

LOWER SAUCON TOWNSHIP POLICE

Assisting in Recovery

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the PAIR Program?

PAIR is Lower Saucon Township's Police Assisting in Recovery Program. This program was started in response to the current opioid epidemic and is aimed at supporting individuals suffering from addiction. PAIR encourages opioid drug users to seek recovery and connects addicts to treatment programs and facilities.

How does the PAIR Program work?

If an individual wants to seek treatment they can do so by calling the Lower Saucon Township Police Department at 610-317-6110, asking an officer for help, or walking into Lower Saucon Township Police headquarters at 3700 Old Philadelphia Pike, Bethlehem. This program is available seven days a week during the hours of 8:00 a.m.-midnight.

Who is eligible to participate in the program?

Adults struggling with an addiction and in need of assistance in getting treatment.

Is the information kept confidential?

Yes. Any information provided to the project administrator will be done so in aggregate form without the release of any names.

Will a PAIR client receive immediate treatment?

An intake assessment will be done on site by a professional. The Intake Assessor will then conduct a search of treatment facilities in an attempt to connect the individual to treatment immediately. In the event that a bed is not immediately available, a peer recovery support specialist will be connected to the BPAIR client until a bed is available.

Can someone be arrested if they choose to participate in the PAIR program?

All PAIR clients will be asked to turn over any drugs and drug paraphernalia that they have on them. Individuals will not be arrested if they turn over their drugs and drug paraphernalia. The police department will conduct a search to determine if a warrant is out for the PAIR client. If, in fact, a warrant is outstanding then the PAIR client will be taken into custody.

What happens when someone does not have a valid form of identification?

Unfortunately, individuals do need a valid form of identification in order to confirm the individual's identity and be able to access treatment. The drug and alcohol intake assessor can assist individuals in obtaining identification.

What if someone comes in for assistance outside of the normal PAIR operating hours?

If someone needs immediate assistance, the state hotline (1-800-662-4357) is available. An officer can also document the individual's contact information and provide it to the intake assessor the following day.