



# Drug Overdose Prevention

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## Quick Response Team forms to help get people into treatment

The Clermont County Mental Health and Recovery Board recently received \$100,000 to fund a Quick Response Team (QRT) in Clermont County. The QRT is a new approach to fighting the heroin epidemic. The team consists of first responders and treatment professionals. With a QRT, the goal is to get people into treatment following an overdose.



“In Clermont County, increased naloxone distribution and heightened awareness mean that more people are surviving opioid overdoses,” said Dr. Lee Ann Watson, Associate

Director of the MHRB, and Co-Chair of the County’s Opiate Task Force. “The QRT will partner first responders with treatment professionals who can connect people to needed substance use disorder treatment at a time they are most actively seeking it.” The funding for the Clermont County QRT came from the Funders’ Response to the Heroin Epidemic (FRHE), a collaboration of private donors dedicated to ending the heroin epidemic in the Greater Cincinnati Region.

The Clermont County QRT will receive consultation from the Hamilton County QRT as it sets up operations. It will primarily be a partnership between the Union Township Fire Department and the Clermont Recovery Center. The Clermont County QRT will include several members:

- 1 Recovery Coach (funded by FRHE)
- 3 Recovery Coach Specialists
- 1 Outreach Worker
- 1 Counselor/Case Manager
- 1 Fire/EMS representative (Union Township has committed to providing 1 FTE to the team)

Overdose survivors will either be identified by the Mercy Clermont emergency department, or by Union Township dispatch information. Members of the QRT will follow up with overdose survivors within five working days, reaching an estimated 150 individuals per year.

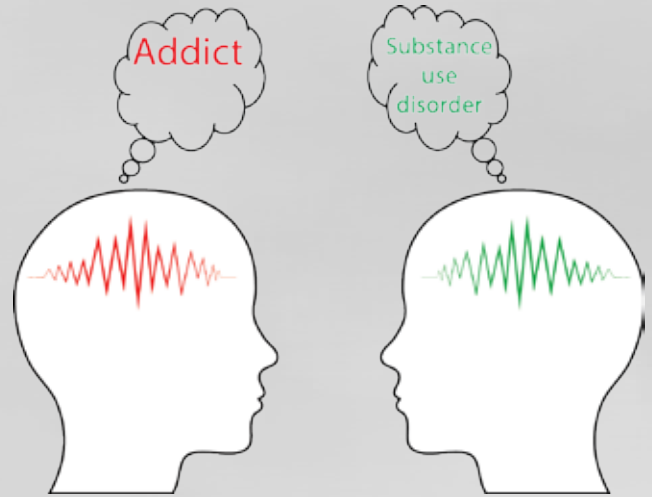
For more information on Clermont County’s Quick Response Team [click here](#).

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# Words Matter: Changing the way people talk about addiction

The stigma surrounding addiction is powerful and shapes the way it is viewed. According to the American Society of Addiction Medicine, addiction was once seen as a moral failing. As more was learned addiction became a disease; new words and phrases started to be used more often. As a way to improve this language and change the way society looks at addiction, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration (SAMHSA) made a guide encouraging people to change the language in order to change the stigma of addiction. Consider the table below when choosing your words.



Possible negatively viewed words	More positively viewed words
Abuse	Misuse, harmful use
Dependence	Alcohol and drug disorder, substance abuse disorder
Habit	Active addiction, alcohol and drug disorder, substance abuse disorder
Addict	Person in active addiction, patient, client
Alcoholic	Person in active addiction, patient, client
Clean/Dirty	Negative, positive, substance free
Junkie/dope fiend	Person in active addiction
Replacement/substitute	Medication assisted treatment, treatment

For additional resources see SAMHSA’s “[Language Matters](#)” resource as well as the National Alliance of Advocates for Buprenorphine Treatment’s “[The Words We Use Matter](#)”. The White House Office of National Drug Control Policy also wants to change the language of addiction and has released a report with language guidelines [here](#).

## Town Hall Meetings

Interested in hosting a town hall meeting to learn what is happening in your community? Call Lee Ann Watson at 513-732-5406 at the [Mental Health and Recovery Board](#).



**Need Help?**  
**Call the**  
**Clermont County**  
**Crisis Line at**  
**513-528-SAVE**  
**513-528-7283**



## Opiate Task Force launches new website

The Opiate Task Force of Clermont County launched its new website in February. The new site has lots of resources available to help fight the drug epidemic. Some of the resources listed on the site include:

- Prescription drug drop box locations.
- List of treatment centers.
- List of pharmacies offering naloxone.
- Education materials for parents and kids.
- How to talk to a loved one about getting treatment.

Visit the new website at [www.getcleannowclermont.org](http://www.getcleannowclermont.org)



### Opiate Task Force Upcoming Meetings

April 13, 2017

2 - 3:30 p.m.

Clermont County Sheriff's Office

May 11, 2017

2 - 3:30 p.m.

Clermont County Sheriff's Office

June 8, 2017

2 - 3:30 p.m.

Clermont County Sheriff's Office

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## Attorney General DeWine announces extension of naloxone rebate agreement

In March, Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine announced the extension of a naloxone rebate program. Since the program began, it has saved state and local government agencies more than \$400,000.

The agreement between the State of Ohio and Amphastar Pharmaceuticals allows state and local agencies in Ohio to receive \$6 back in the form of a rebate for each naloxone syringe purchased. The rebate program will last until March 2, 2018.

Between March 2, 2015 and September 30, 2016 the rebate program has saved 101 agencies a total of \$391,672.

State and local government agencies in Ohio are eligible to receive rebate payments. This includes, but is not limited to, state agencies, law enforcement agencies, fire departments, emergency medical services, county health departments, Project DAWN community programs, and county or local government agencies.

A full list of agencies that have received naloxone rebates can be found [here](#).

For information on how to apply for the rebates [click here](#).

For the full news release on the rebate program, [click here](#).



## New requirements for opioid prescriptions in Ohio: Senate Bill 319

On January 4, a new bill, referred to as Senate Bill 319, was passed by Ohio Governor John Kasich. The bill focuses on numerous priorities related to pharmacists, prescribing requirements, drug treatment, and requirements for boards of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services. One piece of the bill focuses on how pharmacists will be allowed to fill and dispense opioid prescriptions. A pharmacy will not be allowed to fill or dispense a prescription to a person if fourteen days have elapsed since the prescription was issued to them. Bill 319 also requires a maximum 90-day dosage for all opioid related prescriptions allowed to be filled to a person. A person will have to see their doctor for another 90-day prescription to be filled. The new guidelines of this bill will be put into effect on April 6, 2017. To read more in-depth on all of the components of this bill, [click here](#).



## Drug Takeback Day April 29

Clermont County is participating in the nationwide Drug Takeback Day on April 29. You can drop off your unused or expired medication for proper disposal at one of the eight drop box locations throughout the county. Leaving unused medication around the house increases the chances of medication theft. Improperly disposing of medication by throwing it in the trash or flushing it down the toilet can pollute our soil and water. More drop off locations will be announced in April. Check our website at [www.ccphohio.org](http://www.ccphohio.org) for more information.



## Safe Drug Disposal

**Did you know you can drop off your unused medications any time of the year at one of the following permanent prescription drug drop box locations?**

Amelia Police Department  
44 Main Street, Amelia

Loveland Police Department  
126 S. Lebanon Road, Loveland

Bethel Police Department  
120 N. Main St. #2, Bethel

Miami Township Police Department  
5900 McPicken Drive, Milford

Clermont County Sheriff's Office  
4470 Ohio 222, Batavia

Milford Police Department  
745 Center Street, Milford

Goshen Township Police Department  
6757 Goshen Road, Goshen

Pierce Township Police Department  
950 Locust Corner Road  
Cincinnati, OH 45244



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