

## **International Overdose Awareness Week**

International Overdose Awareness Week is a global event dedicated to raising awareness about overdose prevention, reducing the stigma around substance use disorders, and honoring those who have lost their lives to overdoses. Celebrated August 26 – September 1 with its key event on International Overdose Awareness Day on August 31.

The week serves as an opportunity to educate the public about the signs of overdose, the importance of naloxone, and the need for comprehensive support services. It also encourages advocacy for policies and practices that support overdose prevention and treatment, helping to drive systemic change in how we address substance use disorders.

At The Brien Center, we provide a wide range of services for individuals struggling with mental health and substance use issues. Our comprehensive, holistic approach is vital in addressing both the immediate and long-term needs of those affected.

We are passionately committed to distributing naloxone kits and providing training on how to use them. This life-saving medication is crucial in preventing overdose deaths, and our efforts help ensure that more people have access to this important tool.

Our team is committed to raising awareness through educational programs and community outreach. By sharing knowledge about overdose prevention and treatment options, we empower individuals. As employees of The Brien Center, each of us plays a critical role in delivering services, educating the community, and supporting those affected by substance use disorders.

Thank you for your dedication and hard work. International Overdose Awareness Week is a powerful reminder of why we do the work we do. Together, we make a significant difference in preventing overdoses, supporting those in need, and fostering a community of hope and recovery. Your commitment to this cause is invaluable!