



Drug Overdose Prevention

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Facing Addiction in America: *The Surgeon General's Report on Alcohol, Drugs, and Health*

The Surgeon General released a report on November 17 on addiction and drug abuse in America. The main focus was the need for change in the way we view addiction. The report suggests that rather than viewing addiction as a moral failing, it should be treated as a chronic condition similar to diabetes or asthma. By changing this outlook, it is possible to remove some of the stigma associated with addiction, and make it easier for those affected to get help.

Other highlights include the increasing number of people affected. About 14 percent of Americans are expected to develop a substance use disorder during their lifetime. Currently, about 8 percent of the American adolescent and adult populations suffer from a substance use disorder. For comparison, that is about the same size as the diabetic population in the United States.

The report does contain good news and shows that preventive efforts and treatment are both effective. Early treatment was recommended for those suffering from a mild or moderate substance use disorder. This early treatment can prevent a mild substance use disorder from becoming an addiction. The report lists tools that are available to help combat the epidemic. It also stresses that it is important to remember that those suffering from a substance use disorder are real people and substance misuse can affect anyone. As the Surgeon General puts it "They are a beloved family member, a friend, a colleague, and ourselves." View full report [here](#).

Report Highlights

- Addiction is a chronic neurological disorder, not a moral failing.
- Addiction is a treatable disease.
- In 2015, over 27 million people in the U.S. reported using or abusing drugs.
- More people die in the U.S. from alcohol and drug overdoses than car accidents.
- In 2014, opioid and heroin deaths in the U.S. reached 30,000.
- Approximately 8 percent of adolescent and adult population in U.S. suffer from substance abuse disorder.
- Addiction is associated with changes in the reward and stress regions of the brain.
- Prevention does work, and is very cost-effective.

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



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](#).



Clermont County Receives \$20,000 for Drug Free Workplace Projects

The Clermont County Mental Health and Recovery Board (MHRB) recently received \$20,000 to support a Drug-Free Workforce Community project. The project will create a partnership between local employers and individuals with a severe and persistent mental illness and/or substance use disorder. It will also help employers reduce the number of positive employee drug screens.

Clermont County was one of 18 counties in Ohio that received a total of \$360,000 from the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (MHAS). The funding will allow MHAS and the Clermont MHRB to assist job seekers in finding employment. It will also provide support to individuals with a positive drug screen that are employed, and connect employers to trained and drug free workers.

Know the signs of an overdose - it could save a life

- Struggling to breathe or irregular snoring
- Difficult to awaken
- Blue or grey skin
- Not responding to pain
- Vomiting
- Confused or disoriented

If someone is overdosing, Call 911!
Every second counts.



Coming Soon.....

The Clermont County Opiate Task Force is currently working on a new website. The website will serve as a tool for community members to find resources to help fight the opiate epidemic. Stay tuned for more details when the site is up and running. In the meantime, follow the Opiate Task Force of Clermont County on Facebook.

Upcoming meeting
December 8, 2016
2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Clermont County
Sheriff's Office



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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

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

Goshen Township Police Department
6757 Goshen Road, Goshen



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