

NALOXONE INITIATIVES

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NALOXONE NUMBERS, as of 12/11/23

10,452
TOTAL NALOXONE
DISTRIBUTED

STATE AGENCIES

22 Trained
9 Naloxone kit Locations

FIRST RESPONDERS

since October 2017
4,178 Trained
1,988 Distributed to EMS
7,545 Distributed to Law Enforcement
1,241 Patient Improvement After Given Naloxone

SCHOOLS

since August 2020
86 Trained
65 Schools Participating
287 Distributed to Schools

TRIBAL

since October 2017
273 Distributed to EMS
557 Distributed to Law Enforcement
84 Distributed to Schools

NALOXONE PROJECT

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FIRST RESPONDERS since October 2017

- + Trained – 4178
- + Distributed to EMS – 1988
- + Distributed to Law Enforcement – 7545
- + Patient Improvement After Given Naloxone – 1241

SCHOOLS since August 2020

- + Trained – 86
- + Schools Participating – 65
- + Distributed to Schools – 287

TRIBAL since ????????

NEED NUMBERS