

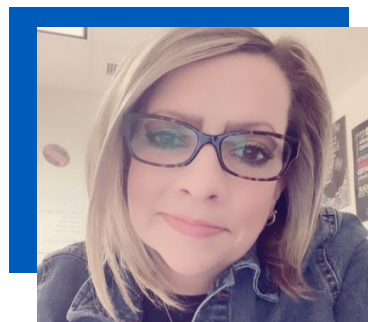
SUMMER REVIEW
2022

ARLINGTON ADDICTION
AARI
RECOVERY INITIATIVE

AARI IN ACTION NEWSLETTER



If you visited one of the Arlington Farmers Markets or the County Fair this summer chances are you saw AARI in action! We provided education on the dangers of counterfeit medications, fentanyl poisoning and the warning signs of Opioid Overdose as well as how to administer life saving Narcan/Naloxone.



**AARI PARTNER
HIGHLIGHT:
JENNY SEXTON!**
SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELOR
ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SUMMER 2022 BY THE NUMBERS

(BUT WHOSE COUNTING!)

- 1 Overdose Awareness Day Vigil
- 2 Outreach events to residents at APAH run apartments
- 2 New "Access" Points
- 3 Days of education and outreach at the Arlington County Fair
- 3 Harm Reduction Pop-up tables
- 6 Table events at Arlington Farmers Markets
- 24 AARI volunteers helped make all of these events possible!
- 75 individuals trained in Narcan at Arlington Pride Fest
- 410 boxes of Narcan distributed
- 410 medication deactivation bags distributed.
- 1,232 fentanyl test strips distributed

AARI stakeholder Jenny Sexton has been hard at work for **months** creating curriculum for Arlington Public Schools to address misuse of medications by teens. The misuse of medications can cause life-threatening consequences, including overdose, heart attack, stroke, and death. When using prescription medications inappropriately, there is also an increased risk of teens engaging in the use of other substances, such as alcohol or marijuana. Jenny's curriculum will be implemented by Health and PE teachers during the school year. Thank you Jenny for your dedication to keeping this community safe!

Don't miss the Oct. 18th Community Education Event "Fentanyl Rewind" facilitated by Jenny and Niasha John, Juvenile Probation Officer, Arlington Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court. (Click here for info.)



IOAD Candle Light Vigil August 31, 2022

In recognition of International Overdose Awareness Day AARI held a candlelight vigil. Families, friends and concerned community members gathered for a night of remembrance, awareness, education, and resources about drug overdose. At least 65 people gathered at CourtHouse Plaza to hear from loved ones impacted by overdose as well as individuals who shared their personal stories of recovery from addiction. We lit candles as the names of deceased loved ones were read aloud. The event concluded with opportunities to learn about treatment resources, receive Naloxone training, and lots of hugs. Thank you to everyone who participated in this meaningful occasion.

Please enjoy this beautiful video of the event created by Michael Shea



October

- 9th Westover Farmers Market
- 18th Community Education Series
- 22nd CourtHouse Farmers Market
- 15-22nd AFAC Outreach
- 27th AARI Monthly Stakeholders Meeting
- 28th Narcan Training at Marymount
- 30th Columbia Pike Farmers Market

To be added to email list for volunteer opportunities. Contact aari@arlingtonva.us

COMING SOON!

November & December TBD

We will add Outreach Events to the Sign Up Genius Page regularly. Be sure to check it out and sign up to help spread the important message of AARI.



[SIGN UP HERE TO VOLUNTEER AT UPCOMING EVENTS](#)