

# Warm Hand-Off

### for Substance Use

## What Is the Warm Hand-Off Program?

Warm Hand-Off makes referrals for assessment and treatment readily available to those in need of substance use services.

#### Treatment and Support for Substance Use

- Screening
- Referral for assessment of appropriate treatment
- Links to helpful community resources
- Personal crisis and safety planning
- Relapse planning
- Links to recovery supports

# How to Screen for the Warm Hand-Off Program

There are a few key things to look for when deciding if a person needs assistance and treatment for substance use.

- They are unable to stop using drugs or alcohol if they want to
- They have experienced blackouts due to drug or alcohol use
- They experience withdrawal symptoms when they try to stop using drugs or alcohol
- They have recovered from an overdose.

#### How to Initiate a Warm Hand-Off

Contact the Venango County Protective Intake & Crisis (PIC) Unit at 814-432-9111. Ask for **Drug** and **Alcohol Assessment** Warm Hand-Off.

#### In the Event of a Crisis

Dial 911, take the person to a hospital emergency department, or call **814-432-9111** — available any time of day, every day of the year.

## Services Are Accessible to Everyone

Treatment is available, regardless of ability to pay. Substance use disorder services are often covered through insurance plans and by Pennsylvania county authorities. Tell those referred for services to discuss any concerns they have with the PIC team.

#### Learn More

Visit **community.recoveryisnwpa.org** to learn about more free resources.

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