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Kane County Health Department Awards \$300,000 in Grants to Support Local Substance Use Prevention and Recovery Efforts

(10/6/25) The Kane County Health Department (KCHD) has awarded \$300,000 in grant funding to local organizations working to prevent opioid overdoses, expand access to treatment, and support recovery services across the community. The funding supports a range of innovative programs designed to save lives and strengthen the safety net for individuals and families affected by substance use. Grant recipients include:

- **Association for Individual Development (AID)** – Supporting the AID Opioid Prevention Program and street outreach efforts to reach individuals living in homeless encampments or at risk of homelessness, providing critical resources and naloxone, the opioid overdose-reversing nasal spray.
- **Ecker Center** – Expanding treatment programs for substance use disorder and supporting their mobile and stationary recovery cafés, which connect people to job opportunities and peer support.
- **Gateway Foundation** – Enhancing its Community Outreach and Recovery Supports program to provide naloxone, fentanyl test strips, motivational interviewing, and peer-led connections to care and essential services following an overdose.
- **Greater Family Health** – Expanding interventions to reduce fatal and nonfatal opioid overdoses, including support for Medication-Assisted Treatment and peer recovery specialists.
- **Kane County Sheriff's Office** – Strengthening the *A Way-Out* program, which offers individuals an immediate pathway to substance use treatment and recovery services.
- **Lighthouse Recovery** – Providing recovery services and building capacity to meet community needs regardless of an individual's financial circumstances.
- **Serenity House** – Expanding naloxone education and outreach and offering post-overdose support with Certified Recovery Support Specialists to connect individuals and families to recovery housing, detox, and treatment services.

“These grants represent a community-wide commitment to preventing overdose deaths and supporting individuals on their recovery journey,” said Michael Isaacson, Executive Director of the Kane County Health Department. “By investing in these local organizations and programs, we are saving lives and strengthening the systems that help our residents recover and thrive.”

Funding for these initiatives is provided through state opioid response grants administered by the Kane County Health Department.

For more information about KCHD's behavioral health initiatives and community resources, visit www.kanehealth.com.