentanyl is. Many parents do have the knowledge about the drug and what steps to take for recovery and detox. Involve parents in Narcan Treatments. Conference with the young at risk people to assess what their actual needs are.

IMPROVE OUTPATIENT SERVICES: Agencies for recovery and health need more support, bilingual preventative measures are not receiving enough attention. Young people need to be included in preventative measures as well.

