



The G.A.P. Network

A program of Prevention Action Alliance

June Newsletter

This Weekend Reminder!



[The G.A.P. Network](#) will have a booth at the Shatterproof event! If you're in the area, you're welcomed to stop by.

Together, we can show families affected by Substance Use Disorder that they're not alone. Let's unite in solidarity with other walkers and runners and support those who have lost a loved one to addiction and celebrate those who are living in recovery today. All funds raised will support Shatterproof's mission to end the devastation addiction causes families.

WHAT SHATTERPROOF DOES:

- Provide evidence-based resources for substance use disorder prevention, treatment, and recovery.

- Work to end the stigma of addiction
- Foster a community of support for families.
- Advocates for changes in federal and state policy

Walker registration is FREE!

Runner registration fee: \$50

Shatterproof Memorial Gallery



[Cleveland Brochure](#)

[Register for Shatterproof 5K](#)

[Learn More About Shatterproof](#)

New Texting Program Aimed at Opioid Epidemic



In the new Opioid Text Project, users are asked for their ZIP codes but can otherwise remain anonymous. They can ask about the signs of opioid abuse, where to get help, overdose-reversal medication or even how to properly dispose of leftover prescriptions. The responses are automated, but at any point the user can stop the text conversation and call 2-1-1 to talk to a specialist.

In addition to Central Florida, the program is being tested in [Akron, Ohio](#); Maine; New Jersey; South Dakota; Washington state; Atlanta;

Des Moines; Wichita; Philadelphia; Nashville; Denver; New Orleans; Milwaukee; and Ventura County, Calif.

If it proves successful, it could be deployed in some 200 other sites throughout the country later this year, Hayward said.

[News Article](#)

Opinion: Ohio Residents Offer Solutions to Opioid Crisis



By Doug Oplinger / Your Voice Ohio

Journalists from the Your Voice Ohio media collaborative of nearly 40 print, radio, television and internet news outlets (several GateHouse Ohio newspaper participate) met with several hundred people across the state in the past several months. The journalists sat with Ohioans, listening and sharing different perspectives on the crisis killing 4,000 in our state annually.

[Canton Repository: Residents offer solutions to opioid crisis](#)

[Your Voice Ohio - Website](#)

Steps of Change - Mahoning County

The Vindicator
Vindy.com



Youngstown Mayor Jamael Tito Brown led the "Walk a Mile in My Shoes" lap around Wick Park. 113 pairs of shoes were displayed on the sidewalk. Each pair, tagged with a name, represents someone who died from a drug overdose in Mahoning County in 2017. Event was organized by Mahoning Chapter of Ohio Change Addiction Change Now (OhioCAN)

[The Vindicator - News Article](#)

Take Charge Ohio



"Lance Himes, Ohio Department of Health Director, believes the Take Charge Ohio campaign is different than other drug misuse awareness campaigns because it encourages this conversation.

Agencies and boards attached to the Governor's Cabinet Opiate Action Team primarily developed the campaign using a nearly million dollar grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The goal of the new initiative is to educate the conversation between the medical community and the public about the risks of prescription opioid painkillers using multimedia ads and online educational resources." -Aaron Payne, Reporter

[WOUB News Article](#)

[Take Charge Ohio Website](#)

Local communities play a crucial role in encouraging the safe and responsible

use of pain medication. The materials in this section can be used by diverse groups such as community coalitions, employers and businesses, patient and family support groups, law enforcement agencies, researchers, parents, educators, and many others.

[General Public Resources Page](#)

Dayton Pioneers New Opioid Education Curriculum



MENTAL
HEALTH
FIRST AID®

Focusing on prevention and education Mental Health First Aid is a groundbreaking program that helps the public identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illness and addiction. The eight-hour educational program builds mental health and addiction awareness and gives people practical tools to help.

[Dayton Daily News - Article](#)

[Find a Course in Your Area!](#)

[Mental Health First Aid - Website](#)

"Columbus Gives Back" Volunteers for The G.A.P. Network



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Volunteers with Columbus Gives Back donated their time to assist in assembling "Coping with Loss After an Overdose: A Resource Packet" that are being requested by First Responders, ADAMH Boards, Public Health Departments, Hospitals, Libraries, Faith-Based Organizations, Community Health Centers, Behavioral, Health Centers, Coroners / Medical Examiners, Counselors, Coalitions, and Funeral Home Directors.

If you have any questions regarding the "Coping with Loss After an Overdose: A Resource Packet", please contact Tyler Begley via e-mail at Tbegley@PreventionActionAlliance.org

**Columbus Gives Back -
Website**

**More Information on Grief
Resource Packets**



Memorial Butterfly Release Cleveland Area

Cornerstone of Hope
June 23rd



[Cleveland Flyer](#)

[Butterfly Release Registration](#)

[Cornerstone of Hope - Website](#)

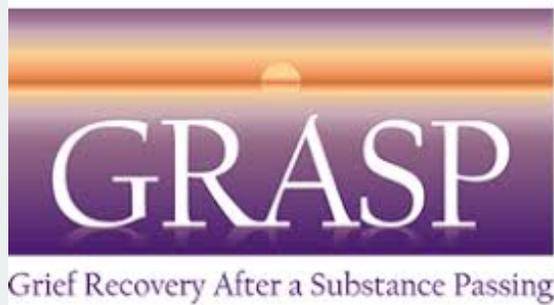


Wood County

Tuesday & Thursday
Start Talking! Portage has been able to schedule three NEW NA meetings in Portage County. Tuesday at 2:30 & Thursday at 2:00 at Christ Episcopal Church at 118 South Mantua St., Kent, Ohio and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at Mantua Christian Church 4118 S. R. 82, Mantua, Ohio 44255

[Start Talking!
Website](#)

[Town Hall - Topic:
Opioid Crisis \(June
14th\)](#)



Five New G.A.P. Network Members!

[Ohio GRASP Chapters](#)

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

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A TOWNHALL ON THE ADDICTION CRISIS
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Town Hall - June 14th

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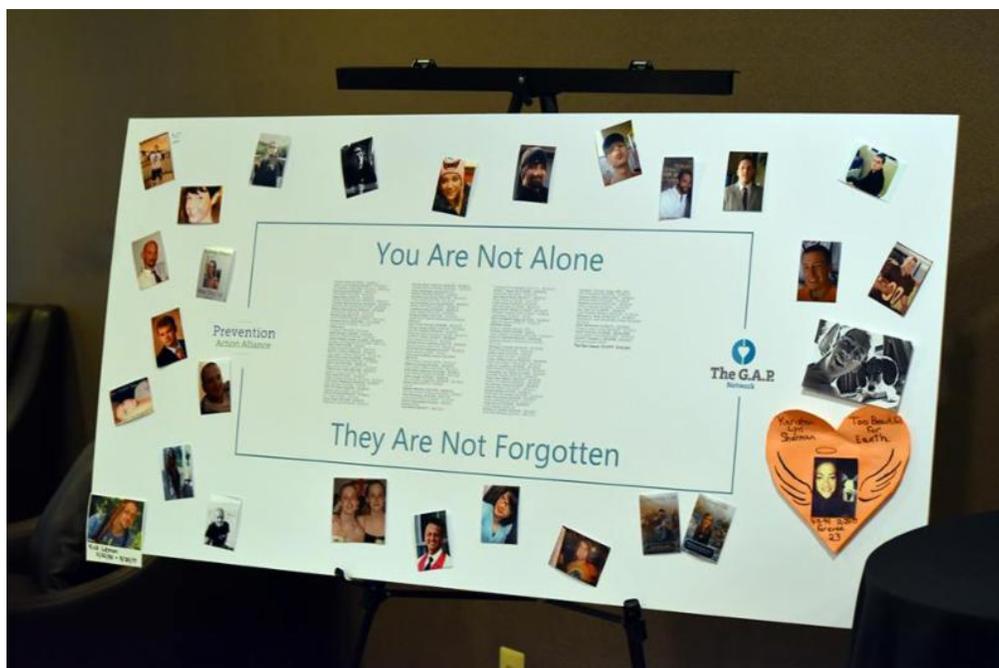
G.A.P. Network members map is up on our new website at preventionactionalliance.org/gap.

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



Memorial Banner Web Page

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