

COMMUNITY AND POLICE CAPPA PARTNERSHIP ADVOCACY

CAPPA, the **Community And Police Partnership Advocacy** program provides police liaison services, outreach, police education and consultation to law enforcement in situations involving persons struggling with behavioral health and homelessness in the community.

CAPPA provides crisis assistance to persons in the community who would otherwise be arrested and incarcerated when there appears to be a need for behavioral health services as an alternative.

Services provided include:

- Rapid behavioral health assessments conducted on scene
- Mental Health Screening
- Planning and brief follow-up
- Co-responder outreach for the homeless with support from police and courts
- A **CAPPA Police Liaison** (a qualified mental health professional) assists on-duty officers in developing skills to engage this vulnerable population, helping to navigate individuals through available community resources with the hope of diverting them from incarceration

CAPPA also provides training to public safety officers, security officers, law enforcement personnel and community organizations.

The training is centered on:

- De-Escalation
- Implicit Bias
- Lived experience from a Peer Support Specialist — an individual in recovery, living with behavioral health issues, who offers support and mentorship
- Mental Health First Aid
- Question / Persuade / Refer (QPR) suicide prevention training
- Stress and Trauma
- Strategies for working with individuals and families that are affected by behavioral health issues, substance use, and homelessness

Annually, **CAPPA** holds its DAY OF RESTORATION event which provides services at one primary site to connect the homeless in Detroit and Wayne County to behavioral and primary healthcare providers and human service resources. Some services include health screenings, depression assessments, employment and housing resources, and distribution of coats.



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Since 2004, Northeast Integrated Health and local law enforcement have partnered to promote equity in public services to all citizens of Wayne County, particularly individuals and families that are affected by behavioral health issues and homelessness through the **CAPPA** program.

The **CAPPA** program is modeled upon practices proven to have worked in law enforcement departments nationwide by partnering behavioral health and community providers to better assist the homeless and people suffering with behavioral health issues. Historically, these jurisdictions have documented impressive, evidence-based outcomes as a result of this type of program. These include: significantly less assaults, injuries incurred by officers and fatal shootings; favorable public image; fewer lawsuits; a decrease in negative press and greatly improved relationships between behavioral health and community providers.

The **CAPPA** program was developed by Northeast Integrated Health, exclusively for law enforcement agencies such as the Detroit Police Department, Wayne County Sheriff and other jurisdictions in Detroit/Wayne County.

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