

# Law Enforcement and Treatment Provider Partnerships

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# Devastating our Communities



# Opioid Abuse: Ending the Epidemic

## April 2015



# STEER

## Stop, Triage, Engage Educate, Rehabilitate

- **Established as a part of the Crisis Intervention Team**
- **Grant funded joint initiative with DHHS and Maryland Treatment Centers**
- **Deflection model vs. LEAD**
- **Originally intended as a real time, street outreach model**
- **Adapted to pair with our overdose response enforcement efforts**
- **Assessments and on demand services at critical period after near death overdose experience**



# **STEER**

## **Stop, Triage, Engage Educate, Rehabilitate**

**200 - referrals**

**79 - completed the STEER screening**

**48 - engaged in treatment**

**45 - compliant after 30 days**

**33 - compliant after 60 days**



# Speak Up Save a Life

- **Partnership with the State's Attorneys Office**
- **Presented in MCPS and community groups**
- **Over 20,000 students have received the presentation**



# PERF Conferences

## Blue Angel Model

Gloucester, Massachusetts PD

- Encourages addicts and their loved ones to come to the police station to seek treatment assistance
- Paired with a volunteer “Angel” to help them through the process of getting into treatment

## Arlington Opioid Outreach Initiative

Arlington, Massachusetts PD

- Takes public available data from 9-1-1 CAD information to identify victims of overdose, arrest data, and community outreach
- Pairs with a clinician to use the data to conduct outreach to the addicts and family members

# PAARI

## Police Assisted Addiction and Recovery Initiative



- Encourage opioid drug users to seek recovery
- Help distribute life saving opioid blocking drugs to prevent and treat overdoses
- Connect addicts with treatment programs and facilities
- Provide resources to other police departments and communities that want to do more to fight the opioid addiction epidemic



# The Washington Post

## 'What Kind Of Childhood Is That?' After Losing Their Parents To Overdoses, Three Children Confront America's Opioid Epidemic



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The Pulliam siblings, Zaine, 17, Zoie, 10, and Arianna, 13, hang out in the living room of their home in South Charleston, W.Va. The trio lost their parents, Austin and Amanda, on Easter 2015. The couple died of heroin overdoses. The opiate epidemic has essentially wiped out an entire generation of health advances, and now West Virginia has begun to focus more of its resources on prevention and preservation among the next generation entering into the void. MUST CREDIT: Bonnie Jo Mount, The Washington Post. (Bonnie

# NICHOLAS AMORUSO

## Notice



AMORUSO NICHOLAS  
AMORUSO Nicholas Amoruso passed away on December 10, 2016 at his home in Cabin John, Maryland. He was the deeply beloved eldest son of Philip and Clare Amoruso, also of Cabin John. Born on July 4, 1979, Nick went on to graduate from Walt

Whitman high school in 1997. He graduated from the University of Maryland Robert H. Smith School of Business with Honors in 2001. He was very smart, charming, attractive and extremely likable... all the ingredients one could hope for to have a successful career and productive life. His long battle with drug addiction began in high school and derailed many of his dreams from being fully realized. At the time of his death, he was employed by Nuance Communications in Rockville, MD. Nick was an avid whitewater kayaker, surfer, and skier until he sustained a back injury in 2010. He had successful back surgery six months ago and was looking forward to getting back on the ski slopes this winter, and this summer putting his kayak in the Potomac and surfing at the beach. Being near the ocean brought him peace. He also enjoyed traveling and electronic music. Nick had an unusually charming personality. He could draw out the shyest person in a room full of people, actively engage them, and put them at ease. He radiated kindness from a very early age. He left his mark on the world with his warmth, his wonderful sense of humor, and his simple goodness. He will be sorely missed by the many lives he touched. In addition to his parents, Clare and Philip, he is survived by his brothers, David Amoruso of Lilongwe, Malawi, and Paul Amoruso of Washington, D.C., as well as numerous loving relatives and friends. Friends and relatives may call at Gawler's Funeral Home, 5130 Wisconsin Avenue, Washington, DC (valet parking) on Sunday, December 18, from 4 to 8 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at St. Bartholomew's Catholic Church, 6900 River Road, Bethesda, MD, on Monday, December 19, at 11 a.m.

## Guest Book

*"We are so sorry Phil and Clare. We have kept you in our..."*

**- Mimi and Doug McLearn**

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