



# AARI IN ACTION!



## AARI stakeholders have been busy as bees!

It's been heartwarming to see this wonderful hive working hard to share the importance of harm reduction and HOPE during these sunny months. Here's a recap of all the community events YOU have participated in:

- Arlington Pride Fest
- Pride With the Police at Freddie's
- Arlington View Neighborhood Day
- Marcus Alert Events
- St. Michael's Episcopal Youth Sunday
- Teen Trainings at Arlington County Library
- Monthly In-Person Training in Partnership with ACFD (Hands to Heart Training)
- First Responder Day (ARC)
- Marymount University Wellness Day Fair
- Stand Up Against Sexual Assault event with Project PEACE and ACPD



## AARI's Community Partnerships Continue to Blossom!

- **Arlington County Parks & Rec department**
  - Entire P&R staff trained to recognize an opioid overdose and how to administer Narcan
  - Each Park and Rec Center now has an overdose kit included in their AED's
- **Animal Welfare League of Arlington:**
  - Staff was trained in how to recognize signs of overdose and how to administer Narcan
  - AWLA now has 2 overdose kits on site
  - Agreed to become an access point for the Medication Deactivation Bags
- **Overlee Swim Club**
  - Lifeguards completed Narcan training & they have 3 overdose kits on site
- **Offender Aid and Restoration (OAR)**
  - OAR Staff participated in Harm reduction training and recognizing overdose as well as administering Narcan
  - AARI and OAR are collaborating to provide Harm Reduction Resources to returning citizens

### Arlington is Counting on us!

Since April 1st we have dispensed:

**1,158** Boxes of Narcan

**968** Fentanyl Test Strips

**171** Medication deactivation bags

Shared the importance of Harm Reduction with over **1,000** concerned citizens at community events



"Bee" sure to follow us!



# International Overdose Awareness Day Vigil

Thursday  
August 31st  
7:00 p.m.  
Bozeman Plaza  
2100 Clarendon Blvd  
Arlington, VA

Please join us for  
**IOAD Candlelight Vigil.**

Stand alongside friends and families to reflect on those who have been lost and learn from those who have been personally touched by Overdose. We will have a "Living Library" of individuals who will be sharing their stories with us.

## AARI VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### ALL HANDS ON DECK!

August is a busy month. There is no special training needed to Volunteer! Visit our [Sign Up Page](#) for more information!

- **Saturday, August 5th**  
Teen Narcan Training
- **Wednesday, August 16th**  
Brief Narcan training
- **Friday, August 18-Saturday August 20th** Arlington County Fair Information Booth!
- **Thursday, August 31st**  
International Overdose Awareness Day Vigil



Arlington Public Schools  
End-of-school-year statistics!

**1827** APS staff  
completed Naloxone training!

**1316** APS staff Carrying Naloxone  
this includes bus drivers & extended day staff

**GREAT NEWS!**  
**APS High School Students  
can carry Narcan in their backpacks!**

[Click here for more information!](#)



## AARI VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT:



**AMANDA BLOOM**

Talk about BUSY! Amanda has been all over the county sharing the message of AARI. Amanda has been passionate about harm reduction for years. While a student at Oberlin she served as the co-chair of Students for Sensible Drug Policy and taught a peer-run harm reduction class for students.

She currently works as a courtroom clerk for Arlington County and she works part-time as a game master at the escape room in Arlington! Thank You Amanda for continually stepping up and helping out at our Outreach Events!

**You are an amazing AARI AMBASSADOR  
AMANDA!**

