



# Report to Governor's Task Force on MH/IDD/SA

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# NCACC Mental Health & Substance Abuse Initiative

Focused on four areas:

- 1) Helping address opioid crisis in NC
- 2) Reducing number of mentally ill in jails
- 3) Spreading information about Mental Health First Aid for Youth program
- 4) Educating county commissioners and managers about the MH/IDD/SA system in North Carolina



# Focus area #1: Helping address opioid crisis in NC

- County Leadership Forum on Opioid Crisis, beginning spring/summer 2017
- Partnership with:
  - NC Association of Local Public Health Directors
  - NC Council of Community Programs
  - NCSU School of Family & Consumer Services



## Focus area #2: Reducing number of mentally ill in jails

- Stepping Up Initiative – 23 NC counties participating
- Jail Diversion program's conference
- NC Council of Community Programs' Conference Dec 6 – NCACC, NC Psychiatric Association, NC DMHDDSAS, and Governor's Institute seminar
- Full-day Stepping Up Summit May 9



# Focus area #3: Spreading information about Mental Health First Aid for Youth program

- NCACC promotion of program among general public and school boards
- Division of Mental Health videos
- Education session in Feb to educate NCACC Human Services, Justice & Public Safety and Education Steering Committees



# Focus area #4: Educating county commissioners and managers about the MH/IDD/SA system in NC

- NC City & County Managers Association “Introduction to MH/IDD/SA System” Feb 1
- UNC School of Government “Basics of County Human Services” May 30 and Regional Seminars in June



# Team Effort



Governor's Task Force on Mental Health and Substance Use

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