



The G.A.P. Network

A program of Prevention Action Alliance

Thank You for Coming to the Grief to Advocacy for Prevention Regional Conferences

Thank you everyone who assisted in developing, promoting, and sharing the conferences, and special thank you to all attendees that joined us at The G.A.P. Network Regional Conferences. We understand it can be difficult to make the decision to attend these conferences. It takes courage and strength to step into a public setting to learn about grief, stigma, Substance Use Disorder, and how we can prevent others from experiencing the pain of overdose loss. More than 100 people came together to share their stories, learn from each other, and show that we are not alone in our grief. It is my hope that we all see each other again at future conferences.

If you signed up for our Legislative Day on February 26th, I look forward advocating with you for prevention within our communities across Ohio. Registration is about to close, so make sure you register before Monday. Click the link below to register to share your story and inform your elected state legislator about what is going on in your community from your perspective.

[Register for Legislative Day Here](#)

Our next conference is in **Columbus on June 1st**. If you know anyone who would benefit from our Grief to Advocacy for Prevention Conferences, please extend an invitation to them. Click the link to register is below. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me any time via email at TBegley@PreventionActionAlliance.org.

Below are some photos from both conferences. For more photos, please visit Prevention Action Alliance's Facebook page at the link below the photos.

Thank you for the privilege of your time,
Tyler Begley, OCP
The G.A.P. Network Coordinator

[Register for the Columbus Grief to Advocacy for Prevention Conference!](#)



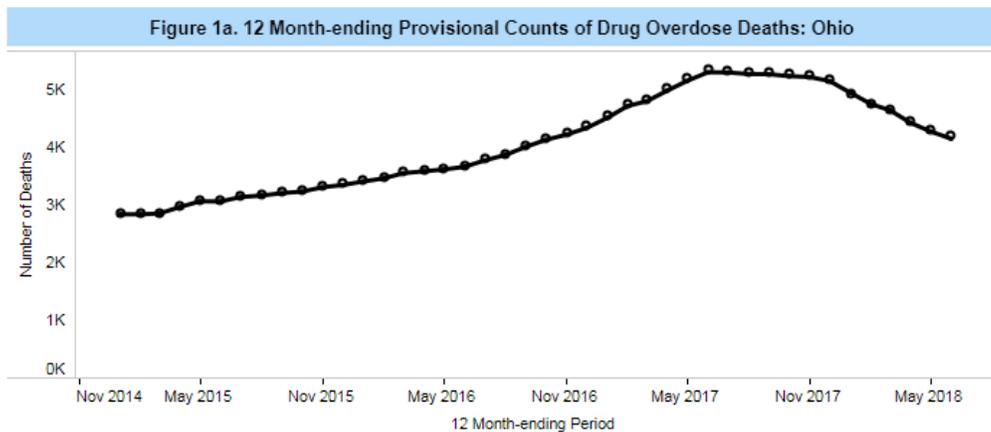


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Overdoses Across Ohio Decrease

12 Month-ending Provisional Number of Drug Overdose Deaths

Based on data available for analysis on: 1/6/2019



Reported cases, June 2018: **4,140**
 Reported cases, June 2017: **5,293**
Percent change: -21.8

Early reports from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), show a decrease of overdose deaths by 21.4 percent from July 2017 through June 2018 in Ohio. Ohio had

the largest drop of overdose deaths of any state in the nation.

Ohio Department of Health (ODH) preliminary data show a 34 percent decline from January to June 2018, from the same six months in 2017, down to 1,812 overdose deaths statewide. Ohio reported a record 4,854 drug overdose deaths in 2017, a 20 percent increase over 2016's toll and the eighth year of increases in a row.

[View the Data from CDC](#)

[View Data from ODH](#)

[Read Columbus Dispatch News Article](#)

SAFE Project's Community Playbook



No Family is Safe from the Opioid Epidemic.

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If you want to help your community fight the addiction epidemic, check out SAFE Project's SAFE Community Playbook.

This guide will walk you through finding the right team of community constituents to lead your effort, working together to identify your priorities, and putting your work into action using examples from other communities around the county.



[Visit SAFE Project Website](#)

[Visit SAFE Project - Community Playbook](#)

Parents Fight on After Losing Children to Opioids AP News (2m45s)



Watch the Video

Combating Stigma Together, We Need Your Help



Get tested at [CureStigma.org](https://www.curestigma.org)

1 in 5 Americans has a mental illness, but many do not seek treatment. They may feel embarrassed or scared about their disease. We need your help to fight that stigma and encourage people to seek the treatment they need. Get resources and take the stigma quiz at <https://www.curestigma.org>.

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Free & Online: NOVA/PBS Documentary "ADDICTION"

As part of PBS's education and outreach plan for "ADDICTION", NOVA created a free community screening toolkit that gives schools and organizations across the country the opportunity to host their own screening events. The toolkit includes a screening guide with background science and tips to help plan your event, as well as DVD copy of the film.

We want to broaden opportunities for communities across the nation to engage in informed discussions about addiction and the opioid crisis. Any interested organization can find more information and request NOVA's free screening kit at <https://pbs.org/addictionfilmscreening>.



Watch Documentary Here



Keys to Parenting Again February 11, 2019 - 6:00 p.m. Northeast Ohio - Akron

Key to Parenting Again is a new support group for grandparents raising grandchildren. This is the first meeting of this group. The gathering's purpose is to gauge interest in helping grandparents that are parenting again, giving them knowledge of services available to them, help with navigating legal systems, understanding school and health issues, to make us stronger and more knowledgeable for our children's sake and for our health.

RSVP if you plan on attending please email Brenda at Keystoserenityohio@gmail.com or Kim at mikswah@yahoo.com.

[Visit Keys to Serenity Website](#)

[Visit Keys to Parenting Again Facebook Event](#)

News

[Bay Middle School Program can Prevent Derailing of Life Goals](#)

1.22.19 | *Observer - Westlake, Ohio*

[Moms of the Dead from Drugs: "Where is the Outrage for Us?"](#)

1.28.19 | *AP News*

[After the Overdose: A Family's Journey into Grief and Guilt](#)

1.28.19 | *AP News*

[Finding Solace in Helping Others](#)

1.28.19 | *AP News*

[A Mother's Worry: Will it happen again](#)

1.28.19 | *AP News*

[How the Opioid Crisis Is Changing the American Family — with Grandparents Raising Grandchildren](#)

1.30.19 | *PEOPLE Magazine*

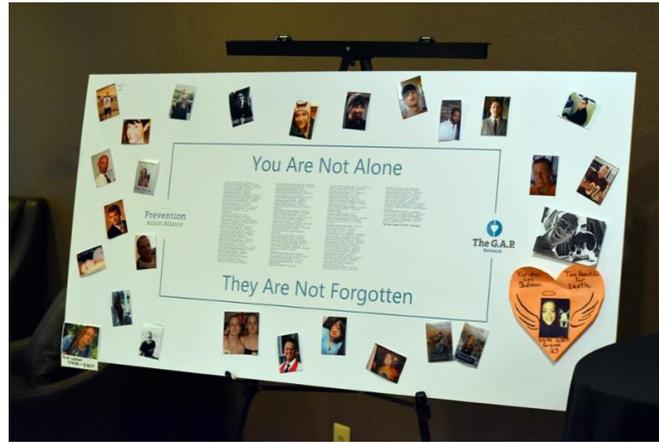
[Partnership for Violence Free Families \(PVFF\) Changes Name to Prevention, Awareness, Support and Service \(PASS\)](#)

1.30.19 | *LimaOhio*

[Two Licking Heights HS students hospitalized for vaping suspected liquid marijuana, 3 others treated](#)

2.6.19 | *The Columbus Dispatch*

Honoring Our Grief



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](#)



Questions? Comments Suggestions?

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