

PATHWAY: MENTAL HEALTH

# **Initiative Description**

REVIVE! is a training initiative that trains and teaches other organizations on the signs of a drug overdose and how to use Narcan when an individual is experiencing a drug overdose. It helps students understand the highest risk populations and other risk factors for opioid overdoeses. The students receive Narcan training to help the overcome the opioid epidemic in the area and learn about the community offerings for addiction treatment in the area.

#### **Annual Student Activities**

- □ 30 students per cohort
- Students will become certified REVIVE! trainers, making students eligible to lead trainings in the community

# **Community Outcomes/Results**

- ↑ Availability of REVIVE! Trainings to interested community partners
- ↑ Awareness of opioid overdose and its risk factors among local citizens
- ↑ Proportion of citizens knowledgeable in responding to an opioid overdose
- ↑ Proportion of citizens equipped with Narcan/Naloxone and able to respond to an overdose

## **Facilitator**

Matt Herman, MPH, CHES

#### **Partners**

- □ Norfolk Community Services Board
- □ Virginia Department of Health

### The Need

- Since 2013, fatal drug overdose has been the leading cause of unnatural death in Virginia
- ☐ The use of opioid reversal agents such as naloxone and Narcan have skyrocketed in recent years due to increase in overdoses
- □ Studies have shown for reversal agents to have a maximum level of effectiveness, they must be available to the people most likely to be present during an overdose the public
- Medical provider biases regarding addiction have been identified as a major barrier to care

## **Certification or Qualification**

**REVIVE!** Training Certification

