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

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

Wednesday, January 23, 2019
5:30 pm to 6:30 PM
Mauthe Park
156 Smithfield Street, Struthers, OH 44471
No pre-registration required; kits provided to the first 30 participants

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

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

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.

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



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

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