



The G.A.P. Network

A program of Prevention Action Alliance

Thank You to Everyone for Making the GAP Summit Possible!

2018 GAP Network Annual Summit Resource Web Page

We appreciate everyone who attended that took time out of their weekend to spend with us and other members of our community learn more about what addiction truly is and exercises to cope and grief effectively. Through our efforts, we are bridging the gap by staying connected and united together in saying *“You are not alone and they are not forgotten”*.

We have developed a web page that will serve as a directory for resources and presentations that were presented at the 2018 G.A.P. Network Summit.

[Summit Resource Page](#)

Keynote Sessions:

OMHAS Director Presentation, Dr. Tracy Plouck,
The Neurobiology of Addiction, Dr. Nicole Labor
Understanding Grief and Loss Julia Ellifrit, Cornerstone of Hope
PAA - What we Say and How we Say it GAP 2018, Brittany Sandidge

Breakout Sessions:

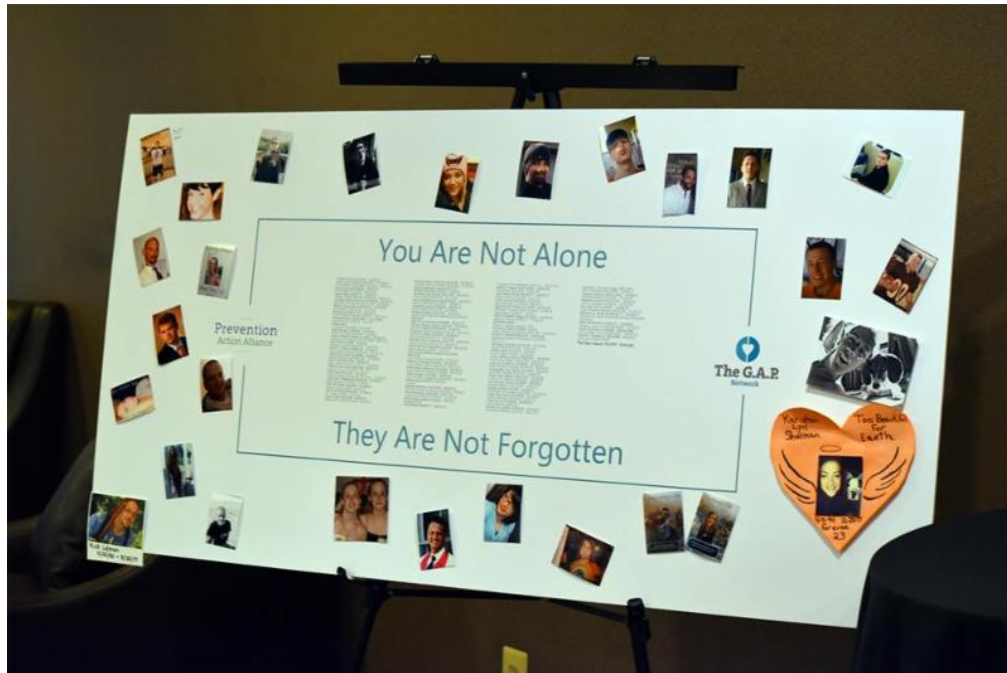
DOSS - Drug Overdose Survivor Support, Donna Dickman & Rick Skilliter
It Doesn't Have to Be Scary, Krysta Bennett
Journal Expressions - Prompts for future writing, Gretchen Addison
Roadmap to Recovery, Ben McDay
Our Roles as Community Advocates, Brittany Sandidge
Navigating Legal Challenges - Ohio Guide - Relatives Caring for Children, Tyler Begley

Memorial Banner

The opioid epidemic has devastated Ohio. Currently, 14 Ohioans each day are dying due to overdoses, and each one of them is loved by someone. You are not alone in your grief. Here we remember those people as the fathers,

mothers, sons, and daughters that they were. They are not forgotten. If you would like to make a submission to the Memorial Banner, please contact Tyler Begley at tbegley@preventionactionalliance.org.

Memorial Banner Web Page



For more photos, go to our Prevention Action Alliance Facebook Page where an album has been published.

"Mountaintops are for views and inspiration, but fruit is grown in the valleys."

Billy Graham

"Everyone wants to be on the mountain top. Mountains symbolize vision and strength, the ability to rise above the valleys and see beyond our immediate vicinity. Mountains can be seen from hundreds of miles away, and if we are lucky enough to be on top of one, we can see great stretches of the surrounding earth. We are able to witness life from a new perspective—cities and towns that seem so large when we are in them appear meager and insignificant from the top. Equally important, notice the climate on the mountain peak. Ice, snow, rocks, barren soil, less oxygen...Not suitable for life. Because we weren't meant to live on mountain tops.

One day, we're standing on top of a mountain looking around and admiring the beauty of life, and before we know it, we're at the bottom of a valley, a huge twisted mess. Don't waste time in the valley, learn and grow from it. It's during our season of dark days, lonely nights, uncertain times and, figuratively speaking, not knowing where our next meal is coming from, that we discover many of the really important things in life. Not all lessons are learned in the valley, but it sure seems like the most profound times of growth and change are found there. Appreciate the mountain top for the euphoria and vision it provides. Take advantage of the valleys for the opportunities, yes, opportunities to learn about the things that actually matter in life. Allow the trials and suffering to lead you into discovering the person you really are when you think you have nothing left."



National Safety Council honors lives lost to opioid epidemic

With the mission to end opioid-related deaths, the National Safety Council says it hopes the "[Celebrating Lost Loved Ones](#)" map will help raise awareness to the disease.

"When you lose a child to this you're numb, just trying to make sense of it and you know you're thinking how did this happen to me," Heidi Riggs said.

They're people and each one of them has a story.

"I think if there's more of us that can tell the story, I think

The war on opioids moves to the courtroom



The war on opioids moves to the courtroom as states sue opiate makers. We thank [CBS Sunday Morning](#) for featuring the Schoonovers and how the Matthew B. Schoonover Educational Center will work to prevent addiction for generations to come.

[CBS News Article](#)

[New G.A.P. Network Map Available](#)

it just helps bring light to this issue," Riggs said.

10 TV News Article

The National Safety Council says people who have had a family member or friend pass of opioid overdose can visit the map and click on "+Add Lost Loved One" at the top right of the page to begin the submission process.

A photo can be included.

All submissions are reviewed before they go live on the site. Click the button below to go to their page.

National Safety
Council Celebrating
Lost Loved Ones



A new map of G.A.P. Network members is up on our new website at preventionactionalliance.org/gap.

Please take a few moments to look over the map and send any updated information or changes [by email to Tyler Begley](mailto:tyler@preventionactionalliance.org)

[View the map](#)



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