



Family and Consumer Advocacy and Support Group

Report of progress- August 5, 2019

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
- Raise awareness to encourage humane treatment for those in need.
- Expand family information for participation in recovery
- Offer comfort and support. We need a family and Consumer Information Center.

Inclusion in Treatment

- Evidence-based research shows positive recovery includes:
 - Long-term treatment
 - Family Involvement
 - Job-Skills Development
 - Personal Coping Skills Development

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 and attending local support groups



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

Facebook: Opioid Epidemic Family section

Website:

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

Upcoming Events

August 10
Walk for Healing

Inho.org

<https://www.facebook.com/events/363523981225139/>

August 31
Overdose Awareness
Day, Front Park 6pm

4th Annual
Addiction Awareness
Walk for Healing
10,000 Foot Steps
"Healing starts with one step"

WHEN: Saturday, August 10th, 2019 8am or 9am
Wear something RED


WHERE: Glen Meadows Park (1 Olympiad Dr., Hamburg NY 14075)

TIME: Registration: 10am-11am
2 Mile Walk: 11am-Noon
*Post-Walk Program: Noon-1pm

COST: \$15 per person; Children 12 & under Free
Additional Donations Accepted

*Guest Speakers; 50/50 Raffle; Door Prizes; Balloon Release;
Hotdog/Chips/Water Provided; T-shirt available for purchase (or FREE
with \$100 contribution)

This year's proceeds go to: **In His Name Outreach (IHNO).**



IHNO has joined the front lines in the battle against the Opiate and heroin addiction. NYS Board Certified Recovery Coaches, Trainers, and local Advocates for promoting full body wellness, community education, and addiction awareness.

Unable to attend? Go to- ihno.org & click on DONATE
Say it is for the "Walk for Healing 2019"

Thanks to Quixen City Foods for their generous donations!
Questions email Dawn Tisdale, Founder at TisdaleDawn@gmail.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

