



CHARLESTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

# RECOVERY IS A REALITY

Stories of hope. Stats that matter. Support that saves lives.

July 2025

## WHAT'S NEW!

We welcome our new Opioid Outreach Manager, Shadaisha Mustapher.

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31 AUGUST 2025



International Overdose  
Awareness Day



“Hi! I’m Shadaisha Mustapher, the Opioid Outreach Manager for the City of Charleston Police Department. With a compassion-first approach, I’m committed to supporting individuals impacted by substance use, fostering recovery, and building safer, healthier communities through prevention, education, and collaboration.”

— **Shadaisha Mustapher**  
Opioid Outreach Manager

## OPIOID USE DISORDER

Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) is a crisis affecting families and communities across the country, and Charleston is no exception. The city of Charleston and the Charleston Police Department are launching Recovery is a Reality, a public awareness campaign designed to educate residents on the dangers of opioid misuse, reduce overdose incidents, and connect those in need with life-saving resources. This initiative is a community effort, partnering with local residents who have been directly impacted by the power and dangers of OUD. Their stories emphasize a critical truth: OUD does not discriminate. It can affect anyone, regardless of background, socioeconomic status, or personal history. Through compelling public service announcements, community partnerships, and accessible information, this initiative aims to break down stigma, spread awareness, and empower Charleston with knowledge and support.

# RECOVERY IS NOT ONLY POSSIBLE—IT’S HAPPENING.



**Asa Langston**  
FAVOR Lowcountry, *Executive Director*

“My past did not ruin me, it refined me. Now I use it to lift others out of the same darkness I once lived in.”

For more information on FAVOR Lowcountry click [here](#).

## OVERDOSE DATA

From 2023 to 2024, reported fatal overdoses decreased by approximately 59% and reported non-fatal overdoses decreased by approximately 62%.

In 2025, we are continuing to see a decrease in reported overdoses, both fatal and non-fatal. Over 110 lives were saved with Narcan in the first half of 2025 alone.

Year	Fatal Overdoses	Non-Fatal Overdoses	Narcan Dispensed	Narcan Lives Saved
2023	110	497	395	378
2024	65	311	211	195
2025 (Jan-Jun)	26	169	115	111

## NARCAN IN THE FIELD



### CPD Officers who administered Narcan May 2025-June 2025:

Officer Raines  
Officer Murphy  
Officer Schenk  
Officer Chavis  
Officer Connolly

We extend our thanks to all the first responders and civilians who recently administered NARCAN and helped save a life. Your quick action and compassion are deeply appreciated and make our community stronger.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## WAKEUP CAROLINA AND 1TEAM1CAUSE

### RECOVERY BOWL: TACKLING SUBSTANCE USE - AUG 9 @4PM

*Buccaneer field, 9200 University BLVD, North Charleston, SC 29406*



## MOUNT PLEASANT POLICE DEPARTMENT AND WAKEUP CAROLINA NARCAN TRAINING - AUG 13 @6PM-7PM

<https://wakeupcarolina.org/narcan-training-registration-charleston/>



## OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY (AUG 31)

[HTTPS://WWW.OVERDOSEDAY.COM/](https://www.overdoseawarenessday.com/)

## NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH (SEPTEMBER 2025)

WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO TAKE ACTION: ATTEND A LOCAL TRAINING, CARRY NARCAN TO HELP SAVE A LIFE, SHARE THIS NEWSLETTER TO SPREAD AWARENESS, AND SUPPORT SOMEONE ON THEIR RECOVERY JOURNEY. EVERY SMALL STEP MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE.

# RESOURCES

## Treatment services in the tri-county area

Charleston Center **843-958-3300**

Dorchester Alcohol and Drug Commission **843-871-4790**

Kennedy Center Moncks Corner **843-761-8272**

Lantana Recovery Charleston **(843-738-2290**

Live Oak Ladson **843-797-4200**

MUSC Charleston **843-792-5200**

Palmetto Lowcountry Behavioral Health **(843-747-5830**

Recovery Unplugged **855-628-1458**

## Support Groups/Peer Support

NA, AA, SMART Recovery

Al-Anon Family Groups

WakeUp Carolina (Peer Support/**843-972-8154**)

FAVOR Lowcountry (Peer Support/**843-620-9333**)

## Emergency Help

Emergency services (**911**)

211 United Way (**211**)

988 Suicide & Crisis Hotline (**988**)

## Narcan Community Distributors

Charleston PD (front lobby)

Navigation Center

FAVOR Lowcountry

Center for Behavioral Health

The Hope Project

One80 Place

St. James Health & Wellness

Mount Pleasant PD

Mount Pleasant Health Department

Tidewater Health

Hope Center Charleston

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