## AARI IN ACTION!

### 2022 HIGHLIGHTS!

Thanks to all of our AMAZING volunteers AARI:

- Hosted **24** Tabling events and interacted with close to **2,000** people at those events
- Facilitated **13** presentations with over **500** attendees
- Dispensed **1,928** boxes of Naloxone & **3,532** Fentanyl Test strips
- Distributed 1,315 Medication Deactivation Bags
- Incorporated 24/7 access to Naloxone and Fentanyl test strips at the the Crisis
   Intervention Center
- Added AFAC & APS as community dispensers for medication deactivation bags
- Provided 104 Lock Boxes to community members
- Included an **online harm reduction request** form to the AARI website
- Installed opioid overdose emergency boxes in public access locations at each library branch
- Rolled out **Medication Safety** curriculum through all of APS **Read the PSA here!**
- Hosted a Candlelight vigil for International Overdose Awareness Day which was widely attended by community members & elected officials

# We couldn't do this work without you!

To receive updates for upcoming volunteer opportunities send an email to: aari@arlingtonva.us & type **Volunteer** in subject line!

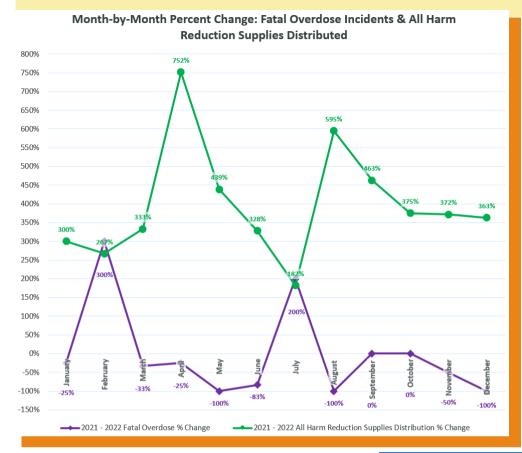








#### HARM REDUCTION SAVES LIVES!



This work is making a huge difference – take a look at the graph for visual evidence of this.

In 2022 we saw a

41% decrease in fatal overdoses the first decrease we have seen since 2019.



Check out this awesome article featuring our very own Jim Dooley!

AARI received **30 Narcan** requests because of this story!

### **COMING SOON!**

- **January 24** 12-1 pm or 6:30-7:30pm
  - Synthetic Substances Crisis Community Education Class (Click for info)
- **February 25 12-5pm** <u>Feel The Heritage</u> <u>Festival</u> Drew Elementary School
- **April 18** 12-1pm or 6:30-7:30pm Virginia Marijuana Legislation-Where are we now? Community Education Class (Click for info)
- **March 20-26th** Arlington Food Assistance Center Outreach Week
- **March 29 1-4pm** Marymount University Health and Wellness Fair

To sign up for Volunteer Opportunities please go to our <u>Sign Up Genius Page!</u>



AARI PARTNER
HIGHLIGHT:
JIM DOOLEY
"THE NARCAN GUY"

- Has volunteered with AARI since 2019
- 2022 Arlington CSB Volunteer of the year
- Partnered with Marymount University to train athletic department & advocated for opioid overdose emergency boxes to be installed on campus
- Leads the Arlington Restaurant Initiative Narcan trainings
- Recently started leading parent group trainings.
- In 2022 he lead **32** one hour Narcan trainings and 100's of abridged trainings.
- We can not image AARI without Jim's tireless efforts and dedication. **THANK YOU JIM!!!**