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Free Naloxone Rescue Kits and Training Offered through Vanderburgh County Health Department

EVANSVILLE, May 8, 2017- Vanderburgh County residents can now obtain a free naloxone rescue kit and opioid overdose reversal training from the Vanderburgh County Health Department, Deaconess Cross Pointe, and Stepping Stone-Southwestern Behavioral Healthcare. The Health Department was recently awarded 36 nasal naloxone rescue kits from the Indiana State Department of Health to help prevent overdose deaths in the county. The kits include the drug naloxone which is used to reverse an opioid overdose, as well as an atomizer which allows the dose to be sprayed into a patient's nose. Residents who are at risk of having an opioid overdose or those who can assist individuals who are at risk of having an opioid overdose, such as a family member or friend, are eligible for a free dose of naloxone after receiving training. The training will last about 20 minutes and teaches participants how to use the naloxone rescue kit, how to recognize and respond to an opioid overdose, and where to go for substance abuse treatment and support. Residents must participate in the training to receive a naloxone rescue kit.

The Vanderburgh County Health Department is collaborating with community partners in the dispersal of the kits. Residents may receive a kit/training by going to the Vanderburgh County Health Department office (420 Mulberry Street), or by going to Deaconess Cross Pointe (7200 E. Indiana Street) or Stepping Stone-Southwestern Behavioral Healthcare (4001 John Street).

Naloxone rescue kits are also available at other distributors across Vanderburgh County and Indiana. For more information about available distributors, visit the Indiana State Department of Health's naloxone information website at optin.in.gov.

For more information about the naloxone rescue kits, contact the Vanderburgh County Health Department at (812) 435-5667. For information on opioid addiction support and treatment, contact Deaconess Cross Pointe at (812) 476-7200 or Stepping Stone at (812) 473-3144.