

SUBSTANCE ABUSE: AN AMERICAN EPIDEMIC A COMMUNITY'S PERSPECTIVE



THIS SERIES IS FOR YOU IF:

- You are a parent of middle school, high school, or college-age students
- You are a student in middle school, high school or college
- You are a concerned community-minded individual
- You are a social worker, working with addicted patients

WHAT YOU WILL GET FROM THIS SERIES:

- Information on the growing epidemic
- Resources to help those suffering with addiction
- Things you can do locally to help

Thursdays, (once per month) September 14; October 19; November 16; December 7 ▪ 7 p.m.

Moderator: Vince Carrafi, Chair of the Cuyahoga County Opiate Task Force, Cuyahoga County Board of Health
Landmark Centre Building, 25700 Science Park Drive, Suite 100, Beachwood

Member and Nonmember cost: free

Advance registration suggested

Substance abuse is not discussed enough in our community and the epidemic continues to grow and effect our friends and families. Join us for one or all of these sessions and educate yourself on the following: how we got here; the most current death tolls in our area; new ideas that are helping; innovative ways our law enforcement agencies are working; how those touched by the epidemic are making a difference, and where you can help fight this escalating disease. Education is our most powerful tool—Get educated!

A COUNTY'S PERSPECTIVE—HOW DID WE GET HERE AND WHAT'S BEING DONE?

Panelists: Kevin Berg, Tenure Track Counseling Faculty at Cuyahoga County Community College; Tom Gilson, Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner and Director of the Regional Forensic Science Laboratory; Emily Metz, Program Coordinator for MetroHealth's Cuyahoga County Project DAWN

Thursday, September 14

SUBURBAN CHALLENGES: MAYORS' CALL TO ACTION

Mayor Merle Gorden of Beachwood; Mayor Kathy Mulcahy of Orange Village; Mayor Patrick Ward of Lyndhurst

Thursday, November 16

WHAT GOES INTO TRAINING FIRST RESPONDERS? WHY SHOULD WE CARE?

Panelists: Mark Singer, Leonard W. Mayo Professor of Family and Child Welfare at the Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, Deputy Director of the Semi J. and Ruth W. Begun Center for Violence Prevention Research and Education and Co-Director of the Center on Substance Abuse and Mental Illness at CWRU; Tony Weis, Detective at Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority Police Department and Sergeant for the Village of Grand River Police Department

Thursday, October 19

SOBER-LIVING-HOMES MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Panelists: Russell Goodwin, LPC, LICDC, founding board member of Sober Living Cleveland; Erin Helm, Executive Director of Woodrow House in Lakewood and Chemical Dependency Counselor; Kelly Meyers, House Manager at Meadowdale Sober Living House

Thursday, December 7

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