Addiction is the only prison where the locks are on the inside.

## Let us help you, BREAK FREE.

Our team strives to improve the quality of life of individuals struggling with substance use as well as the loved ones supporting them.

Through empathy, compassion, and informational guidance, our mission is to help you break the cycle of addiction.

Employing lived experience, our Certified Peer Support Specialists are able to meet you where you are to help initiate your chosen path toward recovery.

We can provide informational guidance to resources and help facilitate the connection to care that you feel is most appropriate.

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# Community Support Team

Compassionate Connections to Care





#### **Crisis Hotlines**

In the event of an <u>emergency</u> or an <u>overdose</u>,

#### **CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY**

988 LIFELINE



If you or someone you know needs support now, call or text **988** or chat **988lifeline.org** 





Call **2-1-1** (or visit **www.sc211.org**), <u>anytime</u>, **24 hours a day, 365 days** a year to link to vital services in your community



NAMI HelpLine: Mon. - Fri. 10am - 10pm

CHAT: nami.org/help

CALL: 1-800-950-NAMI (6264) TEXT: 62640 EMAIL: info@namicharlestonarea.org

According to the CDC, if you or someone you know is overdosing:

OT. CALL 911
IMMEDIATELY

If available, administer Naloxone

Try to keep
the person awake
and breathing

Lay the person on their side to prevent choking

Stay with them
until First
Responders arrive.

### South Carolina Good Samaritan Law

The Good Samaritan Law (S.C. Code Ann. § 15-1-310) and The South Carolina Overdose Prevention Act (S.C. Code Ann. § 44-130-50), protects a caregiver whogives naloxone to a person whom the

caregiver believes in good faith is experiencing an opioid overdose from civil or criminal liability.





## You are worth Recovery, **YOU MATTER**

Drug addiction is a <u>chronic</u> and <u>complex disease</u> characterized by drug seeking and use that is compulsive, or difficult to control, despite harmful consequences.

The initial decision to take drugs is voluntary for most people, but repeated drug use can lead to brain changes that challenge an addicted person's self-control and interfere with their ability to resist intense urges to take drugs.

According to JustPlainKillers.com, Opioid Dependency can occur in as little as 72 hours by altering an individual's brain chemistry.

Despite being aware of these harmful outcomes, many people who use drugs continue to take them, which is the nature of addiction.

#### <u>Drug addiction is treatable and can</u> <u>be successfully managed.</u>

(Source: National Institute on Drug Abuse; National Institutes of Health; U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.)

If you or someone you know is suffering from problematic substance use, please contact a team member.