



MEMBERS EDUCATION AND NETWORK FOR DEPENDENCY (“MEND”) PROGRAM

FACT:

CONSTRUCTION WORKERS ARE NEARLY 6 TIMES MORE LIKELY THAN OTHER INDUSTRIES TO DEVELOP AN OPIOID ADDICTION.

WHAT IS THE NYCDCC DOING?

In the face of the rising opioid epidemic, the NYCDCC Benefit Funds created MEND. With the direction of qualified staff, the program was launched in 2016 to help members and their families through:



GOALS

- + Referrals to appropriate level of treatment including inpatient and outpatient treatment for all substances and mental health issues
- + Case management and coordination of services with outside providers
- + Supportive services
- + Education

HOW IT WORKS

- + Assist in locating and obtaining coverage
- + Conduct assessments for treatment
- + Provide treatment: identify needs and goals
- + Assist participants and/or dependents in identifying their treatment needs and goals
- + In-house support services (i.e. individual/family counseling, support groups)
- + Provide educational workshops

RESULTS

600

600 MEMBERS AND DEPENDENTS SERVED SINCE 2016



MONTHLY PEER SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS

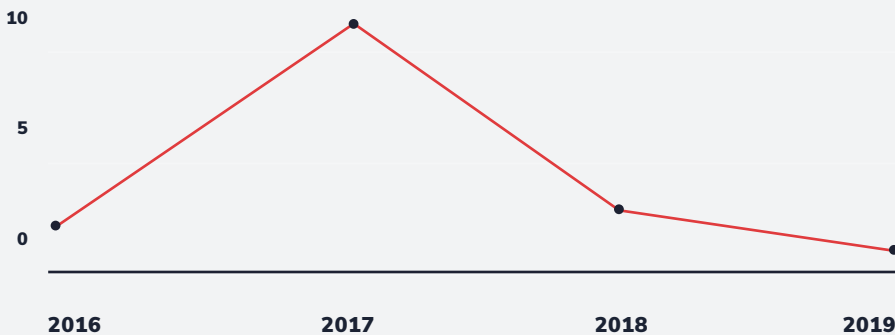
HOW MEND IS WORKING IN RESPONSE TO THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC

The majority of cases the MEND program has seen involve opioid disorders.

300 CASES OF OPIOID DISORDERS SINCE 2016

54% OF ALL MEND PROGRAM CASES INVOLVE OPIOID DISORDERS

YEAR OVER YEAR TRENDS



Since the MEND Program's launch in 2016, the number of opioid-related deaths has fluctuated, with the highest number of deaths occurring in 2017. Despite the downward trend in opioid-related deaths within the District Council and its dependents, there is still much to be done to end this crisis.

EVEN ONE DEATH IS TOO MANY.

DEADLY EPIDEMIC

In 2018, there were 1,444 drug overdose deaths in New York City, and for the second year in a row, fentanyl was the most common substance involved. As the opioid crisis continues to occur at alarming rates, the NYCDCC is committed to helping members and communities in need.

12 NUMBER OF DEATHS REPORTED TO MEND BETWEEN 2016 – 2019.

Did you know?

70% OF OPIOID USE DISORDER CASES HAVE AT LEAST 1 ADDITIONAL USE DISORDER DIAGNOSES?



The New York City & Vicinity District Council of Carpenters is committed to putting an end to the Opioid Crisis, starting with efforts in New York City. The District Council will achieve this through forming new partnerships and upholding existing ones in an effort to educate and offer support to the communities where members live and work.