

Overdose Awareness Day Events in CT – August 31st – please check the day/time as some events are other days

Bridgeport: Bridgeport...Let's Talk – Community Conversations Concerning the Opioid Crisis will be held on **August 31st from 9:30 am – 2:00 pm** at Margaret Morton Government Center (999 Broad Street) in honor of National Overdose Awareness Day. The day will include stories from the community (persons who have lost family members and people in recovery); a presentation from the Bridgeport United Coalition/BPT I am U; Table conversations on fentanyl & 1st responders updates; Youth, Faith Leaders (including Yale Imani Breakthrough Project), Recovery/Treatment Support, Narcan Training, Community Mobilization, Policy; and a presentation by Dr. James Gill, Chief Medical Examiner in CT.

Fairfield: All are invited to a candlelight vigil to be held at **7 pm August 31st** at Fairfield Center – Sherman Town Green.

Hartford: A community forum on Combating the Opioid Crisis Within our Families: A Community Conversation will be held on **August 29th from 5:30 – 7:30 pm** at the Samuel V. Arroyo Recreational Center in Pope Park (30 Pope Park). A conversation with individuals, parents and community members about the barriers families face addressing opioid use disorders and associated stigma. We will hear from panel members about the services presently available, what's new, where gaps in service exist, and what needs to be addressed.

Grand opening celebration of the Harm Reduction Drop-in Center on International Overdose Awareness Day on **August 31st from 10 am to 3 pm** at 557 Albany Avenue. There will be food, music, and information about various organizations and services they offer. Naloxone trainings with free narcan will be offered all day long.

Meriden: A free community prevention and remembrance event featuring music, speakers, resources and more will be held **August 31st from 1 – 4 pm** on the Meriden Green. Rain or shine.

New Canaan: There will be a Pop Up Park on **August 30th at 7 pm** at 6 South Avenue for the 2nd Annual Community Overdose Vigil which is open to all. The rain date will be August 31st.

Plainville: The event will be held on **August 31st from 9:15 – 11:30 am** at the Plainville Business Center Training Center 1, 3rd floor at 74 East Street with the following:

- **9:30 – 10:30 am** – Anatomy of a Drug Overdose: Red Flags and Trends by Marisa Edelberg, State of CT, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner.
- **10:30 – 11:30 am** – Medicated Assisted Treatment and Behavioral Health Services for Opioid Use by Laurie McBreen, LPC, Associate Director & Lisa Provera, RN, MAT Care Manager, Wheeler Clinic.

Shelton: The Alliance for Prevention & Wellness (the Regional Behavioral Health Action Organization) is holding their 4th annual 5k walk/run for Overdose Awareness. The walk is taking place on **August 30th in Shelton from 5:30 – 9 pm** at the Shelton Pavilion and Riverwalk. Quinnipiac Valley HD Staff will be participating in the walk and will be inviting our board, town officials, and residents to join us. We plan on livestreaming the event via our Facebook page, and tweeting throughout the event facts, statistics & resources aimed towards reducing the stigma surrounding opioid use disorder.

Waterbury: The City of Waterbury will be recognizing Overdose Awareness Day on **August 31st from 6 – 7:30 pm** at Library Park at 267 Grand Street. There will be FREE narcan training and free prevention & treatment info available. A remembrance ceremony will be held to share the names of loved ones lost due to overdose.