

POLICY/PROCEDURE NAME:	EMPLOYEE RESPONSIBLE:	UNIT:
Narcan Policy	Director of Administrative Services and Administrative Coordinator	Administrative Services

I. POLICY

Trumbull County Children Services is committed to providing children in Agency care and their parents with the opportunity to visit in a safe, nurturing environment. Although measures are in place to limit visitation when a parent’s drug screen is positive or a parent demonstrates signs of impairment due to drugs and/or alcohol, there is still the potential for an opiate overdose. If a parent or child is exhibiting signs and/or symptoms of an opiate overdose while on agency grounds, 911 will be contacted immediately for medical assistance and trained agency staff will immediately administer Narcan if available on site.

This policy is established to potentially save the lives of parents and children who are engaged in agency services and may protect children from witnessing a traumatic event. The implementation of Narcan is a harm-reduction strategy and it is not intended to treat opiate addiction. However, an overdose may be the catalyst for a parent to engage in a drug treatment program. Trumbull County Children Services strives to empower parents to make positive changes in their lives with the goal of reunification, whenever possible.

II. PROCEDURES

- Agency staff will be designated to administer Narcan to our clients in the event of an overdose. The team of staff members will be volunteers who are trained in the signs and symptoms of an overdose and the administration of Narcan by Trumbull County Health Department nurses.
- A list of trained personnel will be located with the Agency Receptionist, the Administrative Coordinator and the Director of Administrative Services.
- If an overdose is suspected or occurs, 911 will be immediately contacted for emergency medical assistance. The Agency Receptionist will announce a “Code Orange” and give the location.
- Narcan trained staff will respond and administer Narcan, if appropriate, per their training.
- A member of the team will ensure that any children involved are removed from the situation and debriefed.

- The Administrative Coordinator will secure Naloxone kits from the Trumbull County Health Department, ensure that the kits are readily accessible, properly stored and within the expiration date.
- The Administrative Coordinator will notify the Trumbull County Health Department on the use of the Naloxone kits/suspected overdose to assist in their tracking and statistics.
- Within 24 hours of an incident occurring, the team leaders will meet with the team to debrief and respond to any questions and/or concerns.

III. RESPONSIBILITIES

The Director of Administrative Services and the Administrative Coordinator will be responsible for oversight.

IV. DATE FOR THE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS PROCEDURE

Upon Approval

V. FORMS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS PROCEDURE

Date Approved: 12/20/16

Revision Dates:

Next Review Date: