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## **Project Support You: Addressing the Opioid Epidemic through Community Collaboration and Education. Tri-County Mental Health [Infographic]**

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# Project Support You

Addressing the opioid epidemic through community collaboration and education



Maine continues to face an opioid epidemic. In the first three quarters of 2019, there were **233** opioid-related deaths statewide, accounting for **84%** of all drug deaths.<sup>1</sup>



Tri-County Mental Health Services (TCMHS) and the Lewiston Police Department (LPD) have implemented a ride-along program, **Project Support You**. This program enables a care coordinator to ride-along with a LPD officer to engage the community in productive dialogue regarding mental health and substance misuse.

## About Project Support You

A care coordinator, employed by TCMHS, rides with an officer three days a week to respond and follow up with individuals struggling with psychiatric and substance use issues

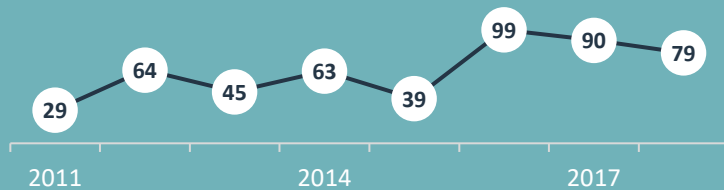


Individuals are offered immediate assistance in the form of resource education and/or supportive intervention

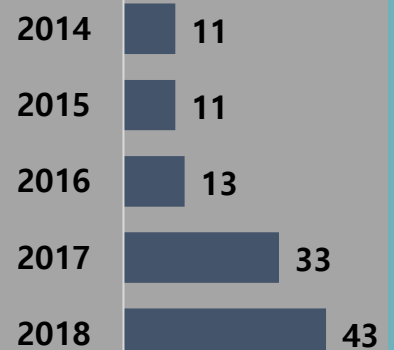


Follow-up checks are conducted periodically on an individual's progress and to offer further assistance

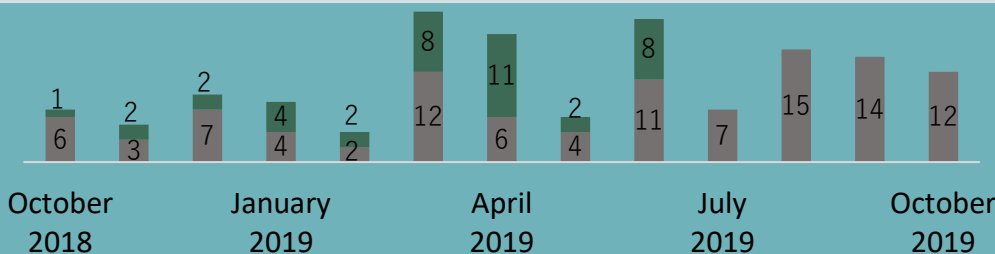
LPD: Overdose Responses: 2011-2018



LPD Narcan Administration



Ride Along Types by Month



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<sup>1</sup>Sorg, M. H. Maine Drug Death Report January – September, 2019. <https://www.maine.gov/ag/news/article.shtml?id=2025575>