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READY SET RESCUE: The Alliance for Youth & Families Partners with Local Law Enforcement to Distribute Lifesaving NARCAN Kits

Initiative Provides Businesses with Lifesaving Overdose Intervention Resources

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KEMAH, TX – On March 13, 2025, The Alliance for Youth & Families partnered with the **Clear Lake Shores Police Department, Kemah Police Department** and **Seabrook Police Department** to launch **READY SET RESCUE**, a lifesaving initiative aimed at equipping local businesses with NARCAN rescue kits. The event, held at **Kemah Steakhouse**, also included participation from the Kemah Boardwalk, showcasing a shared commitment to enhancing public safety by providing immediate access to opioid overdose intervention tools.



"The **READY SET RESCUE** initiative is a vital tool in our ongoing efforts to address the opioid crisis in our community," said Doug Meisinger, President of The Alliance for Youth & Families Board of Directors, Kemah City Councilman, and Owner of Kemah Steakhouse. "By providing local businesses with NARCAN kits, we are ensuring that lives can be saved in those critical moments before emergency services arrive. This partnership between local law enforcement and businesses demonstrates our collective commitment to public safety."



Each **READY SET RESCUE** kit includes:

- **NARCAN (naloxone):** A medication designed to reverse opioid overdoses
- **Step-by-step instruction card:** Includes written and photo guidance in both English and Spanish
- **Emergency supplies:** Includes moist towelettes, gloves, and additional safety materials
- **Legal information:** Details Texas law protections for individuals who administer NARCAN in good faith

Legal Protections for NARCAN Administration

Texas law provides legal immunity for individuals who administer NARCAN in good faith to someone experiencing a suspected opioid overdose:

Sec. 483.106. Administration of Opioid Antagonist

(a) A person who, acting in good faith and with reasonable care, administers or does not administer an opioid antagonist to another person whom the person believes is suffering an opioid-related drug overdose is not subject to criminal prosecution, sanction under any professional licensing statute, or civil liability for an act or omission resulting from the administration of or failure to administer the opioid antagonist.

(b) Emergency services personnel are authorized to administer an opioid antagonist to a person who appears to be suffering an opioid-related drug overdose, as clinically indicated.

The Importance of NARCAN in Texas

- **Rising Overdose Deaths:** In 2022, Texas reported 5,489 drug overdose deaths—18 deaths per 100,000 residents, marking the highest rate since 1999 (Texas Department of State Health Services, 2021)
- **Naloxone is safe and effective,** with no harmful effects if administered to someone not experiencing an overdose.

- **Texas law allows NARCAN to be dispensed without a prescription**, making it widely accessible to the public.

How to Get a READY SET RESCUE Kit

If you're a business owner or organization in Harris or Galveston County and would like to receive a READY SET RESCUE kit, please contact The Alliance for Youth & Families at:

Phone: 281-284-0370

Email: contact@thealliancebayarea.org

Together, we can make our community a safer place by ensuring that lifesaving NARCAN is readily available when it's needed most.

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