



FAIRFAX - FALLS CHURCH

## Community Services Board

# Peer Outreach Response Team (PORT)

The Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board's **Peer Outreach Response Team (PORT)** provides outreach, engagement and resource navigation to individuals who have serious opioid and other substance use challenges. This may include experiencing overdose, substance use emergencies, relapse and other concerns. The team includes Certified Peer Recovery Specialists (CPRS) with lived experience of mental health challenges and/or substance use disorders. CPRSs emphasize a recovery-oriented framework. Their goal is to build a powerful peer connection, supporting individuals in identifying and moving toward the recovery pathway that works for them.

If you or someone you know could benefit from PORT services, **call PORT today at 703-559-3199**. Anyone can refer individuals to PORT, including local wellness and recovery centers and behavioral health clinicians. PORT also partners with the Fairfax County and City Fire and Rescue Departments and the Fairfax County Police Department to connect individuals encountered for non-fatal overdoses with recovery resources.

## Call PORT today at 703-559-3199

### ***What peer support services does PORT provide?***

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- Outreach and engagement in a community setting.
- Harm reduction education to limit the risks and harms of unsafe drug use.
- Recovery planning.
- Help navigating the substance use treatment and recovery system.
- Connections to CSB and community resources for recovery.
- Links to ongoing support groups like Alcoholics/Narcotics Anonymous, SMART Recovery and Refuge Recovery.
- Support for family members to connect with local community resources.

PORT connects with individuals through ongoing telephone contact and face to face meetings at the participants' home or in a community setting. No additional treatment or clinical assessment is required to participate. The length of service is usually three to six months but can be extended up to a year for individuals who are actively engaged in the program.

In addition, PORT works to promote inclusion and provide support to individuals receiving CSB services, and their families, to help them grow as self-advocates, assuring that the interests of people in recovery are represented in our community.

### ***Who can benefit from PORT services?***

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PORT services can benefit individuals with substance use disorders, including those who:

- Have recently overdosed or have a history of overdoses.
- Were recently released from jail, detox or residential treatment.
- Are on Medication Assisted Treatment, like Suboxone.
- Have struggled with relapse.
- Are working on recovery from multiple substances.
- Are currently in treatment for substance use disorder.

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In a substance use crisis, call the Fairfax Detoxification Center at 703-502-7000, 24/7. Call 911 in a life-threatening emergency.

*Fairfax County is committed to nondiscrimination based on disability in all county programs, services and activities. Reasonable accommodations will be provided upon request. Call 703-324-7000, TTY 711.*