

EF5 Mission Statement

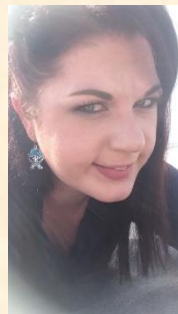
EF5 is a community-based nonprofit organization dedicated to helping end the fentanyl epidemic while supporting individuals and families impacted by fentanyl-related loss. Founded in lived experience, EF5 advances compassionate, inclusive, and evidence-informed responses that integrate harm reduction, mental health support, grief healing, and community care.

EF5's mission is rooted in the belief that preventing overdose deaths and supporting healing are inseparable goals. We work to reduce harm and save lives through accessible education, Naloxone distribution, and community-based outreach, while also addressing the profound grief, trauma, and long-term impacts experienced by families and communities affected by substance-related loss.

EF5 centers dignity, accessibility, and empowerment in all aspects of its work. Our programs are designed to meet people where they are—emotionally, socially, and geographically—particularly those living at the intersection of disability, mental health challenges, trauma, and substance-use risk. Through creative expression, peer support, remembrance practices, and direct financial assistance, EF5 fosters connection, resilience, and pathways toward healing and self-sufficiency.

Guided by leadership with lived experience and diverse identities, EF5 is committed to equity, disability inclusion, and culturally responsive care. We believe that community-driven solutions are essential to addressing complex public health crises and that healing is strengthened when individuals are seen, supported, and not left to grieve or recover alone.

Through prevention, remembrance, and community-centered support, EF5 works to transform loss into action, reduce stigma, and build a future in which fewer lives are lost to fentanyl and more families are supported with compassion, care, and hope.



In honor of Erika Rose Glownia
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