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Innovations for Addressing the Opioid Crisis

In Connecticut during 2017, 1038 people died from drug overdoses. This happened in spite of the attention and enormous efforts of so many. There is not a town in our state that has not been touched by this epidemic. The stories that accompany these deaths are devastating for family members and loved ones. More people are suffering from opioid use disorders and poly substance abuse every year. In our communities, we have all felt the loss and pain that goes along with this public health crisis. How do we leverage the power of our individual actions to stop this epidemic? Providing people with the resources and skills they need to address this problem includes raising awareness of successful strategies. We all need to learn more about what is making a difference. This conference was designed to help us become better informed about best practices, evidence-based models and innovative changes that are happening in our region, in CT, and across the US.

We appreciate the opportunity to highlight the work of Healthcare and Treatment providers, Legislators, the Recovery Community, Law Enforcement, Prevention Professionals, and the local grassroots coalitions that are working together, right here, right now.

Allison Fulton, HVCASA  
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Wednesday, April 11, 2018 | WCSU  
Westside Campus, Campus Center  
43 Lake Ave Ext, Danbury, CT  
8:30am - 2:00pm

**PRESENTED BY:**  
WCSU CHOICES Office & HVCASA  
with support from our Prevention Councils in:  
Newtown | Danbury | New Fairfield | Ridgefield &  
The Northwest Corner

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Social Workers | Prescribers | Recovery  
Community | Law Enforcement |  
Policymakers | Coalition Members |  
Treatment Providers | Pharmacists |  
Prevention Professionals | Local Officials |  
Family Members

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER

**ANDREW KOLODNY, M.D.,**  
Co-Director of Opioid Policy Research,  
Heller School for Social Policy and  
Management, Brandeis University  
Executive Director of Physicians for  
Responsible Opioid Prescribing.

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Evaluate factors leading to the epidemic
- Analyze trends in mortality
- Examine prescribing practices
- Evaluate evidence-based treatment

## TRAINING

### **I. MAT (Medication Assisted Treatment) and SBIRT (Screening, Brief Intervention, Referral, Treatment):**

- Dr. Peter Rostenberg
- John Hamilton, Director of Clinical Outreach, Mountainside
- Stacey Benson, CTCounseling
- Dr. Katherine T. Michael, WCHN

### **II. Strides in Alternative Therapies:**

- Dr. Roseanne Capanna-Hodge

### **III. Innovations in Recovery:**

- Jennifer Chadukiewicz CCAR
- Allan Griffin, AWARE Recovery
- Kevin McVeigh, WCHN, CCT
- Mario Diurno, Facing Addiction, Ambrosia

### **IV. Trends in Law Enforcement:**

- Det. Michael Mudry, CT State Police
- Robert Lawlor, HIDTA
- Lt. Mark Williams, Danbury Police Dept., Drug Unit

## AGENDA

- 8:30 - Check-in**
- 9:15 - Introductions and CT  
Legislator's Comments**
- 9:45 - Opening Remarks**
- 10:15- Break**
- 10:30- Workshops**
- 12:00- Lunch**
- 12:30- Keynote**
- 2:00 - Optional Narcan  
Training**

**Continental Breakfast & Lunch  
Provided!**

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