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### **Coastal Horizons to Host 2nd Annual Overdose Awareness Event in Burgaw**

**BURGAW, N.C. —** Coastal Horizons will host its 2nd Annual Overdose Awareness: Break Stigma, Build Hope Community Event on Saturday, August 29, 2026, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the CF Pope Elementary School Gymnasium, located at 400 N. Wright Street in Burgaw.

Hosted by the Post Overdose Response Team at Coastal Horizons, the free, family-friendly event is designed to bring the community together to raise awareness about overdose, connect individuals and families with valuable resources, honor those who have been impacted, and promote hope.

Attendees will have access to a variety of community resources and activities, including free Narcan, live music, children's activities, and food trucks. The event will also provide an opportunity for community members to purchase event T-shirts, learn more about available services, and participate in the event's Honor and Memorial Wall.

"Every story matters. Every life matters," said Rakhee Patel, Coastal Horizons' Regional Adult Services Clinical Director. "This event is an opportunity for our community to come together, support one another, remember those we have lost, and remind individuals and families that help and hope are available."

The Post Overdose Response Team of Coastal Horizons works to connect individuals and families affected by an overdose with support, resources, and services. Through outreach and community partnerships, the team seeks to help individuals take the next step toward recovery and to ensure families know they are not alone.

The event is open to the public, and community members of all ages are encouraged to attend.

### **Event Details:**

What: 2nd Annual Overdose Awareness: Break Stigma, Build Hope 2026

When: Saturday, August 29, 2026 | 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Where: CF Pope Elementary School Gymnasium, 400 N. Wright Street, Burgaw, N.C.  
Cost: Free and open to the public

For more information, please call 910-833-2148.

### **About Coastal Horizons**

Coastal Horizons serves more than 25,000 individuals annually across more than two-thirds of North Carolina's counties. As one of the largest private nonprofit human services organizations in the state, Coastal Horizons provides integrated behavioral health care, crisis intervention, primary care, substance use treatment, child welfare, justice services, and veteran support programs, helping individuals and families build healthier lives, stronger families, and safer communities.

For more information, visit [www.coastalhorizons.org](http://www.coastalhorizons.org).

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