



# Family and Consumer Advocacy and Support Group

Report of progress – February, 3 2020

# Mission Statement

Our mission is to support the segments of the Erie County Opiate Epidemic Task Force by improving the delivery of services for those affected, advocating for our loved ones while fortifying the community response of attaining our common goal of eliminating addiction, illness and death from opiate use.

We envision a joint effort to:

- show respect for all people
- minimize health, legal and social harms associated with substance use
- provide comfort and compassion to those affected by addiction
- advocate for available, affordable, comprehensive therapeutic services for the addicted
- educate the public
- focus on prevention
- reduce harm among families and individuals
- pursue legal enactments to further our goal.
- eradicate this public health crisis from our community and our homes



# Primary Goals

Save Lives.

Eliminate addiction, illness and death from opiate use.

Advocate for our loved ones.

# Current Focus

- Educate families on early identification and disease management
- Black Balloon Day 2020 – March 6, 2020
- National Overdose Awareness Day August 31, 2020
- Educational videos – one produced, continue to seek funds for 2<sup>nd</sup> video production
- Families working on distribution plans for Narcan Boxes

# How Families Can Help

- Keep an Open Dialogue
- Sustain Trust Where Possible
- Seek Professional Help for Your Loved One
- Offer Unconditional Love
- Get yourself and other family members help by becoming educated in disease management



**This is an Insidious Disease**

**Many families  
are grieving the loss of  
their loved one  
long before they die.**

# Information Sites

Public Service Announcement

[https://youtu.be/kA\\_\\_eLdgJtM](https://youtu.be/kA__eLdgJtM)

Facebook: Opioid Epidemic Family section

Website:

<https://www.opioidaffectedfamilies.com/>

## Continue to :

- Advocate for Services for Loved Ones
- Lobby our Cause
- Pursue Legal Consequences for Drug Dealers
- Encourage Cooperation between all Segments of the Task Force
- Support Recommendations from all Task Force Segments for improved Service Delivery



# We are Grateful

We are a group of passionate, professional, trained individuals who are willing to support your objectives.

Thank you for your support

We Are  
Not  
Alone

