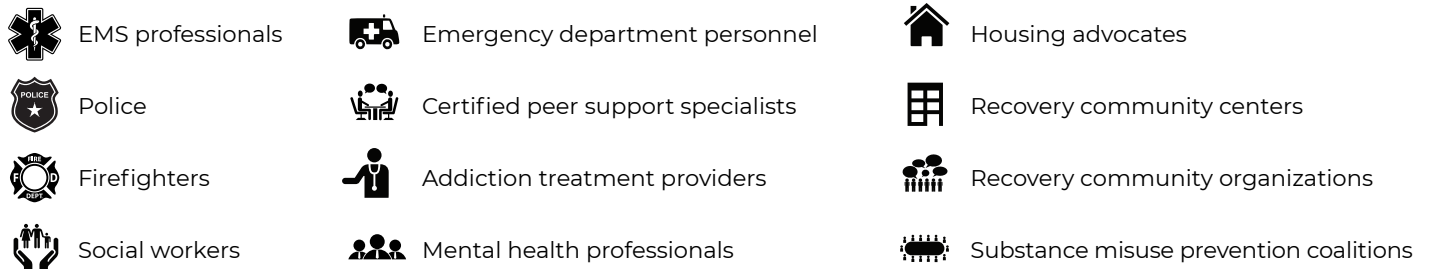


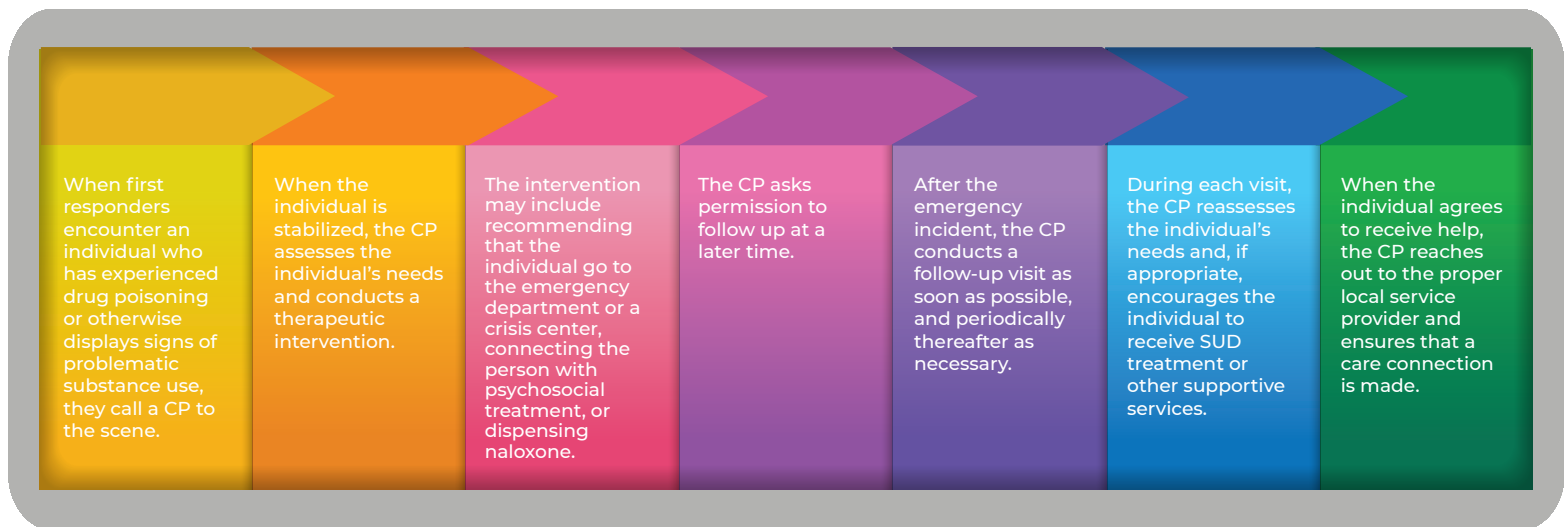
Community Paramedicine To Help People Who Use Substances Fact Sheet

Community paramedicine programs empower emergency medical services (EMS) personnel to intervene and activate community resources for individuals who may benefit from substance use disorder (SUD) treatment or other services, such as naloxone dispensing.

Successful community paramedicine programs bring together and activate various local leaders, including:



A community paramedic (CP) is an advanced paramedic who provides follow-up services after a health emergency to support access to care and prevent repeat incidents.



The benefits of community paramedicine programs include saving lives,¹ lowering costs,² and reducing repeat incidents and utilization of EMS resources.³

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