

Opioid-Related News and the Courts

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Ohio

[Report: County has mobilized to address serious opioid impact](#)

Perry County Tribune

Perry County is among the Ohio counties that have had record high death rates as of 2021. The good news, according to the report, is that the county has mobilized to meet the challenge. Among the evidence for this, the report cites these developments:

- Multiple agencies certified by Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services provide services in Perry County.
- A Drug Court operates through Perry County Municipal Court.

The report suggests that for those who want to help someone who's living with substance use disorder, keeping the overdose reversal drug naloxone on hand is a good idea. It can be obtained free from the county health department or from Harm Reduction Ohio; it is also available from pharmacies without a prescription, but there is a cost.

Wisconsin

[Ascension adds program to Fox Valley hospitals to help patients struggling with addiction](#)

Oshkosh Northwestern

Amy Richards faced a lot of struggles in her life.

Over a decade ago, Richards dealt with a lot of trauma and some stretches where she experienced homelessness, which helped lead to drug use. For her, that was mostly heroin or other opioids. But she said she was a “trash can user,” trying almost any type of drug just so she could black out and forget soon after she woke up....

Despite facing some legal troubles and going through drug court in Outagamie County, she eventually started to get back on her feet. She has now been sober for 10 years and has been working for [Apricity Health Services](#), a treatment program that offers in-patient treatment, transitional housing, and employment opportunities. [Amy is] a recovery coach and peer support specialist for Apricity, supervising the Emergency Department 2 Recovery Program with Ascension, which helps patients suffering from substance abuse disorders get support to help them recover.