



Family and Consumer Advocacy and Support Group

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Perspective Changes

- Stigma is Changing
- People are learning that a person taking a prescribed medication, as directed, can develop a problem
- The person affected with Substance Use Disorder is the focus
- We have more than an opioid problem, we have a pain medication problem.



Early Identification of the Disease Path

- When did the trouble begin?
- What changes were noticed?
- Where did you go for help?



Through early identification we can engage our struggling population in a timely manner

- Every interaction can be an opportunity to express concern and offer help
- THEY don't know what is happening to them

Develop a stabilization plan for each individual that includes pain management, needed.



Families are not the Victims

- The people affected are confused, scared and hurting.
- We need to identify their symptoms and biological response.
- We need to identify resources.



The Questions are:

Who are the people struggling with
Substance Use Disorder / Opioids?

Why isn't identification happening at
an early stage?

Why are people seeking help still being
turned away?



Our Goals

- Harm Reduction
- No one who asks for treatment should be turned away or delayed
- Humane Treatment for Addiction/ Mental Health
- Consequences for convicted drug dealers
- Encourage 'good medicine' research standards




Grief/Support Groups

Stutzman Treatment Center

- 360 Forrest Ave. Buffalo, NY 6:30pm
- every 4th Wednesday of the Month

Hope Group Hamburg

- Senior Citizens Center
- Southwestern Blvd. 6:00pm
- Hamburg, NY



We have a
long way to
go in this
crisis.

