



The G.A.P. Network

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International Overdose Awareness Day August 31, 2018



International Overdose Awareness Day is a global event held on August 31st each year and aims to:

- Raise awareness of overdose and reduce the stigma of a substance-related death.
- Acknowledge the grief felt by families and friends remembering those who have died or had a permanent injury as a result of drug overdose.

Host or Attend an Event

Hosting your own International Overdose Awareness Day event or activity, or attending one, is a powerful way to stand together to remember people who have lost their lives to overdose.

[The G.A.P. Network](#) has identified many events already scheduled across Ohio.

Those events are listed towards the bottom of this newsletter. If we have not identified an event in your area, please contact your local Mental Health & Addiction Services Board or check your local news outlet.

If no one has yet planned an event recognizing Overdose Awareness Day in your community, we encourage you to use already developed resources to assist you in making an event yourself or reach out to a community leader to work with them.

The international organization that promotes this day has developed [promotional campaign materials](#), including social media graphics, posters, logos, fact sheets, and more, to share with your community. Follow the link below to be directed to the their resources page.

[Visit International Overdose Awareness Day Website Here!](#)

[International Overdose Awareness Day Promotional Resources](#)

Drug Overdose Death Can Take Your Loved One, But Not Your Fight



MaryBeth Cichocki is a registered nurse residing in Delaware and is a Delaware Anti-Addiction Advocate. She lost her youngest son, Matt, to an overdose of prescription drugs on January 3, 2015.

MaryBeth has written numerous articles on the disease of addiction and its impact on families and communities. She has been published in The Hill, The Huffington Post, The Fix, The Addict's Mom, Addiction Unscripted and countless others.

Here's an excerpt from a story of hers in the Wilmington (Delaware) News Journal:
"Every day, this club adds more members. Mothers like me, now stuck in the fog of disbelief. Mothers who did everything in their power to avoid membership to this group are now bonded by a grief like none other, a grief so powerful and unending it captures your soul and sends it spiraling to the ground."

[Read MaryBeth's Call to Action](#)

[Don't Mind The Elephant, He's With Me](#)

[Screaming Through The Stages Of Grief](#)

[No Mother Should Bury Her Child: Welcome to the Grief Club](#)

PAA Presents: Coalitions Rising

Prevention continues to evolve as new models, programs, research, and evidence comes to light. Coalitions have to understand how these changes will change the work we do, how we communicate successes to our community, and so much more.



Join us as we learn strategies, engage in thoughtful discussions, and explore other areas of prevention together at [Coalitions Rising](#). This two-day conference will bring together community coalitions, suicide prevention coalitions, colleges and universities, behavioral health providers, youth prevention providers, and others. Together, we'll work together to continue to improve outcomes for our youth, young adults, and the entire

[Register Here!](#)

'These Kids Are Watching Their Parents Die'

By Zoë Carpenter

For children growing up in the shadow of the opioid crisis, public schools have become the safety net of last resort.



There is a well-written and extensive article that goes in-depth into the stories that are coming from Henry J. Kaiser Elementary School located in a small community on the banks of the Ohio River. Here are a couple excerpts:

"If we are not supporting them...we really can never get to the educational part of school."
—McKenzie Harrington-Bacote, school administrator

"We had a lot of hysteria around a 'lost generation' from cocaine exposure, [and] the language around that just served to be stigmatizing." —Dr. Stephen Patrick

[Read the Article from The Nation Here!](#)

Upcoming Events in Ohio

Cuyahoga County - Keys to the Heart Event

For children affected by addiction epidemic
Carnival Style Event
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio
August 5, 2018

[Read More and Register Here!](#)

Columbus Journey Bike Ride

Bike Ride
Columbus Ohio
August 31, 2018

[Link for More Information!](#)

Chillicothe Overdose Awareness Day & Memorial

Candlelight Memorial
August 31, 2018

[Learn More Here!](#)

Lancaster - Fairfield Medical Center Awareness Event

Memorial, , Resources, Speakers: City Mayor
& FMC CEO
Lancaster, Ohio
August 31, 2018

[Learn More Here!](#)

Richland County Overdose Awareness Day Event

Musicians, Poets, Candlelight Vigil
Mansfield, Ohio
August 31, 2018

[Learn More Here!](#)

Wayne County Break the Cycle Benefit

5K Walk/Run
BBQ Lunch-In
Wooster, Ohio
August 25, 2018

[Learn More and Register Here!](#)

All event proceeds support prevention, education, treatment and recovery services at OneEighty serving residents in Wayne and Holmes Counties.

Trumbull County Strong

International Overdose Awareness
Candlelight Vigil
Warren, Ohio
August 31, 2018

Visit Event Facebook Page
Here!

Youngstown Opioid Awareness & Solutions Event

Forum Style, Q&A Session
Youngstown, Ohio
August 23, 2018

Learn More and Register Here!

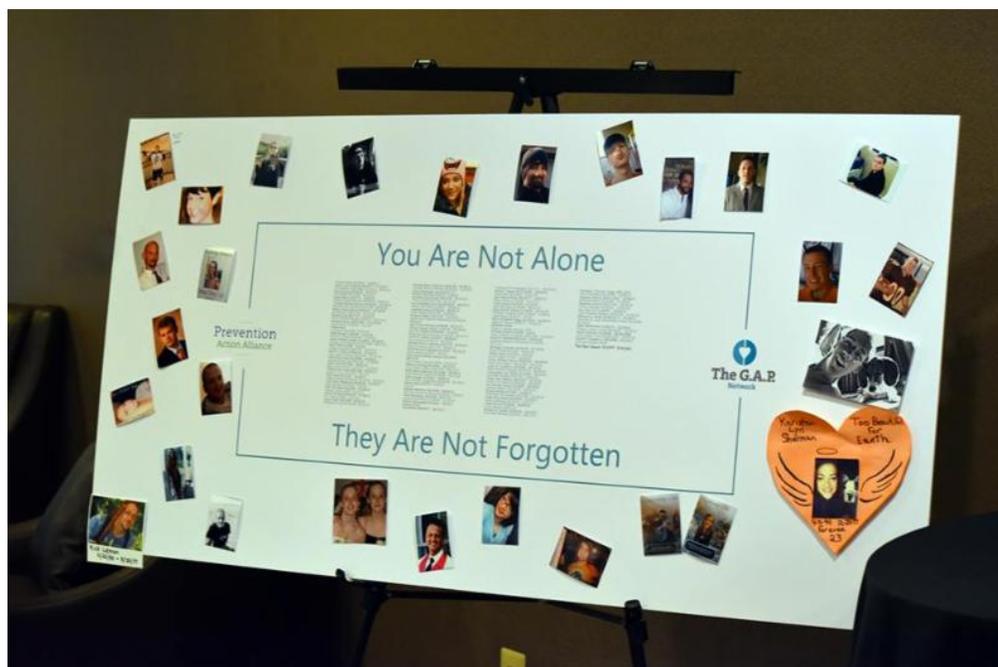
Greater Cincinnati Overdose Awareness Day

Rally, Education, Resources, Memorial
Cincinnati, Ohio
August 31, 2018

Visit Event Facebook Page
Here!

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.





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