



## 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 at 6:30 PM | 177 N Brunswick St. Jesup GA

- **Youth Mental Health First Aid Training**

Thursday, June 12th | 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM

Jesup-Wayne County Airport

535 Airport Rd, Jesup, GA 31546



- **Community Baby Shower**

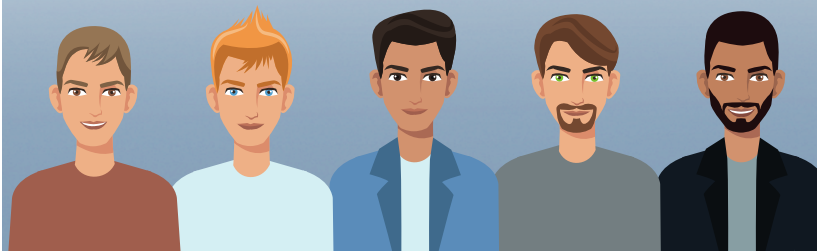
June 21<sup>st</sup> | 10:00am - 12:00pm

- **City of Screven Independence Day Celebration**

June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025 | 3:00 PM

## June is Men's Health Month

This is a time to support men and boys in making healthy choices for both body and mind. For our youth who may be having a difficult time or those in recovery, this month is a great reminder that mental health, substance use, and physical wellness are all connected. Encouraging regular checkups, open conversations about stress and anxiety, healthy behaviors, and habits like staying active and avoiding risky behaviors can make a lasting difference—especially for young men.



## Celebrating Share Health's Mini Grant Recipients!



Share Health Southeast Georgia Mini Grants awarded two WCRC community partners mini grants! We are incredibly grateful to our DFC fiscal agent and WCRC partner, Share Health, for their continued investment in prevention and youth-focused initiatives in Wayne County. Anchored and the City of Screven were the recipients of the inaugural Share Health Mini Grants!

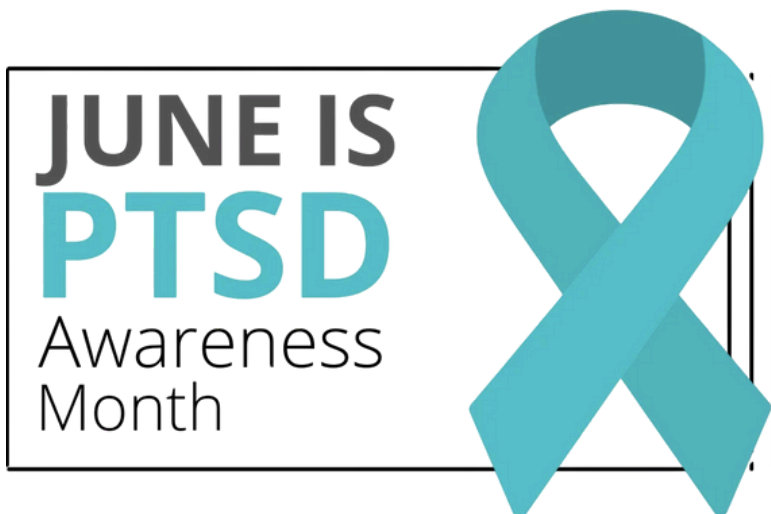
This grant opportunity is helping empower our coalition partners to create meaningful change in prevention. Anchored will use the funds to support their Summer Prevention Camp, where 20 students will be taught lessons that will engage them in healthy decision making and adult and student mentorship and activities around prevention education. The City of Screven will bring awareness to youth vaping through a community concert titled Independence from the Vape.

These programs are powerful examples of how local partnerships and prevention funding can uplift and engage young people in positive, impactful ways. We look forward to sharing updates from these initiatives and hearing directly from the youth involved about their experiences.

***Together, we're building a healthier, stronger community—one project at a time.***



## June is National PTSD Awareness Month



**Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)** can develop after experiencing or witnessing a traumatic event and often intersects with **substance use, mental health challenges, and long-term emotional distress**. For many in recovery, untreated trauma is at the root of substance use or harmful coping behaviors. That is why recognizing and addressing PTSD is so important in the recovery journey.

This month, we are shining a light on PTSD to remind individuals—especially veterans, survivors, and youth—that healing is possible. Whether the trauma comes from **violence, abuse, loss, or crisis, no one should suffer in silence**. With the right support system, including therapy, peer support, and trauma-informed care, people can move forward and rebuild their lives.

At Wayne County Recovery Coalition, we are committed to **creating safe, stigma-free spaces** where people can share their stories and access the help they need. Let's continue to promote awareness, listen without judgment, and encourage those living with PTSD to seek help.

*If you or someone you love is struggling, call or text 988, the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline—available 24/7. Recovery is not only possible—it's within reach.*

## National Safety Month: June 2025

June is National Safety Month, and it is the perfect time to focus on safety in every aspect of our lives. This year, let's raise awareness about safe medication practices, overdose prevention, and naloxone distribution to keep our communities safe.

### Safe Medication Storage & Disposal

Medications should always be stored securely—out of reach of children and pets—and in their original containers to prevent mix-ups. Proper disposal is just as important. Never flush meds down the toilet or throw them in the trash.

### Overdose Prevention

Overdose deaths, especially those related to opioids, are a growing issue. By having open conversations about the risks of misuse and educating ourselves on safe medication practices, we can help reduce these numbers. It is a small step that can make a big difference in saving lives.

### Naloxone: A Life-Saving Tool

Naloxone is a medication that can reverse an opioid overdose and save lives. Many communities are making naloxone more accessible through distribution programs. Educate yourself on how to use it and where to obtain it. It could make the difference between life and death in an emergency.

*This National Safety Month, let's commit to safe medication practices, help prevent overdoses, and make naloxone accessible to everyone. Together, we can create safer communities and protect those we care about!*

