



NEWS RELEASE



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Mahoning County District Board of Health will be conducting Project DAWN Community Training and Naloxone Distribution Events

The Mahoning County District Board of Health will be conducting two Project DAWN Community Training and Naloxone Distribution events. The free events will take place:

Wednesday, December 5, 2018
5:30 PM to 7:00 PM
Mahoning County District Board of Health
50 Westchester Drive
Austintown, Ohio 44515

Wednesday, December 12, 2018
5:30 PM to 7:00 PM
Michael Kusalaba Branch
Public Library of Youngstown and Mahoning County
2815 Mahoning Avenue, Youngstown, OH 44509

No pre-registration required; kits provided to the first 30 participants at each location

A representative from the Mental Health and Recovery Board will also speak with the participants on caregiver support and treatment options. Participants will receive a Project DAWN kit and training on the following:

- Identifying risk factors for opioid overdose
- Recognizing an overdose
- Calling emergency medical services
- Giving intranasal naloxone
- Monitoring the person until help arrives

The training is for community members who may be in contact with someone using an opioid that is at risk of an overdose.

Project DAWN (Deaths Avoided With Naloxone) is a community based drug overdose education and naloxone distribution program. Project DAWN provides free take-home naloxone



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kits to the public. Naloxone is a medication that can block the effects of opioids. Naloxone can reverse an overdose from an opioid and save a life if given in time!

Opioids are a group of drugs that includes prescription pain medications such as morphine, methadone, codeine, hydrocodone, hydromorphone, oxycodone, and buprenorphine. Vicodin®, Lortab®, Percocet®, OxyContin®, Dilaudid®, and Demerol® are common brand names of opioids. Heroin is also an opioid. Fentanyl is an opioid prescription medication that is often manufactured illegally and mixed with heroin or other street drugs.

Funding for the Mahoning County Project DAWN Program made possible through a partnership with the Mahoning County District Board of Health, Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board, and the Ohio Department of Health.

For more information, please call the Mahoning County District Board of Health at 330-270-2855 ext. 109.

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Community Training and Naloxone Distribution Event



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Who should attend a Project DAWN training?

Any one who may be in contact with someone using an opioid that is at risk of an overdose.

WHAT do Participants receive training on?

- Identifying risk factors for opioid overdose
- Recognizing an overdose
- Calling emergency medical services
- Giving intranasal naloxone – take-home naloxone kit provided
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Community Training and Distribution Event Information

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