

# Vending Machine Experiences: Forsyth & Guilford Counties

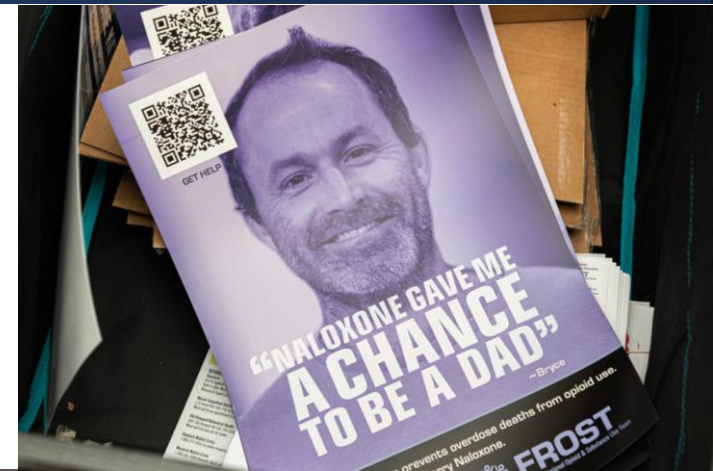
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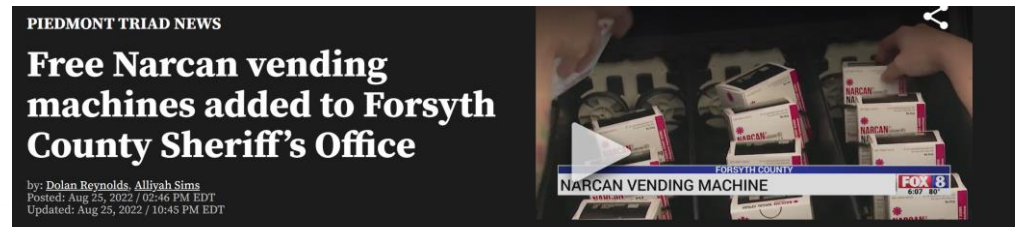
# Purchase and Installation

- Cost about \$5,000 to purchase without a grant
- Shaffer Distributing – Columbus OH
- Holds 150 nasal kits total
- Forsyth installed a community resource station on the side of their machine
- Can be adjusted to hold other items
- Placed in the lobby of the detention centers in Forsyth and Guilford Counties



# Media Attention

- Media attention was positive
- Did cause supply to run low earlier than expected
- Brought lots of inquiries from other places in NC and around the US also interested in vending machines for their communities



## Narcan vending machine put in Forsyth County Detention Center lobby

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**Maria DeBone**  
Reporter



## Vending machines dispensing free, life-saving medication

Seven county jail lobbies in NC are home to an emerging strategy for naloxone distribution at a time when drug overdoses continue to climb.

by Rachel Crumpler  
November 9, 2022

## Vending machines are the latest tool for fighting opioid overdoses

Vending machines that have long been stocked with snacks are getting repurposed to distribute life-saving supplies to fight the opioid epidemic

By MATTHEW PERRONE - AP Health Writer May 15, 2023 Updated May 15, 2023

# Keeping the Machines Filled

- Keeping the machine stocked can be a challenge
- Cost depends on type of Naloxone in machine (Nasal vs. IM)
- Forsyth fills their machine every 4-6 weeks on average
- Need to know which agencies are responsible for purchasing and stocking the Naloxone

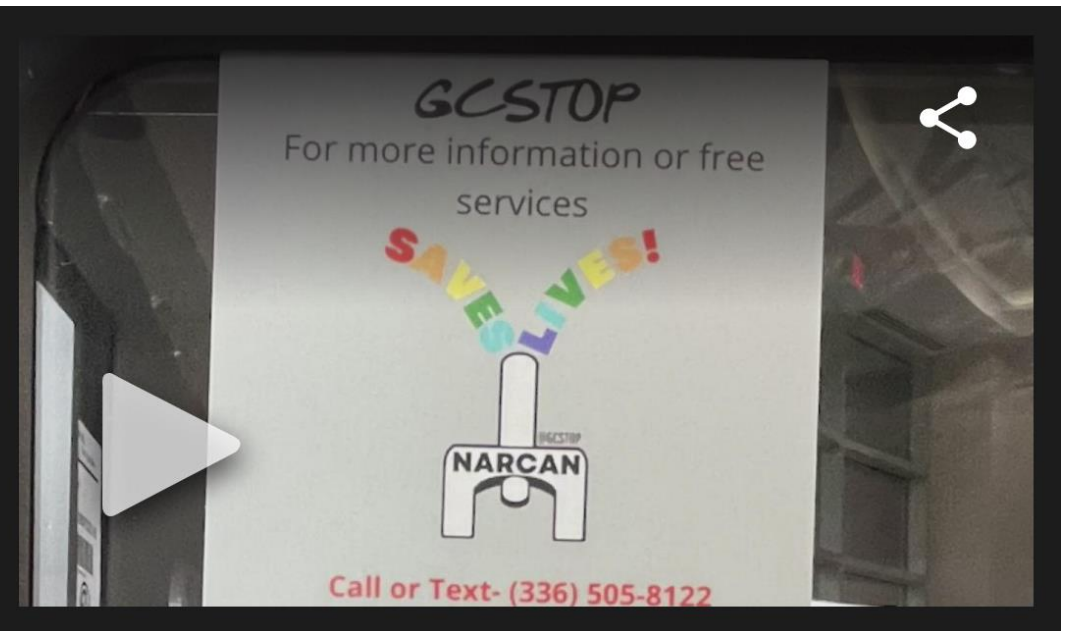
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## Rising demand makes it difficult to keep Narcan stocked

by: Lori Denberg

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# Lessons Learned



- Confirmation that the machines are saving lives
- Unexpected challenges can arise
- Stay true to LOW barrier access
- Account for refilling the machine regularly
- Opportunities for community education

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