



UPLIFT UPDATE

June 2022

Mental Health Pop-Ups and Crisis Response

The pop-up events allowed space for the community to talk or vent about their every day or large struggles that take a toll on their wellbeing. If resources were needed, individuals were provided with a customized resource list or if they just wanted to vent, they were given space to talk or receive a hug! We had over 55 authentic interactions with community members!

Thanks to the incredible support of several amazing partners, we were able to facilitate assistance in response to a 16-year-old who was shot and killed in April at Riverside Apartments in Columbia. There was a major need for mental health resources, and it was asked if it would be possible for someone to come speak to the children and adults about trauma and extend a helping hand. Dickerson Children's Advocacy Center, Counseling Plus, Serve and Connect, and the Lexington Police Department rushed in to show their support. Uplift has gone back three times since the initial response. First, we provided them with an array of donations to include school supplies, toiletries, feminine products and more. Second, to give them fresh food that was donated and third, to follow up with their mental health needs while providing the community with new shoes donated by Walmart.



Mental Health Pop-Up Event


Community Engagement

1. Crisis response delivered for three major incidents.
2. Conducted six Mental Health Pop-Ups events.
3. First Quarterly Meeting March 2022- 28 individuals, 19 organizations convened.
4. Identified top high utilizers for law enforcement, hospital, EMS. Patient visits commenced Q3, can begin tracking outcomes data in August 2022.
5. Evaluation Assessments. Survey was administered to the Partners to understand readiness of organizations to assist people experiencing behavioral health issues. Performed Community Transformation Map at quarterly meeting, with group assessments around Partnership Network functions, including vision, priorities, strategic approach to work, and supporting relationships across the network.



Riverside Crisis Response

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UPLIFT Community Paramedic/Mental Health Counselor Updates

- HealthCall EMS system deployed and shared with Mental Health Center.
- EDie patient platform built, now accessible for project.
- One Community EMT trained, one Mental Health Counselor hired/trained October 2021.
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- Job posted for first Community Paramedic, anticipated hire by August 2022.

Subcommittee Goals

1. Law enforcement/Healthcare Worker Support - Goal of obtaining resources available for first responders and healthcare workers.
2. Resource Guide - Each committee member bringing their own working list of resources to add to current working resource guide
3. Youth- Gather youth organization resources in community

First Responder Support:

- Interviews with Law Enforcement conducted and will continue to review police department protocols and practices.
- Training provided with NAMI SC for Town of Lexington PD February 2022. Training also scheduled for West Columbia PD in April, but canceled due to participation. Rescheduled for later 2022.
- Presented at police chiefs meeting February 2022.
- Hot spot analysis process has started.

Uplift onboarded LRADAC to be part of the Executive Council!

Do you have Feedback?
Please let us know how we are doing!



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