



# The G.A.P. Network

A program of Prevention Action Alliance

## Additional May Events: Town Halls & Forum Discussions

### The Value of Your Story

The G.A.P. Network wants you to understand the value of your story. Your story is important. Too often community members and officials only read news articles or hear voices on the radio of the tragic loss that families in Ohio are experiencing.

Your community needs to put a face to the words they read in news articles and the voices they hear on the radio.

They need to **see your face**, **hear your words**, and **feel your story**. Your community needs to know just what it means when they hear that we lose **14 Ohioans every day**. But they won't get that understanding from pundits or talking heads on TV. **They need to hear it from you**. Your story has the power to change hearts and minds, precisely the power we need to advocate for prevention and bring an end to the narcotic epidemic.

We will try and inform you about any opportunities to share your story. Unfortunately, events are often announced on short notice or sometimes scheduled at the last minute. However, we hope to motivate you to seek out and attend **town halls**, **forums**, and any event where you could inform your local audience of your story.

Below is a list of different types of local events- opportunities for you to share your story. If you know of others in your community, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at [TBegley@PreventionActionAlliance.org](mailto:TBegley@PreventionActionAlliance.org) or at 614.540.9985, ext. 19.

### **How to Find Local Town Halls/Forum Discussions:**

- Look in your local news paper, or their website, mobile app.
- Visit your local legislator's website, Facebook page or Twitter feed to find the date, location and time of events.
- Call your local Sheriff's Office.
- Call your local Public Health Department.
- Call your local Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services.
- Call your local Mayor's office.

## How to Prepare for Town Halls/Forum Discussions:

- Register (as required) for the town hall meeting or event .
- Write down one or two brief questions to ask during the event.
- Focus on a specific subject and ask in a way that will generate more than a “yes” or “no” response Do not include long introductory statements—just state your name and the town where you live or work .
- Practice asking your question(s) until you can recite them in 25 seconds or less.

### Day of Event:

- Arrive early and sign-in. Ask if you need to sign-up to ask a question.
- Silence the volume on your cell phone.
- Introduce yourself to the your legislator and his or her staff and offer your business card or other contact information.
- Sit in the front of the room so you can be seen more easily when it is time for questions answers (or reach the microphones located in the aisles).

## Franklin County Panel Discussion

### Finding Hope Amid the Addiction Epidemic: A Film Screening of Heroin(e), The VOICES Project and Panel Discussion



Drug overdoses are now the leading cause of accidental death in the United States for people under 50 - more than car crashes, gun violence or AIDS at the height of that epidemic in 1995. And nearly half of the drug deaths are due to opioid drugs, particularly heroin.

The film Heroin(e) examines the flood of heroin that threatens the Huntington, WV with a cycle of generational addiction, lawlessness, and poverty. The VOICES Project is a collection of stories from people in recovery, family members and community members rising up to tell their story. These stories are being told to break down cultural barriers of shame, silence and stigma so that we can start having honest

discussions about addiction and recovery in this country.

After the films, local experts will comprise a discussion panel focused on community challenges, as well as programs and services available to connect clients and families to care.

**Wednesday, May 23, 2018**

**Ohio History Center | The Arthur C. Johnson Auditorium**

800 E. 17th Ave., Columbus, OH 43211

Registration opens at 6:00 pm | Screening starts at 7:00 pm; panel discussion immediately following

Come early to explore the first level of exhibits at the Ohio History Center

**\$5 General Public | \$15 Continuing Education credit\***

2.0 CEUs for Social Workers, Counselors, Psychologists, RN/LPNs, RCHs

Panelists:

Amy O'Grady, Chief of Addiction Policy for Columbus City Attorney, Zach Klein  
Christy Daron, MSW, LISW-S, CCP, Market Director of Clinical Services, Springstone Hospitals

Lieutenant Dennis Jeffrey, Law Enforcement Coordinator for the Franklin County Crisis Intervention Team, Columbus Division of Police

Dustin Mets, JD, President and Chief Executive Officer at CompDrug

[Registration Page for Event](#)

## Cuyahoga County Town Hall



Cuyahoga County  
**Council**

### Town Hall Meeting May 10th to discuss the Fall-out from the Opioid Crisis

A special thank you to the [Euclid Public Library](#) for hosting this event.

**WHAT:** County Councilwoman Sunny Simon and Euclid Ward 8 Councilwoman Laura J. Gorshe  
Honorable Gayle Williams-Byers of South Euclid Municipal Court will host a Town Hall Meeting to discuss the fall-out of the Opioid Crisis. Entry is free.

**WHEN:** Thursday, May 10th  
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

**WHERE:** The Euclid Public Library  
631 East 222nd Street, Euclid, Ohio 44123.

## Mahoning County Town Hall



Mahoning County  
**Mental Health &  
Recovery Board**

*“Help for Today ...  
Hope for Tomorrow.”*

### Opioid Summit in Mahoning County scheduled for May 11

Host: Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board and Juvenile Court

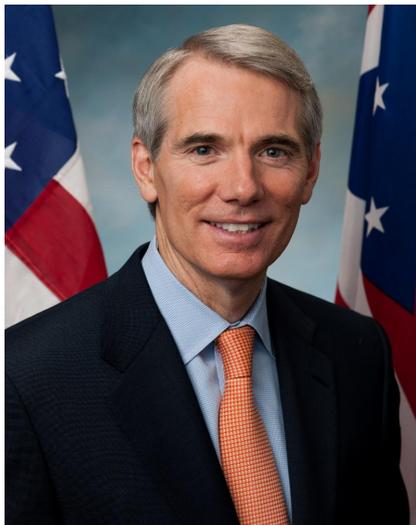
**WHAT:** Topic: “Addiction: Is it a Choice?” Mahoning County Juvenile Judge Theresa Dellick said the topic was chosen because of how frequently the question is asked.

**WHEN:** Thursday, May 11th  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Our Lady of Mount Carmel Social Hall, 343 Mount Carmel Ave.

[Learn More](#)

## Ohio Senators



Share Your Story with Senator  
Rob Portman

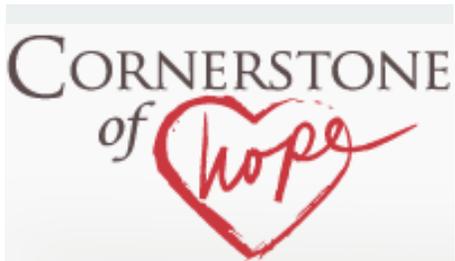
Share Your Story with Senator  
Sherrod Brown

## The Crisis Next Door - A Message From The President



Share your story below by uploading a video about how Substance Use Disorder and Addiction affected you, your family, and your community.

[Crisis Next Door Website](#)



### A Center for Grieving Children, Teens, and Adults - Summer Grief Camps for Youth

Cornerstone of Hope offers four summer bereavement camps for grieving children and teens who are looking to meet others who have experienced a similar loss.

During the camps they will participate in age-appropriate grief activities led by professionals and also have the chance to go on field



### 6th annual FED UP! Washington, D.C. Rally

For almost a decade, the FED UP! Coalition has been unifying families, organizations, and allies from across our nation who've stood together in an alliance to end the opioid epidemic. With another year of increased deaths and the change of power in our federal government, this year we're planning our 6th annual FED UP! Rally in Washington D.C. and another #OpioidMarch to bring awareness to the need for action now.

trips, play fun high-energy games, and experience challenging activities. **All camps are free of charge!**

Cornerstone of Hope provides breakfast, lunch, and snacks at their day camps. At their overnight camps they provide all three meals as well as snacks and drinks through out the weekend.

**List of Camps and Retreats**



**FED UP! Website**

### G.A.P. Network Map



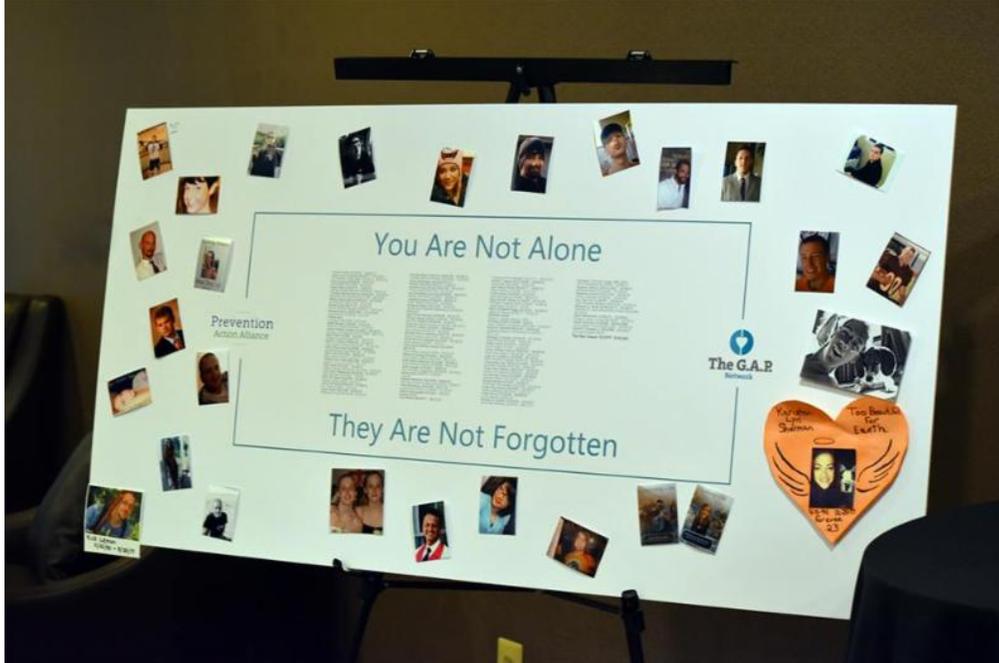
G.A.P. Network members map is up on our new website at [preventionactionalliance.org/gap](http://preventionactionalliance.org/gap).

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

**View the Map**

## Memorial Banner

The opioid epidemic has devastated Ohio. Currently, 14 Ohioans each day are passing away due to substance misuse, 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](mailto:tbegley@preventionactionalliance.org).



### Memorial Banner Web Page

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