

### PATHWAY: MENTAL HEALTH

## **Project Description**

- Gain an appreciation of how communities are affected by the opioid epidemic
- Understand the highest risk populations & risk factors for opioid overdoses
- Become comfortable discussing opioid overdose and harm reduction measures with patients
- Contribute to Norfolk's opioid response by leading REVIVE! Trainings to increasing community awareness and readiness
- Lead research projects to better define Hampton Roads opioid's crisis and barriers to care
- Learn about available community offerings for addiction treatment

## **Annual Student Activities**

- 30 students per cohort
- Students will become certified REVIVE! trainers, making students eligible toleadtrainings in the community

# **Community Outcomes/Results**

- Availability of REVIVE! Trainings to interested community partners
- Awareness of opioid overdose and its risk factors among local citizens
- Proportion of citizens knowledgeable in responding to an opioid overdose
- Proportion of citizens equipped with Narcan/Naloxone and able to respond to an overdose

#### **FACILITATOR**

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#### **PARTNERS**

- Norfolk Community Services Board
- Virginia Department of Health

#### THE NEED

- Since 2013, fatal drug overdose has been the leading cause of unnatural death in Virginia
- The use of opioid reversal agents such as naloxone and Narcan have skyrocketed in recent years due to increase in overdoses
- Studies have shown for reversal agents to have a maximum level of effectiveness, they must be available to the people most likely to be present during an overdose – the public
- Medical provider biases regarding addiction have been identified as a major barrier to care

# CERTIFICATION OR QUALIFICATION

**REVIVE!** Training Certification

