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Jasper County Detention Center Installs Narcan Vending Machine Through Critical Community Partnership

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Scheduled for Friday, May 9 at 10:00 AM

Ridgeland, SC – Jasper County is proud to announce the installation of a Narcan vending machine at the Jasper County Detention Center, marking a significant step forward in the County’s fight against the opioid crisis. This initiative was made possible through a partnership with New Life Center and the Department of Public Health, with no cost to local taxpayers.

A public ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held on **Friday, May 9, 2025, at 10:00 AM** at the Jasper County Detention Center to commemorate this vital advancement in community health and safety. The event will feature remarks from County officials, representatives from New Life Center, and a speaker in recovery.

“This partnership reflects our commitment to innovative solutions that meet people where they are,” said **Nicole Smith**, of New Life Center. “We are proud to work alongside Jasper County to make lifesaving tools like Narcan more accessible and help individuals take their first step toward recovery.”

Narcan, a brand name for naloxone, is a medication that can reverse the effects of opioid overdoses and has become a critical resource in both public health and corrections settings. By offering Narcan access through a vending machine, Jasper County is implementing a proactive harm reduction strategy and reinforcing its commitment to crisis response and recovery.

Jasper County Council Chairman John Kemp expressed his support for the initiative, saying: “This initiative underscores our unwavering commitment to fulfilling the comprehensive needs of our community. Through collaborative partnerships with esteemed organizations such as New Life Center, we are achieving tangible progress in ensuring the accessibility of vital resources, fostering recovery, and upholding public safety.”

So far in 2025, Jasper County has reported 34 overdoses, 6 of which have been fatal. The availability of a Narcan vending machine will play a key role in preventing future deaths. Every individual released from the Jasper County Detention Center will now receive a box of Narcan upon release. The vending machine will also be available to the public during normal business hours at no cost.

In addition to the Detention Center, there are two other Narcan Community Distribution Centers in Jasper County: New Life Center and the County Health Department. For those interested in opioid education and large-scale Narcan distribution, please contact New Life Center at 843-726-5996 to schedule a presentation.

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The public and media are encouraged to attend the May 9th ribbon-cutting event to learn more about this important initiative and Jasper County's broader approach to addiction education, prevention, and intervention.

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