# Who can make referrals?

Anyone can make a referral to the CERT program, including individuals who are currently struggling with substance use, loved ones who are unsure how to help during these times of crisis, law enforcement who respond to substance use and opioid overdoses, and first responders who arrive to the scene of these challenges. **We work with individuals of all ages in the following Indiana counties:** 

- Dearborn
- Franklin
- Decatur
- Fayette
- Jefferson
- Ohio

- Ripley
- Switzerland
  - Wayne

### How do I make a referral or learn more about CERT?

P 317.205.8302

1.866.514.6489

E CERT@ChoicesCCS.org









# What is the CERT program?

CERT stands for **Choices Emergency Response Team.** This team of specialists is available 24/7 to respond to individuals and families experiencing challenges with opioid overdoses, substance use, and mental health crises. Our goal is to increase the number of opioid survivors and partner with local communities to build a network of supports.

# Why use the CERT program?

Our team consists of Emergency Response Clinicians, Recovery Support Specialists, a Registered Nurse, and a Clinical Director, all specifically trained to support individuals and families experiencing substance use and mental health challenges. We not only respond during a time of crisis to stabilize the situation, we also ensure individuals are connected with long-term recovery services to achieve success.

#### What happens when I contact CERT?

Our team of specialists will provide an initial assessment for the individual and family within 24 to 48 hours. Then, we help guide individuals through the system of resources available to them that can increase the success rates of survival and recovery. We stay in contact with the individual and their family for 60 days after the initial assessment to ensure they are still receiving the help they need.