

# Drug Endangered Children's Initiative

## Timeline

**1995-1997**

**ACEs: CDC and Kaiser Permanente publish the Adverse Childhood Experience (ACES) Study**

[cdc.gov/violenceprevention/childabuseandneglect/acestudy/about](https://cdc.gov/violenceprevention/childabuseandneglect/acestudy/about)

**2012**

**Opioid crisis escalates in Massachusetts,** where a significant increase in opioid-related deaths is recorded.

**2015**

**Plymouth County District Attorney and Plymouth County Sherriff form the Plymouth County Drug Abuse Task Force** [otf.plymouthda.com](http://otf.plymouthda.com)

**2016**

**Plymouth County Outreach: East Bridgewater and Plymouth Police** chiefs team up and combine their models, spreading their work county-wide and leading to the creation of **PCO**. By December 2016, all 28 police chiefs in Plymouth County had signed on.

**June 2019**

**The Inaugural Meeting of the Drug Endangered Children Subcommittee of the Plymouth County Drug Abuse Task Force** convenes partners across the county to provide direction and oversight to the DEC initiative.

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**2008**

**Helping Traumatized Children Learn:** Plymouth County District Attorney's Office partners with Trauma Learning and Policy Initiative and Brockton Public Schools to conduct a pilot training program on community and domestic violence for school personnel. This pilot is replicated in multiple school districts over the next decade.

[traumasensitiveschools.org](http://traumasensitiveschools.org)

**2013**

**The Opioid Crisis worsens in Plymouth County:** Unattended death records show opioid overdose deaths tripled between 2013-2015.

**2015**

**East Bridgewater HOPE** collaborates with **East Bridgewater Police** and neighboring departments to create the **EB HOPE Drop-in Center**, providing substance use and recovery resources to the community. At the same time, **Plymouth Police** begin collaborating with **Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital** in Plymouth to do overdose follow-up visits.

**March 2019**

**The Plymouth County District Attorney's Office and the United Way of Greater Plymouth County's Family Center** launch the **Drug Endangered Children's (DEC) Initiative**, partnering to identify drug-endangered children, provide direct services and to coordinate efforts to address this growing need in our community.



The Family Center  
&  
Community Connections of Brockton



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