

Grand Traverse County

Drug Free Coalition Newsletter

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A NOTE FROM THE COORDINATOR

Hello coalition members,

I hope that everyone is staying safe and healthy! Our next meeting will take place on Thursday, September 10 from 4-5pm via Zoom. Abigail McKiernan, the Founder and Executive Director of Spark in the Dark, will be presenting at the meeting. I will send out the agenda and meeting details in an email as the date approaches. Everyone is welcome and I hope that you all can join us!

On August 17 Emergent BioSolutions Inc. announced that the FDA has approved the extension of the shelf life of Narcan Nasal Spray from 24 to 36 months. For additional details, please click on the following link: <https://www.globenewswire.com/news-release/2020/08/17/2079086/0/en/Emergent-BioSolutions-Announces-FDA-Approval-of-NARCAN-naloxone-HCl-Nasal-Spray-Shelf-Life-Extension-to-36-Months.html>.

The Michigan Substance Use Prevention, Education, and Recovery (MiSUPER) has their first official opioid misuse prevention education webinars scheduled for September 11 from 10-11am and September 14 from 6-7pm. MiSUPER is funded by SAMHSA and is a two-year collaborative project between MSU Extension, MSU College of Human Medicine, and the Health Department of Northwest Michigan. The overall goal of the project is to increase awareness of opioid misuse in rural communities regarding prevention, addiction treatment options, and recovery support so that community members and healthcare professionals can recognize signs of misuse, suggest options for professional treatments, and support those in recovery. The objectives of the September 11 and September 14 presentations are:

- To define what Opioids are and what opioid misuse is
- To provide an overview of how opioids affect the body
- To look at how the crisis has impacted Michigan
- To identify treatment and recovery options
- To discuss how rural communities have been impacted
- To learn how to support someone in recovery

To register for the September 11 presentation from 10-11am, visit tinyurl.com/misuper-Sept11 or to register for the September 14 presentation from 6-7pm, visit tinyurl.com/misuper-Sept14.

RTI international recently released findings from a study analyzing the National Survey of Substance Abuse Treatment Services (N-SSATS) data from 2007-2017 to track the quality of addiction treatment centers over time and across states using the Federal Government's "signs" of higher quality. The N-SSATS survey collects information on more than 90% of addiction treatment facilities in the United States. To view the report, click on the following link: <file:///C:/Users/CHS/Downloads/rti-publication-tracking-the-quality-of-addiction-treatment-over-time-and-across-states.pdf>.

Be well,
Lauren

UPCOMING EVENTS

Our local Families Against Narcotics (FAN) chapter will be hosting a bottle and can drive on Saturday, September 26 from 9am-2pm at Living Hope Church (3050 W South Airport Rd, TC). The money that is raised will help to fund the many FAN programs that bring hope to individuals and families that have been affected by addiction. Please rinse out all returnable and sort into separate bags: one for cans and one for plastic bottle. If you have any glass bottles, please put them into boxes of 24, if possible. Please only bring empties that have a deposit attached to them. You will stay in your car during the dropoff and the volunteers will handle everything!

RESOURCES

- The State of Michigan, in partnership with the Connected Nation Michigan, has launched a [statewide Wi-Fi hotspot](https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/MIMSP/2020/06/09/file_attachments/1470122/JIC%20News%20Release%20259_State%20of%20Michigan%20Launches%20Online%20Map%20of%20Free%20Wi-Fi%20Hotspots%20to%20Help%20Residents%20Lacking%20Access%20to%20Broadband%20Internet.pdf) map to help residents lacking access to broadband internet at home: https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/MIMSP/2020/06/09/file_attachments/1470122/JIC%20News%20Release%20259_State%20of%20Michigan%20Launches%20Online%20Map%20of%20Free%20Wi-Fi%20Hotspots%20to%20Help%20Residents%20Lacking%20Access%20to%20Broadband%20Internet.pdf
- The State of Michigan has put together a list of resources if you're feeling emotional distress caused by COVID-19, the page offers many ways to connect to emotional-support services without leaving your home: https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98178_99557---,00.html
- The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services has established a warmline for persons with mental health conditions. The warmline will be operated by Certified Peer Support Specialist. Individuals calling the warmline will be provided with support by peers who have their own lived experience with mental health issues. They will be providing wellness support and a listening ear. Here is the link to the warmline: https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71550_2941---,00.html. The phone numbers is (888) 733-7753.
- Matt Zerilli and Madie Begley from Addiction Treatment Services' The PORCH co-host regular Facebook live check-ins to help people stay connected and to cope with the current physical distancing requirements. For updates on upcoming live events or to watch recorded videos, visit and join the "The PORCH Community Center: A Project of ATS" Facebook group.
- The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) has put together a list of resources for people with substance use disorders and those in recovery to address the unique challenges faced during the COVID-19 pandemic: <https://www.drugabuse.gov/related-topics/covid-19-resources>
- The NIDA for Teens has a free online toolkit that offers science-based activities and resources on drug use and addiction for educating teens while they are out of school: https://teens.drugabuse.gov/teachers/out-of-school-time-toolkit?utm_source=teeneblast&utm_medium=email&utm_content=nf&utm_term=NPnp&utm_campaign=teen-NDAFW2020

NEWS AND ARTICLES OF INTEREST

- University of Michigan Injury Prevention Center – Change in Michigan Overdoses During the Covid-19 Pandemic: <https://injurycenter.umich.edu/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/SOS-Changes-in-ODs-During-COVID-19.pdf>
- GlobalNewswire – Emergent BioSolutions Announces FDA Approval of NARCAN (Naloxone HCL) Nasal Spray Shelf Life Extension to 36 Months: <https://www.globenewswire.com/news-release/2020/08/17/2079086/0/en/Emergent-BioSolutions-Announces-FDA-Approval-of-NARCAN-naloxone-HCl-Nasal-Spray-Shelf-Life-Extension-to-36-Months.html>
- RTI International – Tracking the Quality of Addiction Treatment Over Time and Across States: Using the Federal Government’s “Signs” of Higher Quality: <file:///C:/Users/CHS/Downloads/rti-publication-tracking-the-quality-of-addiction-treatment-over-time-and-across-states.pdf>

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS

September 3 6:00pm – Families Against Narcotics monthly forum meeting at F&M Park. Please bring a lawn chair. <https://www.familiesagainstnarcotics.org/grand-traverse> *Note - this group meets the 1st Thursday of each month*

September 10 4-5pm – Grand Traverse County Drug Free Coalition monthly meeting, held virtually via Zoom. *Note – we meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month*

September 11 10-11am – Opioid Misuse in Rural Communities: Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery. Register for this online event at tinyurl.com/misuper-Sept11

September 14 6-7pm – Opioid Misuse in Rural Communities: Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery. Register for this online event at tinyurl.com/misuper-Sept14

September 26 9am-2pm – FAN’s Bottle and Can Drive at Living Hope Church (3050 W South Airport Rd, TC)

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