



Wayne County Recovery Coalition

May 2025 Newsletter

About Our Coalition:

The mission of the Wayne County Recovery Coalition (WCRC) is to improve the health and safety of individuals and families in Wayne County through comprehensive, community-wide strategies that reduce and prevent youth and adult substance use, assure treatment services are available and accessible for all, and promote long-term recovery for everyone. WCRC was initially formed in 2019 when a task force was developed to look into the rising number of ER visits related to drug misuse and overdose deaths due to opioids in Wayne County. In September of 2023, the WCRC was awarded a Drug Free Communities Support Program (DFCSP) grant to prevent and reduce youth substance use.

Partners in Wayne County are uniting in health, safety, and well-being: Anchored, Boys and Girls Club of the Altamaha Area, City of Odum, City of Screven, Coastal Pines Technical College, Drug Court, Family Connections, Forward Digital Marketing, Jesup Police Department, Life, Inc., Mother's Against Substance Abuse, Press Sentinel Newspaper, Safe Kids, Shane's Crib, Share Health Southeast Georgia, Southeast Health District, St. Simons by the Sea, Wayne County School System, Wayne County Sheriff's Office, and Wayne Memorial Hospital. By combining resources and support as partners in prevention, Wayne County will become a safe and healthy place for youth and families to thrive and live life substance free.



Upcoming Events:

• All Recovery Meetings

Fridays | 6:30 PM

Location: 177 N Brunswick St, Jesup, GA

• Be Kind to Your Mind 5K Run & Walk

May 10th | 8:00am - 10:30am

• Wayne County Recovery Coalition Meeting

May 13th | 9:30am

Location: Odum Recreation Center

• Community Baby Shower

June 21st | 10:00am - 12:00pm



We LOVE our Community Partners!

Renee Bolin, Program Coordinator of the Wayne County Recovery Coalition's Drug Free Communities Support Program grant, visited Kaylee Mosley, Marketing Director at Hospice of South Georgia, Inc., to provide medication lock boxes. These boxes are vital for promoting safe medication storage and preventing prescription drug misuse, a significant community challenge. *This initiative aims to create a safer environment in Wayne County by distributing lock boxes to hospice patients. It is a collaborative effort, involving multiple stakeholders committed to the community's well-being. Thank you again to Atlanta's The Council on Alcohol and Drugs for supplying the WCRC with the lock boxes.* Through these joint efforts, WCRC and our partners are making significant progress toward a safer, healthier Wayne County, fostering a community that values safety and well-being for all its residents.





NATIONAL FENTANYL AWARENESS DAY MAY 7TH

May 7th is National Fentanyl Awareness Day, a time to educate ourselves and our communities about the dangers of illicit fentanyl. This synthetic opioid is 50 to 100 times more potent than morphine, and even a dose as small as two milligrams, about the size of a few grains of salt or the tip of a pencil, can be deadly.

Most fentanyl related deaths occur when individuals unknowingly consume drugs laced with fentanyl, including counterfeit pills made to look like common prescription medications. Sadly, this crisis is affecting youth and young adults at alarming rates.

Let's work together to raise awareness, promote prevention, and save lives. On May 7th, consider sharing resources, learning how to use naloxone (Narcan), or participating in community efforts. Contact Renee Bolin if you would like to receive a box of Narcan. Visit <https://www.dea.gov/onepill> for more information on Fentanyl and the One Pill Can Kill campaign.

Join us for the Youth Mental Health First Aid Training!

DATE: THURSDAY, JUNE 12TH TIME: 8:30AM - 5:00PM

LOCATION: JESUP-WAYNE COUNTY AIRPORT, 535 AIRPORT RD, JESUP, GA 31546

This YMHFA Training will be conducted by Ali Lopez and Peter Bush of Unison Behavioral Health. Unison Behavioral Health, serving eight South Georgia counties, provides mental health, substance misuse, and developmental disability services to build healthier communities. Established in 1971 as Satilla Community Services, it became Unison in 2012 to better reflect its mission. By offering quality behavioral healthcare, Unison supports youth mental health, ensuring they have the resources to lead productive, meaningful lives. Both Ali and Peter are certified in YMHFA and Peter is a Licensed Professional Counselor.



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Mental Health Awareness Month May 2025



May is Mental Health Awareness Month, a time to spotlight the importance of youth mental health and well-being and break the stigma surrounding mental health struggles. Adolescence and early adulthood are crucial stages where mental health can shape the future, yet many young individuals face challenges like **anxiety, depression, and stress** without the necessary support. This month serves as a reminder to encourage open conversations, promote education, and advocate for accessible resources. Whether it is through **community events, support, or professional help**, prioritizing mental health empowers young people to build resilience and thrive. Everyone has a role in fostering an environment where youth feel seen, heard, understood, and supported. Resources like Anchored and GA Hope are available to help.



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